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## **PACIFIC FINANCIAL**

Pacific Financial Core Equity Fund  
Institutional Class Shares: PFGQX Investor Class Shares: PFLQX  
Pacific Financial Explorer Fund  
Institutional Class Shares: PFGPX Investor Class Shares: PFLPX  
Pacific Financial International Fund  
Institutional Class Shares: PFGIX Investor Class Shares: PFLIX  
Pacific Financial Strategic Conservative Fund  
Institutional Class Shares: PFGSX Investor Class Shares: PFLSX  
Pacific Financial Tactical Fund  
Institutional Class Shares: PFGTX Investor Class Shares: PFTLX  
Pacific Financial Faith & Values Based Moderate Fund  
Institutional Class Shares: FVMIX Investor Class Shares: FVMLX  
Pacific Financial Dynamic Allocation Fund  
Institutional Class Shares: PFGDX Investor Class Shares: PFLDX  
Pacific Financial Flexible Growth & Income Fund  
Institutional Class Shares: PFGFX Investor Class Shares : PFLFX

*Each a Series of Northern Lights Fund Trust*

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## **STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

August 28, 2017

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This Statement of Additional Information ("SAI") is not a prospectus and should be read in conjunction with the prospectus of the Pacific Financial Funds dated August 28, 2017 and the Annual Report to Shareholders dated April 30, 2017, copies of which may be obtained without charge by contacting the Funds' Transfer Agent, Gemini Fund Services, LLC, 17605 Wright Street, Suite 2, Omaha, Nebraska 68130, by calling 1-888-451-TPFG or at [www.TPFG.com](http://www.TPFG.com).

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## THE FUNDS

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The Pacific Financial family of mutual funds (each a "Fund," collectively the "Funds") is comprised of eight different, actively managed funds. The Funds are:

- the Pacific Financial Core Equity Fund (the "Core Equity Fund");
- the Pacific Financial Explorer Fund (the "Explorer Fund");
- the Pacific Financial International Fund (the "International Fund");
- the Pacific Financial Strategic Conservative Fund (the "Strategic Conservative Fund");
- the Pacific Financial Tactical Fund (the "Tactical Fund");
- the Pacific Financial Faith & Values Based Moderate Fund (the "Faith & Values Based Moderate Fund");
- the Pacific Financial Flexible Growth & Income Fund (the "Flexible Growth & Income Fund"); and
- the Pacific Financial Dynamic Allocation Fund (the "Dynamic Allocation Fund");

Each Fund is a series of the Northern Lights Fund Trust, a Delaware statutory trust organized on January 19, 2005 (the "Trust"). The Pacific Financial Group, Inc. (the "Adviser") serves as investment advisor to the Funds. The Trust is registered as an open-end management investment company. The Trust is governed by its Board of Trustees (the "Board" or "Trustees"). Each Fund may issue an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest. All shares of a Fund have equal rights and privileges. Each share of a Fund is entitled to one vote on all matters as to which shares are entitled to vote. In addition, each share of a Fund is entitled to participate equally with other shares (i) in dividends and distributions declared by that Fund and (ii) on liquidation to its proportionate share of the assets remaining after satisfaction of outstanding liabilities. Shares of a Fund are fully paid, non-assessable and fully transferable when issued and have no pre-emptive, conversion or exchange rights. Fractional shares have proportionately the same rights, including voting rights, as are provided for a full share.

Each Fund is a diversified series consisting of two classes of shares, the Investor Class and the Institutional Class, except for Faith and Values Based Moderate Fund, which currently is only offering Investor Class shares for purchase. Shares of the Flexible Growth & Income Fund are not currently available for purchase. Each Fund's investment objective, restrictions and policies are more fully described here and in the Prospectus. The Board may start other series and offer shares of a new fund under the Trust at any time.

Under the Trust's Agreement and Declaration of Trust, each Trustee will continue in office until the termination of the Trust or his/her earlier death, incapacity, resignation or removal. Shareholders can remove a Trustee to the extent provided by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. Vacancies may be filled by a majority of the remaining Trustees, except insofar as the 1940 Act may require the election by shareholders. As a result, normally no annual or regular meetings of shareholders will be held unless matters arise requiring a vote of shareholders under the Agreement and Declaration of Trust or the 1940 Act.

## TYPES OF INVESTMENTS

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The investment objective of each Fund and a description of its principal investment strategies are set forth under "Risk/Return Summary" in the Prospectus. Each Fund's investment objective is not fundamental and may be changed without the approval of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Trust.

The following pages contain more detailed information about the strategies the Adviser may employ in pursuit of a Fund's investment objective and a summary of related risks, either directly or indirectly by purchasing other investment companies.

### **Asset-Backed Securities and Collateralized Debt Obligations**

Asset-backed securities and collateralized debt obligations ("CDOs") are created by the grouping of certain governmental, government related and private loans, receivables and other non-mortgage lender assets/collateral into pools. A sponsoring organization establishes a special purpose vehicle to hold the assets/collateral and issue securities. Interests in these pools are sold as individual securities. Payments of principal and interest are passed through to investors and are typically supported by some form of credit enhancement, such as a letter of credit, surety bond, limited guaranty or senior/subordination. Payments from the asset pools may be divided into several different tranches of debt securities, offering investors various

maturity and credit risk characteristics. Some tranches entitled to receive regular installments of principal and interest, other tranches entitled to receive regular installments of interest, with principal payable at maturity or upon specified call dates, and other tranches only entitled to receive payments of principal and accrued interest at maturity or upon specified call dates. Different tranches of securities will bear different interest rates, which may be fixed or floating.

Investors in asset-backed securities and CDOs bear the credit risk of the assets/collateral. Tranches are categorized as senior, mezzanine, and subordinated/equity, according to their degree of credit risk. If there are defaults or the CDO's collateral otherwise underperforms, scheduled payments to senior tranches take precedence over those of mezzanine tranches, and scheduled payments to mezzanine tranches take precedence over those to subordinated/equity tranches. Senior and mezzanine tranches are typically rated, with the former receiving ratings of A to AAA and the latter receiving ratings of B to BBB. The ratings reflect both the credit quality of underlying collateral as well as how much protection a given tranche is afforded by tranches that are subordinate to it.

Because the loans held in the pool often may be prepaid without penalty or premium, asset-backed securities and CDOs can be subject to higher prepayment risks than most other types of debt instruments. Prepayments may result in a capital loss to a Fund to the extent that the prepaid securities purchased at a market discount from their stated principal amount will accelerate the recognition of interest income by that Fund, which would be taxed as ordinary income when distributed to the shareholders.

The credit characteristics of asset-backed securities and CDOs also differ in a number of respects from those of traditional debt securities. The credit quality of most asset-backed securities and CDOs depends primarily upon the credit quality of the assets/collateral underlying such securities, how well the entity issuing the securities is insulated from the credit risk of the originator or any other affiliated entities, and the amount and quality of any credit enhancement to such securities.

### **Brady Bonds**

Brady bonds are securities created through the exchange of existing commercial bank loans to public and private entities in certain emerging markets for new bonds in connection with debt restructurings. Brady bonds have been issued since 1989 and do not have a long payment history. In light of the history of defaults of countries issuing Brady bonds on their commercial bank loans, investments in Brady bonds may be viewed as speculative. Brady bonds may be fully or partially collateralized or uncollateralized, are issued in various currencies (but primarily the dollar) and are actively traded in over-the-counter secondary markets. Incomplete collateralization of interest or principal payment obligations results in increased credit risk. Dollar-denominated collateralized Brady bonds, which may be fixed-rate bonds or floating-rate bonds, are generally collateralized by U.S. Treasury zero coupon bonds having the same maturity as the Brady bonds.

### **Certificates of Deposit and Bankers' Acceptances**

Certificates of deposit are receipts issued by a depository institution in exchange for the deposit of funds. The issuer agrees to pay the amount deposited plus interest to the bearer of the receipt on the date specified on the certificate. The certificate usually can be traded in the secondary market prior to maturity. Bankers' acceptances typically arise from short-term credit arrangements designed to enable businesses to obtain funds to finance commercial transactions. Generally, an acceptance is a time draft drawn on a bank by an exporter or an importer to obtain a stated amount of funds to pay for specific merchandise. The draft is then "accepted" by a bank that, in effect, unconditionally guarantees to pay the face value of the instrument on its maturity date. The acceptance may then be held by the accepting bank as an earning asset or it may be sold in the secondary market at the going rate of discount for a specific maturity. Although maturities for acceptances can be as long as 270 days, most acceptances have maturities of six months or less.

### **Closed-End Investment Companies**

Each Fund may invest in closed-end investment companies. Shares of closed-end funds are typically offered to the public in a one-time initial public offering by a group of underwriters who retain a spread or underwriting commission of between 4% or 6% of the initial public offering price. Such securities are then listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange or the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation System (commonly known as "NASDAQ") and, in some cases, may be traded in other over-the-counter markets. Because the shares of closed-end funds cannot be redeemed upon demand to the issuer like the shares of an open-end investment company (such as any of the Funds), investors seek to buy and sell shares of closed-end funds in the secondary market.

Each Fund generally will purchase shares of closed-end funds only in the secondary market. A Fund will incur normal brokerage costs on such purchases similar to the expenses that Fund would incur for the purchase of securities of any other type of issuer in the secondary market. A Fund may, however, also purchase securities of a closed-end fund in an initial public offering when, in the opinion of the Adviser, based on a consideration of the nature of that closed-end fund's proposed investments, the prevailing market conditions and the level of demand for such securities, they represent an attractive opportunity for growth of capital. The initial offering price typically will include a dealer spread, which may be higher than the applicable brokerage cost if that Fund purchased such securities in the secondary market.

The shares of many closed-end funds, after their initial public offering, frequently trade at a price per share that is less than the net asset value per share, the difference representing the "market discount" of such shares. This market discount may be due in part to the investment objective of long-term appreciation, which is sought by many closed-end funds, as well as to the fact that the shares of closed-end funds are not redeemable by the holder upon demand to the issuer at the next determined net asset value, but rather, are subject to supply and demand in the secondary market. A relative lack of secondary market purchasers of closed-end fund shares also may contribute to such shares trading at a discount to their net asset value.

Each Fund may invest in shares of closed-end funds that are trading at a discount to net asset value or at a premium to net asset value. There can be no assurance that the market discount on shares of any closed-end fund purchased by that Fund will ever decrease. In fact, it is possible that this market discount may increase and that Fund may suffer realized or unrealized capital losses due to further decline in the market price of the securities of such closed-end funds, thereby adversely affecting the net asset value of that Fund's shares. Similarly, there can be no assurance that any shares of a closed-end fund purchased by that Fund at a premium will continue to trade at a premium or that the premium will not decrease subsequent to a purchase of such shares by that Fund.

Closed-end funds may issue senior securities (including preferred stock and debt obligations) for the purpose of leveraging each closed-end fund's common shares in an attempt to enhance the current return to such closed-end fund's common shareholders. Each Fund's investment in the common shares of closed-end funds that are financially leveraged may create an opportunity for greater total return on its investment, but at the same time may be expected to exhibit more volatility in market price and net asset value than an investment in shares of investment companies without a leveraged capital structure.

### **Commercial Paper**

Each Fund may purchase commercial paper. Commercial paper consists of short-term (usually from 1 to 270 days) unsecured promissory notes issued by corporations in order to finance current operations.

### **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 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. Convertible securities are senior to common stocks in an issuer's capital structure, but are usually subordinated to similar non-convertible securities. While providing a fixed-income stream (generally higher in yield than the income derivable from common stock but lower than that afforded by a similar nonconvertible security), a convertible security also gives an investor the opportunity, through its conversion feature, to participate in the capital appreciation of the issuing company depending upon a market price advance in the convertible security's underlying common stock.

### **Corporate Debt**

Corporate debt securities are long and short-term debt obligations issued by companies (such as publicly issued and privately placed bonds, notes and commercial paper). The Adviser considers corporate debt securities to be of investment grade quality if they are rated BBB or higher by S&P or Baa or higher by Moody's, or if unrated, determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality. Investment grade debt securities generally have adequate to strong protection of principal and interest payments. In the lower end of this category, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity to pay interest and repay principal than in higher rated categories. Each Fund may invest in both secured and unsecured corporate bonds. A secured bond is backed by collateral and an unsecured bond is not. Therefore an unsecured bond may have a lower recovery value than a secured bond in the event of a default by its issuer. The Adviser may incorrectly analyze

the risks inherent in corporate bonds, such as the issuer's ability to meet interest and principal payments, resulting in a loss to that Fund.

### **Depository Receipts**

American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs") are receipts issued by an American bank or trust company evidencing ownership of underlying securities issued by a foreign issuer. ADRs, in sponsored form, are designed for use in U.S. securities markets. A sponsoring company provides financial information to the bank and may subsidize administration of the ADR. Unsponsored ADRs may be created by a broker-dealer or depository bank without the participation of the foreign issuer. Holders of these ADRs generally bear all the costs of the ADR facility, whereas foreign issuers typically bear certain costs in a sponsored ADR. The bank or trust company depository of an unsponsored ADR may be under no obligation to distribute shareholder communications received from the foreign issuer or to pass through voting rights. Unsponsored ADRs may carry more risk than sponsored ADRs because of the absence of financial information provided by the underlying company. Many of the risks described below regarding foreign securities apply to investments in ADRs.

### **Emerging Markets Securities**

Each Fund may invest directly in and purchase ADRs and other investment companies that invest in emerging market securities. Investing in emerging market securities imposes risks different from, or greater than, risks of investing in foreign developed countries. These risks include (i) the smaller market capitalization of securities markets, which may suffer periods of relative illiquidity, (ii) significant price volatility, (iii) restrictions on foreign investment, and (iv) possible repatriation of investment income and capital. In addition, foreign investors may be required to register the proceeds of sales, and future economic or political crises could lead to price controls, forced mergers, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, seizure, nationalization, or the creation of government monopolies. The currencies of emerging market countries may experience significant declines against the U.S. dollar, and devaluation may occur subsequent to investments in these currencies by that Fund. Inflation and rapid fluctuations in inflation rates have had, and may continue to have, negative effects on the economies and securities markets of certain emerging market countries.

Certain emerging markets limit, or require governmental approval prior to, investments by foreign persons. Repatriation of investment income and capital from certain emerging markets is subject to certain governmental consents. Even where there is no outright restriction on repatriation of capital, the mechanics of repatriation may affect the operation of a Fund.

Additional risks of emerging markets securities may include (i) greater social, economic and political uncertainty and instability, (ii) more substantial governmental involvement in the economy, (iii) less governmental supervision and regulation, (iv) the unavailability of currency hedging technique, (v) companies that are newly organized and small, (vi) differences in auditing and financial reporting standards, which may result in unavailability of material information about issuers, and (vii) less developed legal systems. In addition, emerging securities markets may have different clearance and settlement procedures, which may be unable to keep pace with the volume of securities transactions or otherwise make it difficult to engage in such transactions. Settlement problems may cause the Fund to miss attractive investment opportunities, hold a portion of its assets in cash pending investment, or be delayed in disposing of a portfolio security. Such a delay could result in possible liability to a purchaser of the security.

### **Equity Securities**

Each Fund may invest in equity securities, with a particular emphasis upon investments in common stock. Equity securities consist of common stock, convertible preferred stock, rights and warrants. Common stocks, the most familiar type, represent an equity (ownership) interest in a corporation. Warrants are options to purchase equity securities at a specified price for a specific time period. Rights are similar to warrants, but normally have a short duration and are distributed by the issuer to its shareholders. Although equity securities have a history of long term growth in value, their prices fluctuate based on changes in a company's financial condition and on overall market and economic conditions.

Investments in equity securities are subject to inherent market risks and fluctuations in value due to earnings, economic conditions and other factors beyond the control of the Adviser. As a result, the return and net asset value of a Fund will fluctuate. Securities in that Fund's portfolio may not increase as much as the market as a whole and some undervalued securities may continue to be undervalued for long periods of time. Although profits in some Fund holdings may be realized quickly, it is not expected that most investments will appreciate rapidly.

## **Exchange Traded Funds**

When a Fund invests in sector ETFs, there is a risk that securities within the same group of industries will decline in price due to sector-specific market or economic developments. If a Fund invests more heavily in a particular sector, the value of its shares may be especially sensitive to factors and economic risks that specifically affect that sector. As a result, that Fund's share price may fluctuate more widely than the value of shares of a mutual fund that invests in a broader range of industries. Additionally, some sectors could be subject to greater government regulation than other sectors. Therefore, changes in regulatory policies for those sectors may have a material effect on the value of securities issued by companies in those sectors. The sectors in which each Fund may be more heavily invested will vary.

As noted in the Prospectus, the Funds may invest in exchange-traded funds ("ETFs").

The shares of an ETF may be assembled in a block (typically 50,000 shares) known as a creation unit and redeemed in-kind for a portfolio of the underlying securities (based on the ETF's net asset value) together with a cash payment generally equal to accumulated dividends as of the date of redemption. Conversely, a creation unit may be purchased from the ETF by depositing a specified portfolio of the ETF's underlying securities, as well as a cash payment generally equal to accumulated dividends of the securities (net of expenses) up to the time of deposit. A 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 a fund's adviser believes it is in the fund's interest to do so. A fund's ability to redeem creation units may be limited by the 1940 Act, which provides that the ETFs will not be obligated to redeem shares held by a fund in an amount exceeding one percent of their total outstanding securities during any period of less than 30 days.

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There is a risk that the underlying ETFs in which a 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 a Fund intends to invest may be 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 each Fund believes that, in the event of the termination of an underlying ETF, they 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. To the extent a Fund invests in a sector product, that Fund will be subject to the risks associated with that sector.

## **Foreign Currency Exchange Transactions**

Each Fund may, directly or through investments in other investment companies ("Underlying Funds"), engage in foreign currency exchange transactions. A Fund or the Underlying Funds enter into these transactions either on a spot (i.e. cash) basis at the spot rate prevailing in the foreign currency exchange market or uses forward contracts to purchase or sell foreign currencies. The cost of the spot currency exchange transactions is generally the difference between the bid and offer spot rate of the currency being purchased or sold.

A forward foreign currency exchange contract is an obligation by a Fund or an Underlying Fund to purchase or sell a specific currency at a future date, which may be any fixed number of days from the date of the contract. Forward foreign currency exchange contracts establish an exchange rate at a future date. These contracts are derivative instruments, as their value derives from the spot exchange rates of the currencies underlying the contract. These contracts are entered into in the interbank market directly between currency traders (usually large commercial banks) and their customers. A forward foreign currency exchange contract generally has no deposit requirement and is traded at a net price without commission. Neither spot transactions nor forward foreign currency exchange contracts eliminate fluctuations in the prices of a Fund's or an Underlying Fund's securities or in foreign exchange rates, or prevent loss if the prices of these securities should decline.

A Fund or an Underlying Fund may enter into foreign currency exchange transactions in an attempt to protect against changes in foreign currency exchange rates between the trade and settlement dates of specific securities transactions or anticipated securities transactions. A Fund or an Underlying Fund also may enter into forward contracts to hedge against a change in foreign currency exchange rates that would cause a decline in the value of existing investments denominated or principally traded in a foreign currency. To do this, a Fund or an Underlying Fund would enter into a forward contract to sell the foreign currency in which the investment is denominated or principally traded in exchange for U.S. dollars or in exchange for another foreign currency.

Although these transactions are intended to minimize the risk of loss due to a decline in the value of the hedged currency, at the same time they limit any potential gain that might be realized should the value of the hedged currency increase. In addition, forward contracts that convert a foreign currency into another foreign currency will cause a Fund or an Underlying Fund to assume the risk of fluctuations in the value of the currency purchased against the hedged currency and the U.S. dollar. The precise matching of the forward contract amounts and the value of the securities involved will not generally be possible because the future value of such securities in foreign currencies will change as a consequence of market movements in the value of such securities between the date the forward contract is entered into and the date it matures. The projection of currency market movements is extremely difficult, and the successful execution of a hedging strategy is highly uncertain.

### **Foreign Securities**

Each Fund may invest directly in foreign securities, in ADRs, and in ETFs and other investment companies that hold a portfolio of foreign securities. Investing in securities of foreign companies and countries involves certain considerations and risks that are not typically associated with investing in U.S. government securities and securities of domestic companies. There may be less publicly available information about a foreign issuer than a domestic one, and foreign companies are not generally subject to uniform accounting, auditing and financial standards and requirements comparable to those applicable to U.S. companies. There may also be less government supervision and regulation of foreign securities exchanges, brokers and listed companies than exists in the United States. Interest and dividends paid by foreign issuers may be subject to withholding and other foreign taxes, which may decrease the net return on such investments as compared to dividends and interest paid to a Fund by domestic companies or the U.S. government. There may be the possibility of expropriations, seizure or nationalization of foreign deposits, confiscatory taxation, political, economic or social instability or diplomatic developments that could affect assets of a Fund held in foreign countries. Finally, the establishment of exchange controls or other foreign governmental laws or restrictions could adversely affect the payment of obligations.

To the extent each Fund's currency exchange transactions do not fully protect that Fund against adverse changes in currency exchange rates, decreases in the value of currencies of the foreign countries in which that Fund will invest relative to the U.S. dollar will result in a corresponding decrease in the U.S. dollar value of that Fund's assets denominated in those currencies (and possibly a corresponding increase in the amount of securities required to be liquidated to meet distribution requirements). Conversely, increases in the value of currencies of the foreign countries in which that Fund invests relative to the U.S. dollar will result in a corresponding increase in the U.S. dollar value of that Fund's assets (and possibly a corresponding decrease in the amount of securities to be liquidated).

### **Futures Contracts**

Futures contracts provide for the future sale by one party and purchase by another party of a specified amount of a specific security, class of securities, or an index at a specified future time and at a specified price. Futures contracts may be issued with respect to fixed-income securities, foreign currencies, single stocks or financial indices, including indices of U.S. government securities, foreign government securities, and equity or fixed-income securities. U.S. futures contracts are traded on exchanges that have been designated "contract markets" by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC") and must be executed through a futures commission merchant ("FCM"), or brokerage firm, which is a member of the relevant contract market. Through their clearing corporations, the exchanges guarantee performance of the contracts between the clearing members of the exchange. A Fund and Underlying Funds may invest in futures contracts only to the extent it could invest in the underlying instrument directly.

Each Fund may engage in futures transactions. A Fund's primary purpose in entering into futures contracts is to protect that Fund from fluctuations in the value of securities or interest rates without actually buying or selling the underlying debt or equity security. For example, if a Fund anticipates an increase in the price of stocks, and it intends to purchase stocks at a later time, that Fund could enter into a futures contract to purchase a stock index as a temporary substitute for stock purchases. If an increase in the market occurs that influences the stock index as anticipated, the value of the futures contracts will increase, thereby serving as a hedge against that Fund not participating in a market advance. This technique is sometimes known as an anticipatory hedge. Conversely, if a Fund holds stocks and seeks to protect itself from a decrease in stock prices, that Fund

might sell stock index futures contracts, thereby hoping to offset the potential decline in the value of its portfolio securities by a corresponding increase in the value of the futures contract position. A Fund could protect against a decline in stock prices by selling portfolio securities and investing in money market instruments, but the use of futures contracts enables it to maintain a defensive position without having to sell portfolio securities.

If a Fund owns Treasury bonds and the portfolio manager expects interest rates to increase, that Fund may take a short position in interest rate futures contracts. Taking such a position would have much the same effect as a Fund selling Treasury bonds in its portfolio. If interest rates increase as anticipated, the value of the Treasury bonds would decline, but the value of that Fund's interest rate futures contract will increase, thereby keeping the net asset value of that Fund from declining as much as it may have otherwise. If, on the other hand, a portfolio manager expects interest rates to decline, a Fund may take a long position in interest rate futures contracts in anticipation of later closing out the futures position and purchasing the bonds. Although a Fund can accomplish similar results by buying securities with long maturities and selling securities with short maturities, given the greater liquidity of the futures market than the cash market, it may be possible to accomplish the same result more easily and more quickly by using futures contracts as an investment tool to reduce risk.

#### *Risk Factors in Futures Transactions*

*Liquidity Risk.* Because futures contracts are generally settled within a day from the date they are closed out, compared with a settlement period of three days for some types of securities, the futures markets can provide superior liquidity to the securities markets. Nevertheless, there is no assurance that a liquid secondary market will exist for any particular futures contract at any particular time. In addition, futures exchanges may establish daily price fluctuation limits for futures contracts and may halt trading if a contract's price moves upward or downward more than the limit in a given day. On volatile trading days when the price fluctuation limit is reached, it may be impossible for a Fund to enter into new positions or close out existing positions. If the secondary market for a futures contract is not liquid because of price fluctuation limits or otherwise, that Fund may not be able to promptly liquidate unfavorable futures positions and potentially could be required to continue to hold a futures position until the delivery date, regardless of changes in its value. As a result, that Fund's access to other assets held to cover its futures positions also could be impaired.

*Risk of Loss.* Although a Fund may believe that the use of such contracts will benefit that Fund, a Fund's overall performance could be worse than if that Fund had not entered into futures contracts if the Adviser's investment judgment proves incorrect. For example, if a Fund has hedged against the effects of a possible decrease in prices of securities held in its portfolio and prices increase instead, that Fund will lose part or all of the benefit of the increased value of these securities because of offsetting losses in its futures positions. In addition, if a Fund has insufficient cash, it may have to sell securities from its portfolio to meet daily variation margin requirements. Those sales may be, but will not necessarily be, at increased prices that reflect the rising market and may occur at a time when the sales are disadvantageous to that Fund.

The risk of loss in trading futures contracts in some strategies can be substantial, due both to the low margin deposits required, and the extremely high degree of leverage involved in futures pricing. Because the deposit requirements in the futures markets are less onerous than margin requirements in the securities market, there may be increased participation by speculators in the futures market that may also cause temporary price distortions. A relatively small price movement in a futures contract may result in immediate and substantial loss (as well as gain) to the investor. For example, if at the time of purchase, 10% of the value of the futures contract is deposited as margin, a subsequent 10% decrease in the value of the futures contract would result in a total loss of the margin deposit, before any deduction for the transaction costs, if the account were then closed out. Thus, a purchase or sale of a futures contract may result in losses in excess of the amount invested in the contract. A Fund will only engage in futures transactions when it is believed these risks are justified and will engage in futures transactions primarily for hedging purposes.

*Correlation Risk.* The prices of futures contracts depend primarily on the value of their underlying instruments. Because there are a limited number of types of futures contracts, it is possible that the standardized futures contracts available to a Fund will not match exactly that Fund's current or potential investments. A Fund may buy and sell futures contracts based on underlying instruments with different characteristics from the securities in which it typically invests for example, by hedging investments in portfolio securities with a futures contract based on a broad index of securities, which involves a risk that the futures position will not correlate precisely with the performance of that Fund's investments.

Futures prices can also diverge from the prices of their underlying instruments, even if the underlying instruments closely correlate with a Fund's investments. Futures prices are affected by factors such as current and anticipated short-term interest rates, changes in volatility of the underlying instruments and the time remaining until expiration of the contract. Those factors may affect securities prices differently from futures prices. Imperfect correlations between a Fund's investments and its futures positions also may result from differing levels of demand in the futures markets and the securities markets, from structural differences in how futures and securities are traded, and from imposition of daily price fluctuation limits for futures contracts. A Fund may buy or sell futures contracts with a greater or lesser value than the securities it wishes to hedge or is considering purchasing in order to attempt to compensate for differences in historical volatility between the futures contract and the securities, although this may not be successful in all cases. If price changes in a Fund's futures positions are poorly correlated with its other investments, its futures positions may fail to produce desired gains or result in losses that are not offset by the gains in that Fund's other investments.

### *Margin Requirements*

The buyer or seller of a futures contract is not required to deliver or pay for the underlying instrument unless the contract is held until the delivery date. However, both the buyer and seller are required to deposit "initial margin" for the benefit of the FCM when the contract is entered into. Initial margin deposits:

- Are equal to a percentage of the contract's value, as set by the exchange on which the contract is traded; and
- Are similar to good faith deposits or performance bonds.

Unlike margin extended by a securities broker, initial margin payments do not constitute purchasing securities on margin for purposes of a Fund's investment limitations. If the value of either party's position declines, that party will be required to make additional "variation margin" payments for the benefit of the FCM to settle the change in value on a daily basis. The party that has a gain may be entitled to receive all or a portion of this amount. In the event of the bankruptcy of the FCM that holds margin on behalf of a Fund, that Fund may be entitled to return of margin owed to that Fund only in proportion to the amount received by the FCM's other customers. The Trust will attempt to minimize this risk by careful monitoring of the creditworthiness of the FCMs with which it does business and by depositing margin payments in a segregated account with the Trust's custodian.

### *SEC Segregation Requirements*

In addition to the margin restrictions discussed above, transactions in futures contracts may involve the segregation of funds pursuant to requirements imposed by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Under those requirements, where a Fund has a long position in a futures contract, it may be required to establish a segregated account (not with a futures commission merchant or broker) containing cash or certain liquid assets equal to the purchase price of the contract (less any margin on deposit). For a short position in futures or forward contracts held by a Fund, those requirements may mandate the establishment of a segregated account (not with a futures commission merchant or broker) with cash or certain liquid assets that, when added to the amounts deposited as margin, equal the market value of the instruments underlying the futures contracts.

### *Liquidity Impact of Margin and SEC Segregation Requirements*

Although a Fund will segregate cash and liquid assets in an amount sufficient to cover its open futures obligations, the segregated assets will be available to that Fund immediately upon closing out the futures position, while settlement of securities transactions could take several days. However, because a Fund's cash that may otherwise be invested would be held uninvested or invested in other liquid assets so long as the futures position remains open, that Fund's return could be diminished due to the opportunity losses of foregoing other potential investments.

### *Regulation as a Commodity Pool Operator*

The Trust, on behalf of each Fund, has filed with the National Futures Association, a notice claiming an exclusion from the definition of the term "commodity pool operator" under the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended, and the rules of the CFTC promulgated thereunder, with respect to each Fund's operations. Accordingly, each such Fund is not subject to registration or regulation as a commodity pool operator.

## High Yield Securities

Each Fund and the Underlying Funds may invest in high yield securities. High yield, high risk bonds are securities that are generally rated below investment grade by the primary rating agencies (BB+ or lower by S&P and Ba1 or lower by Moody's). Other terms used to describe such securities include "lower rated bonds," "non-investment grade bonds," "below investment grade bonds," and "junk bonds." These securities are considered to be high-risk investments. The risks include the following:

*Greater Risk of Loss.* These securities are regarded as predominately speculative. There is a greater risk that issuers of lower rated securities will default than issuers of higher rated securities. Issuers of lower rated securities generally are less creditworthy and may be highly indebted, financially distressed, or bankrupt. These issuers are more vulnerable to real or perceived economic changes, political changes or adverse industry developments. In addition, high yield securities are frequently subordinated to the prior payment of senior indebtedness. If an issuer fails to pay principal or interest, a Fund would experience a decrease in income and a decline in the market value of its investments. An Underlying Fund also may incur additional expenses in seeking recovery from the issuer.

*Sensitivity to Interest Rate and Economic Changes.* The income and market value of lower-rated securities may fluctuate more than higher rated securities. Although non-investment grade securities tend to be less sensitive to interest rate changes than investment grade securities, non-investment grade securities are more sensitive to short-term corporate, economic and market developments. During periods of economic uncertainty and change, the market price of the investments in lower-rated securities may be volatile. The default rate for high yield bonds tends to be cyclical, with defaults rising in periods of economic downturn. For example, in 2000, 2001 and 2002, the default rate for high yield securities was significantly higher than in the prior or subsequent years.

*Valuation Difficulties.* It is often more difficult to value lower rated securities than higher rated securities. If an issuer's financial condition deteriorates, accurate financial and business information may be limited or unavailable. In addition, the lower rated investments may be thinly traded and there may be no established secondary market. Because of the lack of market pricing and current information for investments in lower rated securities, valuation of such investments is much more dependent on judgment than is the case with higher rated securities.

*Liquidity.* There may be no established secondary or public market for investments in lower rated securities. Such securities are frequently traded in markets that may be relatively less liquid than the market for higher rated securities. In addition, relatively few institutional purchasers may hold a major portion of an issue of lower-rated securities at times. As a result, an Underlying Fund that invests in lower rated securities may be required to sell investments at substantial losses or retain them indefinitely even where an issuer's financial condition is deteriorating.

*Credit Quality.* Credit quality of non-investment grade securities can change suddenly and unexpectedly, and even recently-issued credit ratings may not fully reflect the actual risks posed by a particular high-yield security.

*New Legislation.* Future legislation may have a possible negative impact on the market for high yield, high risk bonds. As an example, in the late 1980's, legislation required federally-insured savings and loan associations to divest their investments in high yield, high risk bonds. New legislation, if enacted, could have a material negative effect on an Underlying Fund's investments in lower rated securities.

High yield, high risk investments may include the following:

*Straight fixed-income debt securities.* These include bonds and other debt obligations that bear a fixed or variable rate of interest payable at regular intervals and have a fixed or resettable maturity date. The particular terms of such securities vary and may include features such as call provisions and sinking funds.

*Zero-coupon debt securities.* These bear no interest obligation but are issued at a discount from their value at maturity. When held to maturity, their entire return equals the difference between their issue price and their maturity value.

*Zero-fixed-coupon debt securities.* These are zero-coupon debt securities that convert on a specified date to interest-bearing debt securities.

*Pay-in-kind bonds.* These are bonds which allow the issuer, at its option, to make current interest payments on the bonds either in cash or in additional bonds. These are bonds sold without registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), usually to a relatively small number of institutional investors.

*Convertible Securities.* These are bonds or preferred stock that may be converted to common stock.

*Preferred Stock.* These are stocks that generally pay a dividend at a specified rate and have preference over common stock in the payment of dividends and in liquidation.

*Loan Participations and Assignments.* These are participations in, or assignments of all or a portion of loans to corporations or to governments, including governments of less developed countries.

*Securities issued in connection with Reorganizations and Corporate Restructurings.* In connection with reorganizing or restructuring of an issuer, an issuer may issue common stock or other securities to holders of its debt securities. An Underlying Fund may hold such common stock and other securities even if they do not invest in such securities.

### **Illiquid and Restricted Securities**

Each Fund may invest up to 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities, including limited partnerships. Illiquid securities include securities subject to contractual or legal restrictions on resale (e.g., because they have not been registered under the Securities Act and securities that are otherwise not readily marketable (e.g., because trading in the security is suspended or because market makers do not exist or will not entertain bids or offers). Securities that have not been registered under the Securities Act are referred to as private placements or restricted securities and are purchased directly from the issuer or in the secondary market. Foreign securities that are freely tradable in their principal markets are not considered to be illiquid.

Restricted and other illiquid securities may be subject to the potential for delays on resale and uncertainty in valuation. A Fund might be unable to dispose of illiquid securities promptly or at reasonable prices and might thereby experience difficulty in satisfying redemption requests from shareholders. A Fund might have to register restricted securities in order to dispose of them, resulting in additional expense and delay. Adverse market conditions could impede such a public offering of securities.

A large institutional market exists for certain securities that are not registered under the Securities Act, including foreign securities. The fact that there are contractual or legal restrictions on resale to the general public or to certain institutions may not be indicative of the liquidity of such investments. Rule 144A under the Securities Act allows such a broader institutional trading market for securities otherwise subject to restrictions on resale to the general public. Rule 144A establishes a "safe harbor" from the registration requirements of the Securities Act for resale of certain securities to qualified institutional buyers. Rule 144A has produced enhanced liquidity for many restricted securities, and market liquidity for such securities may continue to expand as a result of this regulation and the consequent existence of the PORTAL system, which is an automated system for the trading, clearance and settlement of unregistered securities of domestic and foreign issuers.

Under guidelines adopted by the Trust's Board, the Funds' Adviser may determine that particular Rule 144A securities, and commercial paper issued in reliance on the private placement exemption from registration afforded by Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act, are liquid even though they are not registered. A determination of whether such a security is liquid or not is a question of fact. In making this determination, the Adviser will consider, as it deems appropriate under the circumstances and among other factors: (1) the frequency of trades and quotes for the security; (2) the number of dealers willing to purchase or sell the security; (3) the number of other potential purchasers of the security; (4) dealer undertakings to make a market in the security; (5) the nature of the security (e.g., debt or equity, date of maturity, terms of dividend or interest payments, and other material terms) and the nature of the marketplace trades, e.g., the time needed to dispose of the security, the method of soliciting offers, and the mechanics of transfer; and (6) the rating of the security and the financial condition and prospects of the issuer. In the case of commercial paper, the Adviser will also determine that the paper (1) is not traded flat or in default as to principal and interest, and (2) is rated in one of the two highest rating categories by at least two National Statistical Rating Organization ("NRSRO") or, if only one NRSRO rates the security, by that NRSRO, or, if the security is unrated, the Adviser determines that it is of equivalent quality.

Rule 144A securities and Section 4(a)(2) commercial paper that have been deemed liquid as described above will continue to be monitored by the Adviser to determine if the security is no longer liquid as the result of changed conditions.

Investing in Rule 144A securities or Section 4(a)(2) commercial paper could have the effect of increasing the amount of a Fund's assets invested in illiquid securities if institutional buyers are unwilling to purchase such securities.

### **Indexed Securities**

Each Fund may purchase indexed securities consistent with their investment objectives. Indexed securities are those, the value of which varies positively or negatively in relation to the value of other securities, securities indices or other financial indicators. Indexed securities may be debt securities or deposits whose value at maturity or coupon rate is determined by reference to a specific instrument or statistic. Recent issuers of indexed securities have included banks, corporations and certain U.S. Government agencies.

The performance of indexed securities depends to a great extent on the performance of the security or other instrument to which they are indexed and also may be influenced by interest rate changes in the United States and abroad. Indexed securities are subject to the credit risks associated with the issuer of the security, and their values may decline substantially if the issuer's creditworthiness deteriorates. Indexed securities may be more volatile than the underlying instruments. Certain indexed securities that are not traded on an established market may be deemed illiquid.

### **Insured Bank Obligations**

Each Fund may invest in insured bank obligations. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insures the deposits of federally insured banks and savings and loan associations (collectively referred to as "banks") up to \$250,000. A Fund may purchase bank obligations which are fully insured as to principal by the FDIC. Currently, to remain fully insured as to principal, these investments must be limited to \$250,000 per bank; if the principal amount and accrued interest together exceed \$250,000, the excess principal and accrued interest will not be insured. Insured bank obligations may have limited marketability.

### **Investment Company Securities**

The Funds will invest in the securities of other investment companies to the extent that such an investment would be consistent with the requirements of the 1940 Act, and that Fund's investment objectives. Investments in the securities of other investment companies may involve duplication of advisory fees and certain other expenses. By investing in another investment company, a Fund becomes a shareholder of that investment company. As a result, a Fund's shareholders indirectly will bear that Fund's proportionate share of the fees and expenses paid by shareholders of the other investment company, in addition to the fees and expenses that Fund's shareholders directly bear in connection with that Fund's own operations.

Under Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act, a Fund may invest only up to 5% of its total assets in the securities of any one investment company (ETF or other mutual funds), but may not own more than 3% of the outstanding voting stock of any one investment company (the "3% Limitation") or invest more than 10% of its total assets in the securities of other investment companies. However, Section 12(d)(1)(F) of the 1940 Act, as amended provides that the provisions of paragraph 12(d)(1) shall not apply to securities purchased or otherwise acquired by a Fund if (i) immediately after such purchase or acquisition not more than 3% of the total outstanding stock of such registered investment company is owned by a Fund and all affiliated persons of that Fund; and (ii) a Fund has not offered or sold after January 1, 1971, and is not proposing to offer or sell any security issued by it through a principal underwriter or otherwise at a public or offering price which includes a sales load of more than 1 ½% percent. An investment company that issues shares to a Fund pursuant to paragraph 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. A Fund (or the Adviser acting on behalf of that Fund) must comply with the following voting restrictions: when a Fund exercises voting rights, by proxy or otherwise, with respect to investment companies owned by that Fund, that Fund will either seek instruction from that Fund's shareholders with regard to the voting of all proxies and vote in accordance with such instructions, or vote the shares held by that Fund in the same proportion as the vote of all other holders of such security. Because other investment companies employ an investment adviser, such investments by that Fund may cause shareholders to bear duplicate fees.

In addition, each Fund is subject to the 3% Limitation unless (i) the ETF or that Fund has received an order for exemptive relief from the 3% limitation from the SEC that is applicable to that Fund; and (ii) the ETF and that Fund take appropriate steps to comply with any conditions in such order. In the alternative, a Fund may rely on Rule 12d1-3, which allows unaffiliated mutual funds to exceed the 5% Limitation and the 10% Limitation, provided the aggregate sales loads any investor pays (i.e., the combined distribution expenses of both the acquiring fund and the acquired funds) does not exceed the limits on sales loads established by the FINRA for funds of funds.

## Mortgage-Backed Securities

Each Fund may invest in mortgage-backed securities. Mortgage-backed securities represent participation interests in pools of one-to-four family residential mortgage loans originated by private mortgage originators. Traditionally, residential mortgage-backed securities have been issued by governmental agencies such as the Government National Mortgage Association (“Ginnie Mae”), Federal National Mortgage Association (“Fannie Mae”) and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“Freddie Mac”). Each Fund does not intend to invest in commercial mortgage-backed securities. Non-governmental entities that have issued or sponsored residential mortgage-backed securities offerings include savings and loan associations, mortgage banks, insurance companies, investment banks and special purpose subsidiaries of the foregoing.

While residential loans do not typically have prepayment penalties or restrictions, they are often structured so that subordinated classes may be locked out of prepayments for a period of time. However, in a period of extremely rapid prepayments, during which senior classes may be retired faster than expected, the subordinated classes may receive unscheduled payments of principal and would have average lives that, while longer than the average lives of the senior classes, would be shorter than originally expected. The types of residential mortgage-backed securities in which each Fund may invest may include the following:

*Guaranteed Mortgage Pass-Through Securities.* Each Fund may invest in mortgage pass-through securities representing participation interests in pools of residential mortgage loans originated by the U.S. government and guaranteed, to the extent provided in such securities, by the U.S. government or one of its agencies or instrumentalities. Such securities, which are ownership interests in the underlying mortgage loans, differ from conventional debt securities, which provide for periodic payment of interest in fixed amounts (usually semi-annually) and principal payments at maturity or on specified call dates. Mortgage pass-through securities provide for monthly payments that are a “pass-through” of the monthly interest and principal payments (including any prepayments) made by the individual borrowers on the pooled mortgage loans, net of any fees paid to the guarantor of such securities and the servicer of the underlying mortgage loans. The guaranteed mortgage pass-through securities in which a Fund may invest are those issued or guaranteed by Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

*Private Mortgage Pass-Through Securities.* Private mortgage pass-through securities (“Private Pass-Throughs”) are structured similarly to the Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac mortgage pass-through securities described above and are issued by originators of and investors in mortgage loans, including savings and loan associations, mortgage banks, commercial banks, investment banks and special purpose subsidiaries of the foregoing. Private Pass-Throughs are usually backed by a pool of conventional fixed rate or adjustable rate mortgage loans.

Since Private Pass-Throughs typically are not guaranteed by an entity having the credit status of Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac, such securities generally are structured with one or more types of credit enhancement. On September 7, 2008, the U.S. Treasury Department and the Federal Housing Finance Authority (the “FHFA”) announced that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac had been placed into conservatorship, a statutory process designed to stabilize a troubled institution with the objective of returning the entity to normal business operations. The U.S. Treasury Department and the FHFA at the same time established a secured lending facility and a Secured Stock Purchase Agreement with both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to ensure that each entity had the ability to fulfill its financial obligations. The FHFA announced that it does not anticipate any disruption in pattern of payments or ongoing business operations of Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac.

*Collateralized Mortgage Obligations.* CMOs are debt obligations collateralized by mortgage loans or mortgage pass-through securities. Typically, CMOs are collateralized by Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac Certificates, but also may be collateralized by whole loans or Private Pass-Throughs (such collateral collectively hereinafter referred to as “Mortgage Assets”).

Multi-class pass-through securities are equity interests in a pool of Mortgage Assets. Unless the context indicates otherwise, all references herein to CMOs include multi-class pass-through securities. Payments of principal of and interest on the Mortgage Assets, and any reinvestment income thereon, provide a Fund to pay debt service on the CMOs or make scheduled distributions on the multi-class pass-through securities. CMOs may be sponsored by agencies or instrumentalities of the U.S. government, or by private originators of, or investors in, mortgage loans, including savings and loan associations, mortgage banks, commercial banks, investment banks and special purpose subsidiaries of the foregoing. Under current law, every newly created CMO issuer must elect to be treated for federal income tax purposes as a Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduit (a “REMIC”).

In a CMO, a series of bonds or certificates is issued in multiple classes. Each class of CMOs, often referred to as a “tranche,” is issued at a specific fixed or floating coupon rate and has a stated maturity or final distribution date. Principal prepayments on the Mortgage Assets may cause the CMOs to be retired substantially earlier than their stated maturities or final distribution dates. Interest is paid or accrues on all classes of the CMOs on a monthly, quarterly or semi-annual basis. The principal of and interest on the Mortgage Assets may be allocated among the several classes of a series of a CMO in innumerable ways. In one structure, payments of principal, including any principal prepayments, on the Mortgage Assets are applied to the classes of a CMO in the order of their respective stated maturities or final distribution dates, so that no payment of principal will be made on any class of CMOs until all other classes having an earlier stated maturity or final distribution date have been paid in full.

Each Fund may also invest in, among others, parallel pay CMOs and Planned Amortization Class CMOs (PAC Bonds). Parallel pay CMOs are structured to provide payments of principal on each payment date to more than one class. These simultaneous payments are taken into account in calculating the stated maturity date or final distribution date of each class, which, as with other CMO structures, must be retired by its payments of a specified amount of principal on each payment date.

*Ginnie Mae Certificates.* Ginnie Mae is a wholly-owned corporate instrumentality of the U.S. government within the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The National Housing Act of 1934, as amended (the “Housing Act”), authorizes Ginnie Mae to guarantee the timely payment of the principal of and interest on certificates that are based on and backed by a pool of mortgage loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration under the Housing Act, or Title V of the Housing Act of 1949 (“FHA Loans”), or guaranteed by the Veterans’ Administration under the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended (“VA Loans”), or by pools of other eligible mortgage loans. The Housing Act provides that the full faith and credit of the U.S. government is pledged to the payment of all amounts that may be required to be paid under any guarantee.

The Ginnie Mae Certificates will represent a pro rata interest in one or more pools of the following types of mortgage loans: (i) fixed rate level payment mortgage loans; (ii) fixed rate graduated payment mortgage loans; (iii) fixed rate growing equity mortgage loans; (iv) fixed rate mortgage loans secured by manufactured (mobile) homes; (v) mortgage loans on multifamily residential properties under construction; (vi) mortgage loans on completed multifamily projects; (vii) fixed rate mortgage loans as to which escrowed funds are used to reduce the borrower’s monthly payments during the early years of the mortgage loans (“buydown” mortgage loans); (viii) mortgage loans that provide for adjustments in payments based on periodic changes in interest rates or in other payment terms of the mortgage loans; and (ix) mortgage-backed serial notes. All of these mortgage loans will be FHA Loans or VA Loans and, except as otherwise specified above, will be fully-amortizing loans secured by first liens on one-to-four family housing units.

*Fannie Mae Certificates.* Fannie Mae is a federally chartered and privately owned corporation organized and existing under the Federal National Mortgage Association Charter Act. Fannie Mae was originally established in 1938 as a U.S. government agency to provide supplemental liquidity to the mortgage market and was transformed into a stockholder owned and privately managed corporation by legislation enacted in 1968. Fannie Mae provides funds to the mortgage market primarily by purchasing home mortgage loans from local lenders, thereby replenishing their funds for additional lending. Fannie Mae acquires funds to purchase home mortgage loans from many capital market investors that may not ordinarily invest in mortgage loans directly, thereby expanding the total amount of funds available for housing.

Each Fannie Mae Certificate entitles the registered holder thereof to receive amounts representing such holder’s pro rata interest in scheduled principal payments and interest payments (at such Fannie Mae Certificate’s pass-through rate, which is net of any servicing and guarantee fees on the underlying mortgage loans), and any principal prepayments on the mortgage loans in the pool represented by such Fannie Mae Certificate and such holder’s proportionate interest in the full principal amount of any foreclosed or otherwise finally liquidated mortgage loan. The full and timely payment of principal of and interest on each Fannie Mae Certificate will be guaranteed by Fannie Mae, which guarantee is not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. In order to meet its obligations under such guarantee, Ginnie Mae is authorized to borrow from the U.S. Treasury with no limitations as to amount.

Each Fannie Mae Certificate will represent a pro rata interest in one or more pools of FHA Loans, VA Loans or conventional mortgage loans (i.e., mortgage loans that are not insured or guaranteed by any governmental agency) of the following types: (i) fixed rate level payment mortgage loans; (ii) fixed rate growing equity mortgage loans; (iii) fixed rate graduated payment mortgage loans; (iv) variable rate California mortgage loans; (v) other adjustable rate mortgage loans; and (vi) fixed rate mortgage loans secured by multifamily projects.

*Freddie Mac Certificates.* Freddie Mac is a corporate instrumentality of the U.S. government created pursuant to the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970, as amended (the “FHLMC Act”). Freddie Mac was established primarily for the purpose of increasing the availability of mortgage credit for the financing of needed housing. The principal activity of Freddie Mac currently consists of the purchase of first lien, conventional, residential mortgage loans and participation interests in such mortgage loans and the resale of the mortgage loans so purchased in the form of mortgage securities, primarily Freddie Mac Certificates.

Freddie Mac guarantees to each registered holder of a Freddie Mac Certificate the timely payment of interest at the rate provided for by such Freddie Mac Certificate, whether or not received. Freddie Mac also guarantees to each registered holder of a Freddie Mac Certificate ultimate collection of all principal of the related mortgage loans, without any offset or deduction, but does not generally guarantee the timely payment of scheduled principal. Freddie Mac may remit the amount due on account of its guarantee of collection of principal at any time after default on an underlying mortgage loan, but not later than 30 days following (i) foreclosure sale, (ii) payment of a claim by any mortgage insurer, or (iii) the expiration of any right of redemption, whichever occurs later, but in any event no later than one year after demand has been made upon the mortgagor for acceleration of payment of principal. The obligations of Freddie Mac under its guarantee are obligations solely of Freddie Mac and are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government.

Freddie Mac Certificates represent a pro rata interest in a group of mortgage loans (a “Freddie Mac Certificate group”) purchased by Freddie Mac. The mortgage loans underlying the Freddie Mac Certificates will consist of fixed rate or adjustable rate mortgage loans with original terms to maturity of between ten and thirty years, substantially all of which are secured by first liens on one-to-four family residential properties or multifamily projects. Each mortgage loan must meet the applicable standards set forth in the FHLMC Act. A Freddie Mac Certificate group may include whole loans, participation interests in whole loans and undivided interests in whole loans and participations comprising another Freddie Mac Certificate group.

*Federal Home Loan Bank Securities.* The Federal Home Loan Bank system (“FHLB”) was created in 1932 pursuant to the Federal Home Loan Bank Act. The FHLB was created to support residential mortgage lending and community investment. The FHLB consists of 12 member banks which are owned by over 8,000 member community financial institutions. The FHLB provides liquidity for housing finance and community development by making direct loans to these community financial institutions, and through two FHLB mortgage programs, which help expand home ownership by giving lenders an alternative option for mortgage funding. Each member financial institution (typically a bank or savings and loan) is a shareholder in one or more of 12 regional FHLB banks, which are privately capitalized, separate corporate entities. Federal oversight, in conjunction with normal bank regulation and shareholder vigilance, assures that the 12 regional Banks will remain conservatively managed and well capitalized. The FHLB banks are among the largest providers of mortgage credit in the U.S.

The FHLB is also one of the world’s largest private issuers of fixed-income debt securities, and the Office of Finance serves as the FHLB’s central debt issuance facility. Debt is issued in the global capital markets and a Fund is channeled to member financial institutions to fund mortgages, community development, and affordable housing.

Securities issued by the FHLB are not obligations of the U.S. government and are not guaranteed by the U. S. government. The FHLB may issue either bonds or discount notes. The securities, issued pursuant to the Act, are joint and several unsecured general obligations of the FHLB banks. The bonds or discount notes will not limit other indebtedness that the FHLB banks may incur and they will not contain any financial or similar restrictions on the FHLB banks or any restrictions on their ability to secure other indebtedness. Under the Federal Home Loan Bank Act, the FHLB banks may incur other indebtedness such as secured joint and several obligations of the FHLB banks and unsecured joint and several obligations of the FHL Banks, as well as obligations of individual FHLB banks (although current Federal Housing Finance Board rules prohibit their issuance).

## **Municipal Securities**

Each Fund may invest in securities issued by states, municipalities and other political subdivisions, agencies, authorities and instrumentalities of states and multi-state agencies or authorities. Although the interest earned on many municipal securities is exempt from federal income tax, each Fund may invest in taxable municipal securities.

Municipal securities share the attributes of a debt/fixed income securities in general, but are generally issued by states, municipalities and other political subdivisions, agencies, authorities and instrumentalities of states and multi-state agencies or authorities. The municipal securities which a Fund may purchase include general obligation bonds and limited obligation bonds (or revenue bonds), including industrial development bonds issued pursuant to former federal tax law. General obligation bonds

are obligations involving the credit of an issuer possessing taxing power and are payable from such issuer's general revenues and not from any particular source. Limited obligation bonds are payable only from the revenues derived from a particular facility or class of facilities or, in some cases, from the proceeds of a special excise or other specific revenue source. Tax-exempt private activity bonds and industrial development bonds generally are also revenue bonds and thus are not payable from the issuer's general revenues. The credit and quality of private activity bonds and industrial development bonds are usually related to the credit of the corporate user of the facilities. Payment of interest on and repayment of principal of such bonds is the responsibility of the corporate user (and/or any guarantor).

Under the Code, certain limited obligation bonds are considered "private activity bonds" and interest paid on such bonds is treated as an item of tax preference for purposes of calculating federal alternative minimum tax liability.

### **Obligations of Supranational Entities (Underlying Funds Only)**

Each Fund may invest in an Underlying Fund that invests in obligations of supranational entities designated or supported by governmental entities to promote economic reconstruction or development and of international banking institutions and related government agencies. Examples include the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the "World Bank"), the European Coal and Steel Community, the Asian Development Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank. Each supranational entity's lending activities are limited to a percentage of its total capital (including "callable capital" contributed by its governmental members at the entity's call), reserves and net income. There is no assurance that participating governments will be able or willing to honor their commitments to make capital contributions to a supranational entity.

### **Options**

Each Fund may utilize call and put options to attempt to protect against possible changes in the market value of securities held in or to be purchased for that Fund's portfolio and to generate income or gain for that Fund. The ability of a Fund to successfully utilize options will depend on the Adviser's ability to predict pertinent market movements, which cannot be assured. A Fund will comply with applicable regulatory requirements when implementing these techniques and instruments.

Each Fund may write (sell) covered call options and covered put options and purchase call and put options. The purpose of engaging in options transactions is to reduce the effect of price fluctuations of the securities owned by that Fund (and involved in the options) on that Fund's net asset value per share and to generate additional revenues.

A covered call option is an option sold on a security owned by the seller of the option in exchange for a premium. A call option gives the purchaser of the option the right to buy the underlying securities at the exercise price during the option period. If the option is exercised by the purchaser during the option period, the seller is required to deliver the underlying security against payment of the exercise price. The seller's obligation terminates upon expiration of the option period or when the seller executes a closing purchase transaction with respect to such option. Call options on securities which a Fund writes (sells) will be covered or secured, which means that that Fund will own the underlying security or, to the extent it does not hold such a security, will maintain a segregated account with that Fund's custodian consisting of liquid debt obligations equal to the market value of the option, marked to market daily. When a Fund writes a covered call option, it profits from the premium paid by the buyer but gives up the opportunity to profit from an increase in the value of the underlying security above the exercise price. At the same time, the seller retains the risk of loss from a decline in the value of the underlying security during the option period. Although the seller may terminate its obligation by executing a closing purchase transaction, the cost of effecting such a transaction may be greater than the premium received upon its sale, resulting in a loss to the seller. If such an option expires unexercised, the seller realizes a gain equal to the premium received. Such a gain may be offset or exceeded by a decline in the market value of the underlying security during the option period. If an option is exercised, the exercise price, the premium received and the market value of the underlying security determine the gain or loss realized by the seller.

When a Fund sells a covered put option, it has the obligation to buy, and the purchaser of the put the right to sell, the underlying security at the exercise price during the option period. To cover a put option, a Fund deposits U. S. government securities (or other high-grade debt obligations) in a segregated account at its custodian. The value of the deposited securities is equal to or greater than the exercise price of the underlying security. The value of the deposited securities is marked to market daily and, if necessary, additional assets are placed in the segregated account to maintain a value equal to or greater than the exercise price. A Fund maintains the segregated account so long as it is obligated as the seller. The obligation of a Fund is terminated when the purchaser exercises the put option, when the option expires or when a closing purchase transaction is effected by that Fund. A Fund's gain on the sale of a put option is limited to the premium received plus interest earned on its

segregated account. A Fund's potential loss on a put option is determined by taking into consideration the exercise price of the option, the market price of the underlying security when the put is exercised, the premium received and the interest earned on its segregated account. Although a Fund risks a substantial loss if the price of the security on which it has sold a put option drops suddenly, it can protect itself against serious loss by entering into a closing purchase transaction. The degree of loss will depend upon a Fund's ability to detect the movement in the security's price and to execute a closing transaction at the appropriate time.

A Fund will write options on such portion of its portfolio as management determines is appropriate in seeking to attain that Fund's objective. A Fund will write options when management believes that a liquid secondary market will exist on a national securities exchange for options of the same series so that that Fund can effect a closing purchase transaction if it desires to close out its position. Consistent with the investment policies of each Fund, a closing purchase transaction will ordinarily be effected to realize a profit on an outstanding option, to prevent an underlying security from being called or to permit the sale of the underlying security. Effecting a closing purchase transaction will permit a Fund to write another option on the underlying security with either a different exercise price or expiration date or both.

Each Fund may purchase put options to protect against declines in the market value of portfolio securities or to attempt to retain unrealized gains in the value of portfolio securities. Put options might also be purchased to facilitate the sale of portfolio securities. A Fund may purchase call options as a temporary substitute for the purchase of individual securities, which then could be purchased in orderly fashion. Upon the purchase of the securities, a Fund would normally terminate the call position. The purchase of both put and call options involves the risk of loss of all or part of the premium paid. If the price of the underlying security does not rise (in the case of a call) or drop (in the case of a put) by an amount at least equal to the premium paid for the option contract, a Fund will experience a loss on the option contract equal to the deficiency.

### **Preferred Stock**

Preferred stocks are securities that have characteristics of both common stocks and corporate bonds. Preferred stocks may receive dividends but payment is not guaranteed as with a bond. These securities may be undervalued because of a lack of analyst coverage resulting in a high dividend yield or yield to maturity. The risks of preferred stocks are a lack of voting rights and the Adviser may incorrectly analyze the security, resulting in a loss to a Fund. Furthermore, preferred stock dividends are not guaranteed and management can elect to forego the preferred dividend, resulting in a loss to that Fund.

### **Real Estate Investment Trusts ("REITs")**

Each Fund may invest in equity interests or debt obligations issued by REITs. REITs are pooled investment vehicles which invest primarily in income producing real estate or real estate related loans or interest. REITs are generally classified as equity REITs, mortgage REITs or a combination of equity and mortgage REITs. Equity REITs invest the majority of their assets directly in real property and derive income primarily from the collection of rents. Equity REITs can also realize capital gains by selling property that has appreciated in value. Mortgage REITs invest the majority of their assets in real estate mortgages and derive income from the collection of interest payments. Similar to investment companies, REITs are not taxed on income distributed to shareholders provided they comply with several requirements of the Code. A Fund will indirectly bear its proportionate share of expenses incurred by REITs in which that Fund invests in addition to the expenses incurred directly by that Fund.

Investing in REITs involves certain unique risks in addition to those risks associated with investing in the real estate industry in general. Equity REITs may be affected by changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the REITs, while mortgage REITs may be affected by the quality of any credit extended. REITs are dependent upon management skills, are not diversified, are subject to heavy cash flow dependency, default by borrowers and self-liquidation. REITs are also subject to the possibilities of failing to qualify for tax free pass-through of income under the Code and failing to maintain their exemption from registration under the 1940 Act.

REITs (especially mortgage REITs) are also subject to interest rate risks. When interest rates decline, the value of a REIT's investment in fixed rate obligations can be expected to rise. Conversely, when interest rates rise, the value of a REIT's investment in fixed rate obligations can be expected to decline. In contrast, as interest rates on adjustable rate mortgage loans are reset periodically, yields on a REIT's investment in such loans will gradually align themselves to fluctuate less dramatically in response to interest rate fluctuations than would investments in fixed rate obligations.

Investment in REITs involves risks similar to those associated with investing in small capitalization companies. These risks include:

- limited financial resources;
- infrequent or limited trading; and
- more abrupt or erratic price movements than larger company securities.

In addition, small capitalization stocks, such as REITs, historically have been more volatile in price than the larger capitalization stocks included in the S&P 500 Index.

### **Repurchase Agreements**

Each Fund may invest up to 25% of that Fund's net assets in fully collateralized repurchase agreements. A repurchase agreement is a short term investment in which the purchaser (i.e., a Fund) acquires ownership of a security and the seller agrees to repurchase the obligation at a future time at a set price, thereby determining the yield during the purchaser's holding period (usually not more than 7 days from the date of purchase). Any repurchase transaction in which a Fund engages will require full collateralization of the seller's obligation during the entire term of the repurchase agreement. In the event of a bankruptcy or other default of the seller, a Fund could experience both delays in liquidating the underlying security and losses in value. However, each Fund intends to enter into repurchase agreements only with its custodian, other banks with assets of \$1 billion or more and registered securities dealers determined by the Adviser to be creditworthy. The Adviser monitors the creditworthiness of the banks and securities dealers with which a Fund engages in repurchase transactions. A Fund may not enter into a repurchase agreement with a term of more than seven days if, as a result, more than 15% of the value of its net assets would then be invested in such repurchase agreements and other illiquid investments.

### **Reverse Repurchase Transactions**

Each Fund may enter into reverse repurchase transactions. In a reverse repurchase transaction, a Fund concurrently agrees to sell portfolio securities to financial institutions such as banks and broker-dealers, and to repurchase the same securities at a later date at a mutually agreed upon price. The repurchase price generally is equal to the original sales price plus interest. A Fund retains record ownership of the securities and the right to receive interest and principal payments. A Fund may enter into a reverse repurchase transaction in order to obtain funds to pursue additional investment opportunities with a return in excess of the cost of the reverse repurchase transaction. Such transactions may increase fluctuations in the market value of a Fund's assets and may be viewed as a form of leverage. Reverse purchase transactions also involve the risk that the market value of the securities sold by a Fund may decline below the price at which that Fund is obligated to repurchase the securities. In the event of bankruptcy or other default by the purchaser, a Fund could experience both delays in repurchasing the portfolio securities and losses. A Fund will enter into reverse purchase transactions only with parties whose creditworthiness has been reviewed and found satisfactory by the Adviser.

Reverse purchase transactions are considered by the SEC to be borrowings by a Fund under the 1940 Act. At the time a Fund enters into a reverse purchase transaction, it will direct its custodian to place in a segregated account assets (such as cash or liquid securities consistent with that Fund's investment restrictions) having a value equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest). A Fund will monitor the account to ensure that the market value of the account equals the amount of that Fund's commitments to repurchase securities.

### **Rights**

Rights are usually granted to existing shareholders of a corporation to subscribe to shares of a new issue of common stock before it is issued to the public. The right entitles its holder to buy common stock at a specified price. Rights have similar features to warrants, except that the life of a right is typically much shorter, usually a few weeks. The Adviser believes rights may become underpriced if they are sold without regard to value and if analysts do not include them in their research. The risk in investing in rights is that the Adviser might miscalculate their value resulting in a loss to a Fund. Another risk is the underlying common stock may not reach the Adviser's anticipated price within the life of the right.

### **Sovereign Obligations**

Each Fund may invest in sovereign debt obligations. Investment in sovereign debt obligations involves special risks not present in corporate debt obligations. The issuer of the sovereign debt or the governmental authorities that control the repayment of the debt may be unable or unwilling to repay principal or interest when due, and a Fund may have limited recourse in the event of a default. During periods of economic uncertainty, the market prices of sovereign debt, and a Fund's net asset value, may be more volatile than prices of U.S. debt obligations. In the past, certain emerging markets have

encountered difficulties in servicing their debt obligations, withheld payments of principal and interest and declared moratoria on the payment of principal and interest on their sovereign debts.

A sovereign debtor's willingness or ability to repay principal and pay interest in a timely manner may be affected by, among other factors, its cash flow situation, the extent of its foreign currency reserves, the availability of sufficient foreign exchange, the relative size of the debt service burden, the sovereign debtor's policy toward principal international lenders and local political constraints. Sovereign debtors may also be dependent on expected disbursements from foreign governments, multilateral agencies and other entities to reduce principal and interest arrearages on their debt. The failure of a sovereign debtor to implement economic reforms, achieve specified levels of economic performance or repay principal or interest when due may result in the cancellation of third-party commitments to lend funds to the sovereign debtor, which may further impair such debtor's ability or willingness to service its debts.

## **STRIPS**

The Federal Reserve creates STRIPS (Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities) by separating the coupon payments and the principal payment from an outstanding Treasury security and selling them as individual securities. To the extent a Fund purchases the principal portion of the STRIP, that Fund will not receive regular interest payments. Instead they are sold at a deep discount from their face value. A Fund will accrue income on such STRIPS for tax and accounting purposes, in accordance with applicable law, which income is distributable to shareholders. Because no cash is received at the time such income is accrued, a Fund may be required to liquidate other Fund securities to satisfy its distribution obligations. Because the principal portion of the STRIP does not pay current income, its price can be very volatile when interest rates change. In calculating its dividend, a Fund takes into account as income a portion of the difference between the principal portion of the STRIP's purchase price and its face value.

## **Time Deposits and Variable Rate Notes**

Each Fund may invest in fixed time deposits, whether or not subject to withdrawal penalties.

The commercial paper obligations that a Fund may buy are unsecured and may include variable rate notes. The nature and terms of a variable rate note (i.e., a "Master Note") permit a Fund to invest fluctuating amounts at varying rates of interest pursuant to a direct arrangement between that Fund as Lender, and the issuer, as borrower. It permits daily changes in the amounts borrowed. Each Fund has the right at any time to increase, up to the full amount stated in the note agreement, or to decrease the amount outstanding under the note. The issuer may prepay at any time and without penalty any part of or the full amount of the note. The note may or may not be backed by one or more bank letters of credit. Because these notes are direct lending arrangements between a Fund and the issuer, it is not generally contemplated that they will be traded; moreover, there is currently no secondary market for them. Except as specifically provided in the Prospectus, there is no limitation on the type of issuer from whom these notes may be purchased; however, in connection with such purchase and on an ongoing basis, the Adviser will consider the earning power, cash flow and other liquidity ratios of the issuer, and its ability to pay principal and interest on demand, including a situation in which all holders of such notes made demand simultaneously. Variable rate notes are subject to a Fund's investment restriction on illiquid securities unless such notes can be put back to the issuer on demand within seven days.

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

Each Fund may invest in U.S. government securities. These securities may be backed by the credit of the government as a whole or only by the issuing agency. U.S. Treasury bonds, notes, and bills and some agency securities, such as those issued by the Federal Housing Administration and Ginnie Mae, are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government as to payment of principal and interest and are the highest quality government securities. Other securities issued by U.S. government agencies or instrumentalities, such as securities issued by the FHLB and the Freddie Mac, are supported only by the credit of the agency that issued them, and not by the U.S. government. Securities issued by the Federal Farm Credit System, the Federal Land Banks, and the Fannie Mae are supported by the agency's right to borrow money from the U.S. Treasury under certain circumstances, but are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government.

A Fund's investments in U.S. Government securities may include agency step-up obligations. These obligations are structured with a coupon rate that "steps-up" periodically over the life of the obligation. Step-up obligations typically contain a call option, permitting the issuer to buy back the obligation upon exercise of the option. Step-up obligations are designed for investors who are unwilling to invest in a long-term security in a low interest rate environment. Step-up obligations are used in

an attempt to reduce the risk of a price decline should interest rates rise significantly at any time during the life of the obligation. However, step-up obligations also carry the risk that market interest rates may be significantly below the new, stepped-up coupon rate. If this occurs, the issuer of the obligation likely will exercise the call option, leaving investors with cash to reinvest. As a result, these obligations may expose a Fund to the risk that proceeds from a called security may be reinvested in another security paying a lower rate of interest.

## **Warrants**

Warrants are securities that are usually issued with a bond or preferred stock but may trade separately in the market. A warrant allows its holder to purchase a specified amount of common stock at a specified price for a specified time. The risk in investing in warrants is the Adviser might miscalculate their value, resulting in a loss to a Fund. Another risk is the warrants will not realize their value because the underlying common stock does not reach the Adviser's anticipated price within the life of the warrant.

## **When-Issued, Forward Commitments and Delayed Settlements**

Each Fund may purchase and sell securities on a when-issued, forward commitment or delayed settlement basis. In this event, the Funds' custodian will segregate liquid assets equal to the amount of the commitment in a separate account. Normally, the custodian will set aside portfolio securities to satisfy a purchase commitment. In such a case, a Fund subsequently may be required to segregate additional assets in order to assure that the value of the account remains equal to the amount of that Fund's commitment. It may be expected that a Fund's net assets will fluctuate to a greater degree when it sets aside portfolio securities to cover such purchase commitments than when it sets aside cash.

The Funds do not intend to engage in these transactions for speculative purposes but only in furtherance of their investment objectives. Because each Fund will segregate liquid assets to satisfy its purchase commitments in the manner described, each Fund's liquidity and the ability of the Adviser to manage them may be affected in the event a Fund's forward commitments, commitments to purchase when-issued securities and delayed settlements ever exceeded 15% of the value of its net assets.

A Fund will purchase securities on a when-issued, forward commitment or delayed settlement basis only with the intention of completing the transaction. If deemed advisable as a matter of investment strategy, however, a Fund may dispose of or renegotiate a commitment after it is entered into, and may sell securities it has committed to purchase before those securities are delivered to that Fund on the settlement date. In these cases a Fund may realize a taxable capital gain or loss. When a Fund engages in when-issued, forward commitment and delayed settlement transactions, it relies on the other party to consummate the trade. Failure of such party to do so may result in a Fund incurring a loss or missing an opportunity to obtain a price credited to be advantageous.

The market value of the securities underlying a when-issued purchase, forward commitment to purchase securities, or a delayed settlement and any subsequent fluctuations in their market value is taken into account when determining the market value of a Fund starting on the day that Fund agrees to purchase the securities. A Fund does not earn interest on the securities it has committed to purchase until it has paid for and delivered on the settlement date.

## **INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS**

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The Funds have adopted the following investment restrictions that may not be changed without approval by a "majority of the outstanding shares" of each Fund which, as used in this SAI, means the vote of the lesser of (a) 67% or more of the shares of that Fund represented at a meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares of that Fund are present or represented by proxy, or (b) more than 50% of the outstanding shares of that Fund.

1. **Borrowing Money**. The Funds will not borrow money, except: (a) from a bank, provided that immediately after such borrowing there is an asset coverage of 300% for all borrowings of the Funds; or (b) from a bank or other persons for temporary purposes only, provided that such temporary borrowings are in an amount not exceeding 5% of the Funds' total assets at the time when the borrowing is made.

2. **Senior Securities**. The Funds will not issue senior securities. This limitation is not applicable to activities that may be deemed to involve the issuance or sale of a senior security by the Funds, provided that the Funds' engagement in such

activities is consistent with or permitted by the 1940 Act, the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder or interpretations of the SEC or its staff.

3. Underwriting. The Funds will not act as underwriter of securities issued by other persons. This limitation is not applicable to the extent that, in connection with the disposition of portfolio securities (including restricted securities), the Funds may be deemed an underwriter under certain federal securities laws.

4. Real Estate. The Funds will not purchase or sell real estate. This limitation is not applicable to investments in marketable securities that are secured by or represent interests in real estate. This limitation does not preclude the Funds from investing in mortgage-related securities or investing in companies engaged in the real estate business or that have a significant portion of their assets in real estate (including real estate investment trusts).

5. Commodities. The Funds will not purchase or sell commodities unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities or other investments. This limitation does not preclude the Funds from purchasing or selling options or futures contracts, from investing in securities or other instruments backed by commodities or from investing in companies, which are engaged in a commodities business or have a significant portion of their assets in commodities.

6. Loans. The Funds will not make loans to other persons, except: (a) by loaning portfolio securities; (b) by engaging in repurchase agreements; or (c) by purchasing nonpublicly offered debt securities. For purposes of this limitation, the term "loans" shall not include the purchase of a portion of an issue of publicly distributed bonds, debentures or other securities.

7. Concentration. The Funds will not invest 25% or more of its total assets in a particular industry or group of industries. The Funds will not invest 25% or more of its total assets in any investment company that concentrates. This limitation is not applicable to investments in obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies and instrumentalities or repurchase agreements with respect thereto.

8. Diversification. The Funds will invest in the securities of any issuer only if, immediately after such investment, at least 75% of the value of the total assets of the Funds will be invested in cash and cash items (including receivables), Government securities, securities of other investment companies, and other securities for the purposes of this calculation limited in respect of any one issuer to an amount (determined immediately after the latest acquisition of securities of the issuer) not greater in value than 5% of the value of the total assets of the Funds and to not more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer.

**THE FOLLOWING ARE ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT LIMITATIONS OF THE FUNDS. THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS ARE DESIGNATED AS NON-FUNDAMENTAL AND MAY BE CHANGED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF SHAREHOLDERS.**

1. Pledging. The Funds will not mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or in any manner transfer, as security for indebtedness, any assets of the Funds except as may be necessary in connection with borrowings described in limitation (1) above. Margin deposits, security interests, liens and collateral arrangements with respect to transactions involving options, futures contracts, short sales and other permitted investments and techniques are not deemed to be a mortgage, pledge or hypothecation of assets for purposes of this limitation.

2. Borrowing. The Funds will not purchase any security while borrowings representing more than one third of its total assets are outstanding.

3. Margin Purchases. The Funds will not purchase securities or evidences of interest thereon on "margin." This limitation is not applicable to short-term credit obtained by the Funds for the clearance of purchases and sales or redemption of securities, or to arrangements with respect to transactions involving options, or futures contracts, short sales and other permitted investment techniques.

4. Illiquid Investments. No Fund will invest more than 15% or more of its net assets in securities for which there are legal or contractual restrictions on resale and other illiquid securities.

5. 80% Investment Policy. The Pacific Financial Core Equity Fund has adopted a policy to invest at least 80% of its assets (defined as net assets plus the amount of any borrowing for investment purposes) in equity securities. Shareholders of the Fund will be provided with at least 60 days' prior notice of any change in the Fund's policy. The notice will be provided in

a separate written document containing the following, or similar, statement, in boldface type: “Important Notice Regarding Change in Investment Policy.” The statement will also appear on the envelope in which the notice is delivered, unless the notice is delivered separately from other communications to the shareholder.

If a restriction on the Funds’ investments is adhered to at the time an investment is made, a subsequent change in the percentage of the Funds’ assets invested in certain securities or other instruments, or change in average duration of the Funds’ investment portfolio, resulting from changes in the value of the Funds’ total assets, will not be considered a violation of the restriction; provided, however, that the asset coverage requirement applicable to borrowings shall be maintained in the manner contemplated by applicable law.

## **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR DISCLOSURE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS**

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The Trust has adopted policies and procedures that govern the disclosure of the Funds’ portfolio holdings. These policies and procedures are designed to ensure that such disclosure is in the best interests of the Funds’ shareholders.

It is the Trust’s policy to: (1) ensure that any disclosure of portfolio holdings information is in the best interest of Trust shareholders; (2) protect the confidentiality of portfolio holdings information; (3) have procedures in place to guard against personal trading based on the information; and (4) ensure that the disclosure of portfolio holdings information does not create conflicts between the interests of the Trust’s shareholders and those of the Trust’s affiliates.

The Funds disclose their portfolio holdings by mailing its annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders approximately two months after the end of the fiscal year and semi-annual period. In addition, the Funds disclose their portfolio holdings reports on Forms N-CSR and Form N-Q two months after the end of each quarter/semi-annual period.

From time to time, the Fund may make month-end portfolio holdings information available on its website at [www.TPFG.com](http://www.TPFG.com). The Funds may also choose to make portfolio holdings information available to rating agencies such as Lipper, Morningstar or Bloomberg earlier and more frequently than quarterly on a confidential basis.

Under limited circumstances, as described below, the Funds’ portfolio holdings may be disclosed to, or known by, certain third parties in advance of their filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form N-CSR or Form N-Q. In each case, a determination has been made that such advance disclosure is supported by a legitimate business purpose and that the recipient is subject to a duty to keep the information confidential.

- **The Adviser.** Personnel of the Adviser, including personnel responsible for managing the Funds’ portfolios, may have full daily access to the Funds’ portfolio holdings because that information is necessary in order for the Adviser to provide their management, administrative, and investment services to the Funds. As required for purposes of analyzing the impact of existing and future market changes on the prices, availability, demand and liquidity of such securities, as well as for the assistance of portfolio managers in the trading of such securities, Adviser personnel may also release and discuss certain portfolio holdings with various broker-dealers.
- **Gemini Fund Services, LLC.** Gemini Fund Services, LLC is the transfer agent, fund accountant and administrator for the Funds; therefore, its personnel have full daily access to the Funds’ portfolio holdings because that information is necessary in order for them to provide the agreed-upon services for the Trust.
- **The Bank of New York Mellon.** The Bank of New York Mellon is the custodian for the Funds; therefore, its personnel have full daily access to the Funds’ portfolio holdings because that information is necessary in order for them to provide the agreed-upon services for the Trust.
- **Cohen & Company, Ltd..** Cohen & Company, Ltd. is the Funds’ independent registered public accounting firm; therefore, its personnel have access to the Funds’ portfolio holdings in connection with auditing of the Funds’ annual financial statements and providing assistance and consultation in connection with SEC filings.
- **Thompson Hine LLP.** Thompson Hine LLP is counsel to the Funds; therefore, its personnel have access to the Funds’ portfolio holdings in connection with the review of the Funds’ annual and semi-annual shareholder reports and SEC filings.

- **Counsel to the Independent Trustees.** Counsel to the Fund's Independent Trustees and its personnel have access to the Fund's portfolio holdings in connection with review of the Fund's annual and semi-annual shareholder reports and SEC filings.

### **Additions to List of Approved Recipients**

The Trust's Chief Compliance Officer is the person responsible, and whose prior approval is required, for any disclosure of the Funds' portfolio securities at any time or to any persons other than those described above. In such cases, the recipient must have a legitimate business need for the information and must be subject to a duty to keep the information confidential. There are no ongoing arrangements in place with respect to the disclosure of portfolio holdings. In no event shall the Funds, the Adviser or any other party receive any direct or indirect compensation in connection with the disclosure of information about the Funds' portfolio holdings.

### **Compliance With Portfolio Holdings Disclosure Procedures**

The Trust's Chief Compliance Officer will report periodically to the Board with respect to compliance with the Funds' portfolio holdings disclosure procedures, and from time to time will provide the Board any updates to the portfolio holdings disclosure policies and procedures.

There is no assurance that the Trust's policies on disclosure of portfolio holdings will protect the Funds from the potential misuse of holdings information by individuals or firms in possession of that information.

## **MANAGEMENT**

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The business of the Trust is managed under the direction of the Board in accordance with the Agreement and Declaration of Trust and the Trust's By-laws (the "Governing Documents"), which have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and are available upon request. The Board consists of seven (7) individuals, six (6) of whom are not "interested persons" (as defined under the 1940 Act) of the Trust or any investment adviser to any series of the Trust ("Independent Trustees"). Pursuant to the Governing Documents of the Trust, the Trustees shall elect officers including a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Principal Executive Officer and a Principal Accounting Officer. The Board retains the power to conduct, operate and carry on the business of the Trust and has the power to incur and pay any expenses, which, in the opinion of the Board, are necessary or incidental to carry out any of the Trust's purposes. The Trustees, officers, employees and agents of the Trust, when acting in such capacities, shall not be subject to any personal liability except for his or her own bad faith, willful misfeasance, gross negligence or reckless disregard of his or her duties. Following is a list of the Trustees and executive officers of the Trust and their principal occupation over the last five years. Unless otherwise noted, the address of each Trustee and Officer is 17605 Wright Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68130.

### **Board Leadership Structure**

The Trust is led by Anthony Hertl, an Independent Trustee, who has served as the Chairman of the Board since July 2013. The Board of Trustees is comprised of Mr. Hertl, five (5) additional Independent Trustees, and one (1) Interested Trustee. Andrew Rogers, the Interested Trustee, was the Chief Executive Officer of Gemini Fund Services, LLC. Additionally, under certain 1940 Act governance guidelines that apply to the Trust, the Independent Trustees will meet in executive session, at least quarterly. Under the Trust's Agreement and Declaration of Trust and By-Laws, the Chairman of the Board is responsible for (a) presiding at board meetings, (b) calling special meetings on an as-needed basis, (c) execution and administration of Trust policies including (i) setting the agendas for board meetings and (ii) providing information to board members in advance of each board meeting and between board meetings. Generally, the Trust believes it best to have a non-executive Chairman of the Board, who together with the President (principal executive officer), are seen by our shareholders, business partners and other stakeholders as providing strong leadership. The Trust believes that its Chairman, the independent chair of the Audit Committee, and, as an entity, the full Board of Trustees, provide effective leadership that is in the best interests of the Trust, its Funds and each shareholder.

## **Board Risk Oversight**

The Board of Trustees has a standing independent Audit Committee with a separate chair, Mark H. Taylor. The Board is responsible for overseeing risk management, and the full Board regularly engages in discussions of risk management and receives compliance reports that inform its oversight of risk management from its Chief Compliance Officer at quarterly meetings and on an ad hoc basis, when and if necessary. The Audit Committee considers financial and reporting risk within its area of responsibilities. Generally, the Board believes that its oversight of material risks is adequately maintained through the compliance-reporting chain where the Chief Compliance Officer is the primary recipient and communicator of such risk-related information.

## **Trustee Qualifications**

Generally, the Trust believes that each Trustee is competent to serve because of their individual overall merits including: (i) experience, (ii) qualifications, (iii) attributes and (iv) skills. Mr. Hertl has over 20 years of business experience in financial services industry and related fields including serving as chair of the finance committee for the Borough of Interlaken, New Jersey and Vice President-Finance and Administration of Marymount College, holds a Certified Public Accountant designation, serves or has served as a member of other mutual fund boards outside of the Fund Complex and possesses a strong understanding of the regulatory framework under which investment companies must operate based on his years of service to this Board and other fund boards. Gary W. Lanzen has over 20 years of business experience in the financial services industry, holds a Master's degree in Education Administration, is a Certified Financial Planner ("CFP"), serves as a member of two other mutual fund boards outside of the Fund Complex and possesses a strong understanding of the regulatory framework under which investment companies must operate based on his years of service to this Board and other mutual fund boards. Mark H. Taylor has over twenty-five years of academic and professional experience in the accounting and auditing fields which makes him particularly qualified to serve as the Trust's Audit Committee Chair. He holds PhD, Master's and Bachelor's degrees in Accounting and is a licensed Certified Public Accountant. Taylor Chairs the Department of Accountancy in the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University and is the Andrew D. Braden Professor of Accounting and Auditing. Commenting August 2017, Taylor is serving a three-year term as Vice President-Finance on the Board of Directors of the American Accounting Association (AAA). From 2012 to 2015, he served a 3-year term as President of Auditing Section of the AAA (Vice-President 2012-2013, President 2013-2014, and Past President (2014-2015). Taylor serves as a member of two other mutual fund boards within the Northern Lights Fund Complex, and completed a fellowship in the Professional Practice Group of the Office of the Chief Accountant at the headquarters of the United States Securities Exchange Commission. He also served a three-year term on the AICPA's Auditing Standards Board (2010-2012). Taylor is a member of two research teams that recently received grants from the Center for Audit Quality to study how auditors manage the process of auditing fair value measurements in financial statements and how accounting firms' tone-at-the top messaging impacts audit performance. Taylor teaches corporate governance and accounting policy as well as auditing and assurance services and possesses a strong understanding of the regulatory framework under which investment companies operate. John V. Palancia has over 30 years of business experience in financial services industry including serving as the Director of Futures Operations for Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc. Mr. Palancia holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics. He also possesses a strong understanding of risk management, balance sheet analysis and the regulatory framework under which regulated financial entities must operate based on service to Merrill Lynch. Additionally, he is well versed in the regulatory framework under which investment companies must operate and serves as a member of three other fund boards. Andrew Rogers has more than 20 years of experience in the financial services industry and served as the President of the Trust from 2006 to 2017. Mr. Rogers was the Chief Executive Officer of Gemini Fund Services, LLC from 2012 until April 2017. Prior to joining Gemini Fund Services, LLC, he served in executive roles at J.P. Morgan Chase and Co. and Alliance Capital Management Holdings L.P. as Financial Reporting Manager. Mr. Rogers holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Mark D. Gersten has more than 30 years of experience in the financial services industry, having served in executive roles at AllianceBernstein LP and holding key industry positions at Prudential-Bache Securities and PriceWaterhouseCoopers. He also serves as a member of two other mutual fund boards outside of the Fund Complex. Mr. Gersten is a certified public accountant and holds an MBA in accounting. Like other trustees, his experience has given him a strong understanding of the regulatory framework under which investment companies operate. Mark S. Garbin has more than 30 years of experience in corporate balance sheet and income statement risk management for large asset managers, serving as Managing Principal of Coherent Capital Management LLC since 2007. Mr. Garbin has extensive derivatives experience and has provided consulting services to alternative asset managers. He is both a Chartered Financial Analyst and Professional Risk Manager charterholder and holds advanced degrees in international business. The Trust does not believe any one factor is determinative in assessing a Trustee's qualifications, but that the collective experience of each Trustee makes them each highly qualified.

The following is a list of the Trustees and executive officers of the Trust and each person's principal occupation over the last five years. Unless otherwise noted, the address of each Trustee and Officer is 17605 Wright Street, Suite 2, Omaha, Nebraska 68130.

**Independent Trustees**

<b>Name, Address and Year of Birth</b>	<b>Position/Term of Office**</b>	<b>Principal Occupation During the Past Five Years</b>	<b>Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex*** Overseen by Trustee</b>	<b>Other Directorships held by Trustee During the Past Five Years</b>
Mark Garbin Born in 1951	Trustee Since 2013	Managing Principal, Coherent Capital Management LLC (since 2007).	8	Northern Lights Fund Trust (for series not affiliated with the Funds since 2013); Two Roads Shared Trust (since 2012); Forethought Variable Insurance Trust (since 2013); Northern Lights Variable Trust (since 2013); OHA Mortgage Strategies Fund (offshore), Ltd. (since 2014); Altegris KKR Commitments Master Fund (since 2014)
Mark D. Gersten Born in 1950	Trustee Since 2013	Independent Consultant (since 2012)	8	Northern Lights Fund Trust (for series not affiliated with the Funds since 2013); Northern Lights Variable Trust (since 2013); Two Roads Shared Trust (since 2012); Altegris KKR Commitments Master Fund (since 2014); Ramius Archview Credit and Distressed Fund (since 2015); previously, Schroder Global Series Trust (2012 to 02-2017)
Anthony J. Hertl Born in 1950	Trustee Since 2005; Chairman of the Board since 2013	Consultant to small and emerging businesses (since 2000).	8	Northern Lights Fund Trust (for series not affiliated with the Funds since 2005); Alternative Strategies Fund (since 2010); Satuit Capital Management Trust (since 2007); Northern Lights Variable Trust (since 2006); previously, AdvisorOne Funds (2004-2013); The World Funds Trust (2010-2013)
Gary W. Lanzen Born in 1954	Trustee Since 2005	Retired since 2012. Formerly, Founder, President, and Chief Investment Officer, Orizon Investment Counsel, Inc.	8	Northern Lights Fund Trust (for series not affiliated with the Funds since 2005); AdvisorOne Funds (since 2003); Alternative Strategies

		(2000-2012).		Fund (since 2010); Northern Lights Variable Trust (since 2006); previously, CLA Strategic Allocation Fund (2014-2015)
John V. Palancia Born in 1954	Trustee Since 2011	Retired since 2011.	8	Northern Lights Fund Trust (for series not affiliated with the Funds since 2011); Northern Lights Variable Trust (since 2011); Northern Lights Fund Trust III (since 2012); Alternative Strategies Fund (since 2012)
Mark H. Taylor Born in 1964	Trustee Since 2007; Chairman of the Audit Committee since 2013	Andrew D. Braden Professor of Accounting and Auditing, Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University (since 2009); President, Auditing Section of the American Accounting Association (2012-2015)	8	Northern Lights Fund Trust (for series not affiliated with the Fund since 2007); Northern Lights Variable Trust (since 2007); Northern Lights Fund Trust III (since 2012); Alternative Strategies Fund (since 2010);

***Interested Trustees and Officers***

<b>Name, Address and Year of Birth</b>	<b>Position/Term of Office**</b>	<b>Principal Occupation During the Past Five Years</b>	<b>Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex***</b>	<b>Other Directorships held by Trustee During the Past Five Years</b>
Andrew Rogers* 80 Arkay Drive Hauppauge, NY 11788 Born in 1969	Trustee Since 2013****	President of the Trust (2006-May 2017); Chief Executive Officer, Gemini Alternative Funds, LLC (2013 – April 2017); Chief Executive Officer, Gemini Hedge Fund Services, LLC (2013 – April 2017); Chief Executive Officer, Gemini Fund Services, LLC (2012 – April 2017); President and Manager, Gemini Fund Services, LLC (2006 – 2012)	8	Northern Lights Fund Trust (for series not affiliated with the Funds since 2013); Northern Lights Variable Trust (since 2013)

Kevin E. Wolf 80 Arkay Drive Hauppauge, NY 11788 Born in 1969	President Since May 2017	President, Gemini Fund Services, LLC (since 2012); Treasurer of the Trust (2006-2017); Director of Fund Administration, Gemini Fund Services, LLC (2006 - 2012); and Vice-President, Blu Giant, (2004 - 2013).	N/A	N/A
James Colantino 80 Arkay Drive Hauppauge, NY 11788 Born in 1969	Treasurer Since May 2017	Assistant Treasurer of the Trust (2006-2017); Senior Vice President - Fund Administration (2012-Present)	N/A	N/A
Stephanie Shearer 80 Arkay Drive Hauppauge, NY 11788 Born in 1979	Secretary Since March 2017	Assistant Secretary of the Trust (2012-2017); Senior Paralegal, Gemini Fund Services, LLC (since 2013); Paralegal, Gemini Fund Services, LLC (2010-2013)	N/A	N/A
Lynn Bowley 17605 Wright Street Suite 2, Omaha, NE 68130 Born in 1958	Chief Compliance Officer Since 2007	Senior Compliance Officer of Northern Lights Compliance Services, LLC (since 2007).	N/A	N/A

\*Andrew Rogers resigned from his position as President of the Trust effective June 1, 2017.

\*\*The term of office for each Trustee and officer listed above will continue indefinitely until the individual resigns or is removed.

\*\*\*As of May 31, 2017, the Trust was comprised of 83 active portfolios managed by unaffiliated investment advisers. The term "Fund Complex" applies only to the Funds. The Funds do not hold themselves out as related to any other series within the Trust for investment purposes, nor do they share the same investment adviser with any other series.

\*\*\*\*Andrew Rogers is an "Interested Trustee" of the Trust as that term is defined under the 1940 Act, because of his affiliation with Gemini Fund Services, LLC, the Trust's Administrator, Fund Accountant and Transfer Agent.

### **Board Committees**

#### **Audit Committee**

The Board has an Audit Committee that consists of all the Trustees who are not "interested persons" of the Trust within the meaning of the 1940 Act. The Audit Committee's responsibilities include: (i) recommending to the Board the selection, retention or termination of the Trust's independent auditors; (ii) reviewing with the independent auditors the scope, performance and anticipated cost of their audit; (iii) discussing with the independent auditors certain matters relating to the Trust's financial statements, including any adjustment to such financial statements recommended by such independent auditors, or any other results of any audit; (iv) reviewing on a periodic basis a formal written statement from the independent auditors with respect to their independence, discussing with the independent auditors any relationships or services disclosed in the statement that may impact the objectivity and independence of the Trust's independent auditors and recommending that the Board take appropriate action in response thereto to satisfy itself of the auditor's independence; and (v) considering the comments of the independent auditors and management's responses thereto with respect to the quality and adequacy of the Trust's accounting and financial reporting policies and practices and internal controls. The Audit committee operates pursuant to an Audit Committee Charter. The Audit Committee is responsible for seeking and reviewing nominee candidates for

consideration as Independent Trustees as is from time to time considered necessary or appropriate. The Audit Committee generally will not consider shareholder nominees. The Audit Committee is also responsible for reviewing and setting Independent Trustee compensation from time to time when considered necessary or appropriate. During the past fiscal year, the Audit Committee held twelve meetings.

Compensation

Effective January 1, 2017, each Trustee who is not affiliated with the Trust or an investment adviser to any series of the Trust will receive a quarterly fee of \$35,875, allocated among each of the various portfolios comprising the Trust, for his attendance at the regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Trustees, to be paid in advance of each calendar quarter, as well as reimbursement for any reasonable expenses incurred. Previously, each Trustee who is not affiliated with the Trust or an investment adviser to any series of the Trust received a quarterly fee of \$32,162.50. In addition to the quarterly fees and reimbursements, the Chairman of the Board receives a quarterly fee of \$8,200 and the Audit Committee Chairman receives a quarterly fee of \$6,150.

Additionally, in the event a meeting of the Board of Trustees other than its regularly scheduled meetings (a “Special Meeting”) is required, each Independent Trustee will receive a fee of \$2,500 per Special Meeting, as well as reimbursement for any reasonable expenses incurred, to be paid by the relevant series of the Trust or its investment adviser depending on the circumstances necessitating the Special Meeting.

The “interested persons” who serve as Trustees of the Trust receive no compensation for their services as Trustees. None of the executive officers receive compensation from the Trust.

The table below details the amount of compensation the Trustees received from the Trust during the fiscal year ended April 30, 2017. Each Independent Trustee attended all quarterly meetings during the period. The Trust does not have a bonus, profit sharing, pension or retirement plan.

<b>Name and Position</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Core Equity Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Explorer Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial International Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Strategic Conservative Fund</b>	<b>Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued as Part of Fund Expenses</b>	<b>Estimated Annual Benefits Upon Retirement</b>	<b>Total Compensation From Fund Complex**** Paid to Trustees</b>
Anthony J. Hertl	\$1,811	\$1,811	\$1,811	\$1,811	None	None	\$7,244
Gary Lanzen	\$1,525	\$1,525	\$1,525	\$1,525	None	None	\$6,100
Mark Taylor	\$1,621	\$1,621	\$1,621	\$1,621	None	None	\$6,484
John V. Palancia	\$1,525	\$1,525	\$1,525	\$1,525	None	None	\$6,100
Andrew Rogers*	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Mark D. Gersten**	\$1,525	\$1,525	\$1,525	\$1,525	None	None	\$6,100
Mark Garbin**	\$1,525	\$1,525	\$1,525	\$1,525	None	None	\$6,100

<b>Name and Position</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Tactical Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Faith &amp; Values Based Moderate Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Flexible Growth &amp; Income Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Dynamic Allocation Fund</b>	<b>Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued as Part of Fund Expenses</b>	<b>Estimated Annual Benefits Upon Retirement</b>	<b>Total Compensation From Fund Complex**** Paid to Trustees</b>
Anthony J. Hertl	\$1,811	\$1,811	\$1,811	\$1,811	None	None	\$7,244
Gary Lanzen	\$1,525	\$1,525	\$1,525	\$1,525	None	None	\$6,100
Mark Taylor	\$1,621	\$1,621	\$1,621	\$1,621	None	None	\$6,484
John V. Palancia	\$1,525	\$1,525	\$1,525	\$1,525	None	None	\$6,100
Andrew Rogers*	None	None	None	None	None	None	None

Mark D. Gersten**	\$1,525	\$1,525	\$1,525	\$1,525	None	None	\$6,100
Mark Garbin**	\$1,525	\$1,525	\$1,525	\$1,525	None	None	\$6,100

\* This Trustee is deemed to be an 'interested person' as defined in the 1940 Act as a result of his affiliation with Gemini Fund Services, LLC (the Trust's Administrator, Transfer Agent and Fund Accountant)

\*\* Elected as a Trustee in September 2013

\*\*\* There are currently multiple series comprising the Trust. Trustees' fees are allocated equitably among the series in the Trust.

\*\*\*\* The term "Fund Complex" includes series of the Northern Lights Fund Trust ("NLFT"), Northern Lights Variable Trust ("NLVT") that are advised by the adviser. There are currently multiple series comprising the Trust. Trustees' fees are allocated equitably among the series in the Trust

### Trustee Ownership

The following table indicates the dollar range of equity securities that each Trustee beneficially owned in the Fund as of December 31, 2016.

Name of Trustee	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in All Registered Investment Companies Overseen by Trustee in Family of Investment Companies
Anthony J. Hertl	None	None
Gary Lanzen	None	None
John V. Palancia	None	None
Andrew Rogers*	None	None
Mark Taylor	None	None
Mark D. Gersten	None	None
Mark Garbin	None	None

\* This Trustee is deemed to be an 'interested person' as defined in the 1940 Act as a result of his affiliation with Gemini Fund Services, LLC (the Trust's Administrator, Transfer Agent and Fund Accountant).

### **Management Ownership**

As of August 17, 2017 the Trustees, as a group, owned less than 1.00% of the Funds' outstanding shares and 1.00% of the Fund Complex's outstanding shares.

### **CONTROL PERSONS AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS**

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, either directly or indirectly, more than 25% of the voting securities of a fund or acknowledges the existence of such control. As of August 17, 2017, the following shareholders were considered to be either a control person or principal shareholder of the Fund:

<b>Core Equity Fund</b>	<b>Total Shares</b>	<b>% Shares</b>
<i>Investor Shares</i> Charles Schwab 101 Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94104-4122	13,262,609	26.11%
TD Ameritrade INC for the Exclusive PO BOX 2226 Omaha NE 68103	4,144,804	8.16%
<i>Institutional Shares</i> Charles Schwab 101 Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94104-4122	249,759	6.75%
<b>Explorer Fund</b>	<b>Total Shares</b>	<b>% Shares</b>

<i>Investor Shares</i> Charles Schwab 101 Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94104-4122	3,819,618	26.15%
TD Ameritrade INC for the Exclusive PO BOX 2226 Omaha NE 68103	1,217,133	8.33%
<i>Institutional Class</i> Charles Schwab 101 Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94104-4122	78,770	6.13%
<b>International Fund</b>	<b>Total Shares</b>	<b>% Shares</b>
<i>Investor Shares</i> Charles Schwab 101 Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94104-4122	3,116,910	23.23%
TD Ameritrade INC for the Exclusive PO BOX 2226 Omaha NE 68103	848,555	6.33%
<b>Strategic Conservative Fund</b>	<b>Total Shares</b>	<b>% Shares</b>
<i>Institutional Shares</i> Charles Schwab 101 Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94104-4122	48,717	6.43%
<i>Investor Shares</i> Charles Schwab 101 Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94104-4122	1,991,862	26.01%
TD Ameritrade INC for the Exclusive PO BOX 2226 Omaha NE 68103	606,223	7.91%
<b>Tactical Fund</b>	<b>Total Shares</b>	<b>% Shares</b>
<i>Investor Shares</i> Charles Schwab 101 Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94104-4122	2,345,575	26.28%
TD Ameritrade INC for the Exclusive PO BOX 2226 Omaha NE 68103	783,589	8.78%
<b>Faith &amp; Values Fund</b>		<b>% Shares</b>
<i>Investor Shares</i> TD Ameritrade INC for the Exclusive PO BOX 2226 Omaha NE 68103	220,909	20.16%
Charles Schwab 101 Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94104-4122	167,610	15.29%

NFS LLC 2663 Oak Trail Oxford, MI 48371	57,780	5.27%
<b>Dynamic Allocation Fund</b>		
<i>Institutional Shares</i> Charles Schwab and CO 101 Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94104	229,482	8.86%
<i>Investor Shares</i> Charles Schwab and Co. 101 Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94104	8,984,053	23.35%
TD Ameritrade Inc. P.O Box 2226 Omaha, NE 68103	2,710,615	7.05%
<b>Flexible Growth and Income Fund</b>		
<i>Institutional Shares</i> Charles Schwab and Co. 101 Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94104	84,950	8.60%
<i>Investor Shares</i> Charles Schwab & Co. 101 Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94104	3,355,347	24.32%
TD Ameritrade Inc. P.O Box 2226 Omaha, NE 68103	1,076,755	7.80%

## **INVESTMENT ADVISER**

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### **Investment Adviser and Advisory Agreement**

The Adviser of the Funds is The Pacific Financial Group, Inc., located at 777 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Suite 2100, Bellevue, WA 98004. Pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreements with the Trust, on behalf of the Funds (together, the "Advisory Agreements"), the Adviser, subject to the supervision of the Board of the Trust, and in conformity with the stated policies of the Funds, manages the operations of the Funds. James C. and Joan McClendon are the controlling shareholders of the Adviser.

Pursuant to an operating expense limitation agreement between the Adviser and the trust, on behalf of the Pacific Financial Faith & Values Based Moderate Fund only, the Adviser has agreed to limit its operating expenses to ensure that Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses ((excluding any front-end or contingent deferred loads, brokerage fees and commissions, acquired fund fees and expenses, fees and expenses associated with instruments in other collective investment vehicles or derivative instruments (including for example options and swap fees and expenses), borrowing costs (such as interest and dividend expense on securities sold short), taxes, expenses incurred in connection with any merger or reorganization, and extraordinary expenses, such as litigation expenses (which may include indemnification of Fund officers and Trustees and contractual indemnification of Fund service providers (other than the adviser)) for the Fund do not exceed 3.00% and 2.25%, of the Fund's average net assets for Investor Class and Institutional Class, respectively, through August 31, 2018, and then 5.00% and 4.25% for Investor Class and Institutional Class, respectively, adjusted annually of the average daily net assets through August 31, 2024, subject to possible recoupment from the Fund in future years on a rolling three year basis (within the three fiscal years after the fees have been waived or reimbursed) if such recoupment can be achieved within the foregoing expense limits. Fee waiver and reimbursement arrangements can decrease the Fund's expenses and boost its performance.

Under the Advisory Agreements, the Adviser, under the supervision of the Board, agrees to invest the assets of the Funds in accordance with applicable law and the investment objective, policies and restrictions set forth in the Funds' current Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information, and subject to such further limitations as the Trust may from time to time impose by written notice to the Adviser. The Adviser shall act as the investment adviser to the Funds and, as such shall (i) obtain and evaluate such information relating to the economy, industries, business, securities markets and securities as it may deem necessary or useful in discharging its responsibilities here under; (ii) formulate a continuing program for the investment of the assets of the Funds in a manner consistent with its investment objectives, policies and restrictions; and (iii) determine from time to time securities to be purchased, sold, retained or lent by the Funds, and implement those decisions, including the selection of entities with or through which such purchases, sales or loans are to be effected; provided, however, that the Adviser will place orders pursuant to its investment determinations either directly with the issuer or with a broker or dealer, and if with a broker or dealer, (a) will attempt to obtain the best price and execution of its orders, and (b) may nevertheless in its discretion purchase and sell portfolio securities from and to brokers who provide the Adviser with research, analysis, advice and similar services and pay such brokers in return a higher commission or spread than may be charged by other brokers. The Adviser also provides the Funds with all necessary office facilities and personnel for servicing the Funds' investments, compensates all officers, Trustees and employees of the Trust who are officers, directors or employees of the Adviser, and all personnel of the Funds or the Adviser performing services relating to research, statistical and investment activities.

The following table sets forth the annual management fee rate payable by the Funds to the Adviser pursuant to the Advisory Agreements, expressed as a percentage of each Fund's average daily net assets, computed daily and payable monthly:

<b>FUND</b>	<b>TOTAL MANAGEMENT FEE</b>
Core Equity Fund	1.00%
Explorer Fund	1.00%
International Fund	1.00%
Strategic Conservative Fund	0.75%
Tactical Fund	1.00%
Faith & Values Based Moderate Fund	1.00%
Flexible Growth & Income	1.00%
Dynamic Allocation Fund	1.00%

The following table displays the advisory fees that were paid by the Funds during the fiscal period ended April 30, 2015:

<b>FUND</b>	<b>Advisory Fees Paid</b>	<b>Advisory Fees Recaptured</b>
Core Equity Fund	\$2,572,817	\$0
Explorer Fund	\$1,501,756	\$0
International Fund	\$381,266	\$0
Strategic Conservative Fund	\$1,359,579	\$0
Tactical Fund	\$339,022	\$0
Faith & Values Based Moderate Fund	\$17,768	\$0

The following table displays the advisory fees that were paid by the Funds during the fiscal period ended April 30, 2016:

<b>FUND</b>	<b>Advisory Fees Paid</b>	<b>Advisory Fees Recaptured</b>
Core Equity Fund	\$3,192,948	\$0
Explorer Fund	\$2,106,360	\$0
International Fund	\$590,933	\$0
Strategic Conservative Fund	\$1,288,168	\$0
Tactical Fund	\$742,420	\$0
Faith & Values Based Moderate Fund	\$79,761	\$0
Dynamic Allocation Fund	\$786,367	\$0

Flexible Growth & Income Fund	\$272,591	\$0
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The following table displays the advisory fees that were paid by the Funds during the fiscal period ended April 30, 2017:

FUND	Advisory Fees Paid	Advisory Fees Recaptured
Core Equity Fund	\$4,154,729	\$0
Explorer Fund	\$1,464,641	\$0
International Fund	\$680,153	\$0
Strategic Conservative Fund	\$526,367	\$0
Tactical Fund	\$1,059,884	\$0
Faith & Values Based Moderate Fund	\$108,940	\$0
Dynamic Allocation Fund	\$3,349,671	\$0
Flexible Growth & Income Fund	\$1,137,940	\$0

Expenses not expressly assumed by the Adviser under the Advisory Agreement are paid by the Funds. Under the terms of the Advisory Agreements, each Fund is responsible for the payment of the following expenses among others: (a) the fees payable to the Adviser; (b) the fees and expenses of Trustees who are not affiliated persons of the Adviser or Distributor (as defined under the section entitled "The Distributor"); (c) the fees and certain expenses of the Custodian (as defined under the section entitled "Custodian") and Transfer and Dividend Disbursing Agent (as defined under the section entitled "Transfer Agent"), including the cost of maintaining certain required records of the Fund and of pricing the Fund's shares; (d) the charges and expenses of legal counsel and independent accountants for the Fund; (e) brokerage commissions and any issue or transfer taxes chargeable to the Fund in connection with its securities transactions; (f) all taxes and corporate fees payable by the Fund to governmental agencies; (g) the fees of any trade association of which the Trust may be a member; (h) the cost of fidelity and liability insurance; (i) the fees and expenses involved in registering and maintaining registration of the Fund and of its shares with the SEC, qualifying its shares under state securities laws, including the preparation and printing of the Fund's registration statements and prospectuses for such purposes; (j) all expenses of shareholders and Trustees' meetings (including travel expenses of trustees and officers of the Trust who are directors, officers or employees of the Adviser) and of preparing, printing and mailing reports, proxy statements and prospectuses to shareholders in the amount necessary for distribution to the shareholders; (k) distribution expenses that the Fund is authorized to pay pursuant to its Rule 12b-1 Plan, and (l) litigation and indemnification expenses and other extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Fund's business.

Each Advisory Agreement continued in effect for two (2) years initially and thereafter shall continue from year to year provided such continuance is approved at least annually by (a) a vote of the majority of the Independent Trustees, cast in person at a meeting specifically called for the purpose of voting on such approval and by (b) the majority vote of either all of the Trustees or the vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of each Fund. An Advisory Agreement may be terminated without penalty on 60 days' written notice by a vote of a majority of the Trustees or by the Adviser, or by holders of a majority of that Trust's outstanding shares. An Advisory Agreement shall terminate automatically in the event of its assignment.

### **Codes of Ethics**

The Trust, the Adviser and the Distributor each have adopted codes of ethics under Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act that governs the personal securities transactions of their board members, officers and employees who may have access to current trading information of the Trust. Under the code of ethics adopted by the Trust (the "Code"), the Trustees are permitted to invest in securities that may also be purchased by the Funds.

In addition, the Code, which applies only to the Trust's executive officers to ensure that these officers promote professional conduct in the practice of corporate governance and management. The purpose behind these guidelines is to promote (i) honest and ethical conduct, including the ethical handling of actual or apparent conflicts of interest between personal and professional relationships; (ii) full, fair, accurate, timely, and understandable disclosure in reports and documents that the Trust files with, or submits to, the SEC and in other public communications made by the Funds; (iii) compliance with applicable governmental laws, rule and regulations; (iv) the prompt internal reporting of violations of the Code to an appropriate person or persons identified in the Code; and (v) accountability for adherence to the Code.

### Proxy Voting Policies

The Board has adopted Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures ("Policies") on behalf of the Trust, which delegate the responsibility for voting proxies to the Adviser, subject to the Board's continuing oversight. The Policies require that the Adviser vote proxies received in a manner consistent with the best interests of each Fund and their shareholders. The Policies also require the Adviser to present to the Board, at least annually, the Adviser's Proxy Policies and a record of each proxy voted by the Adviser on behalf of the Funds, including a report on the resolution of all proxies identified by the Adviser as involving a conflict of interest. A copy of the Adviser's proxy voting policies is attached hereto as Appendix A.

*More information.* Information regarding how the Funds voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available (1) without charge, upon request, by calling the Funds at 1-888-451-TPFG and (2) on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's website at <http://www.sec.gov> and will be sent within three business days of receipt of a request.

### **THE DISTRIBUTOR**

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Northern Lights Distributors, LLC (the "Distributor") serves as the principal underwriter and national distributor for the shares of the Trust pursuant to an Underwriting Agreement with the Trust (the "Underwriting Agreement"). The Distributor is registered as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and each state's securities laws and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"). The offering of each Fund's shares is continuous. The Underwriting Agreement provides that the Distributor, as agent in connection with the distribution of a Fund's shares, will use reasonable efforts to facilitate the sale of the Fund's shares.

The Underwriting Agreement provides that, unless sooner terminated, it will continue in effect for two years initially and thereafter shall continue from year to year, subject to annual approval by (a) the Board or a vote of a majority of the outstanding shares, and (b) by a majority of the Trustees who are not interested persons of the Trust or of the Distributor by vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval.

The Underwriting Agreement may be terminated by the Funds at any time, without the payment of any penalty, by vote of a majority of the entire Board of the Trust or by vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of a Fund on 60 days' written notice to the Distributor, or by the Distributor at any time, without the payment of any penalty, on 60 days' written notice to that Fund. The Underwriting Agreement will automatically terminate in the event of its assignment.

The following table sets forth the total compensation received by the Distributor from each Fund during the fiscal year ended April 30, 2015:

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Net Underwriting Discounts and Commissions</i>	<i>Compensation on Redemptions and Repurchases</i>	<i>Brokerage Commissions</i>	<i>Other Compensation</i>
Core Equity Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Explorer Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
International Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Strategic Conservative Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tactical Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Faith & Values Based Moderate Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

The following table sets forth the total compensation received by the Distributor from each Fund during the fiscal year ended April 30, 2016:

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Net Underwriting Discounts and Commissions</i>	<i>Compensation on Redemptions and Repurchases</i>	<i>Brokerage Commissions</i>	<i>Other Compensation</i>
Core Equity Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Explorer Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
International Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Strategic Conservative Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tactical Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Faith & Values Based Moderate Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

The Distributor also received 12b-1 fees from the Funds as described under the following section entitled “Rule 12b-1 Plan”.

The following table sets forth the total compensation received by the Distributor from each Fund during the fiscal year ended April 30, 2017:

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Net Underwriting Discounts and Commissions</i>	<i>Compensation on Redemptions and Repurchases</i>	<i>Brokerage Commissions</i>	<i>Other Compensation</i>
Core Equity Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Explorer Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
International Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Strategic Conservative Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tactical Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Faith & Values Based Moderate Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

#### **Rule 12b-1 Plan**

The Trust, on behalf of the Funds, has adopted Master Distribution and Shareholder Servicing Plans pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act for each of the Fund’s Institutional and Investor Class shares (the "Plans") pursuant to which each Fund, except for Strategic Conservative Fund, is authorized to pay the Distributor, as compensation for Distributor’s account maintenance services under the respective Plans, a distribution and shareholder servicing fee at the rate of up to 0.25% for Institutional Class shares and 1.00% for Investor Class shares of the Fund’s average daily net assets attributable to the relevant class. Strategic Conservative Fund is authorized to pay the Distributor, as compensation for Distributor’s account maintenance services under the respective Plans, a distribution and shareholder servicing fee at the rate of up to 0.25% for Institutional Class shares and 0.75% for Investor Class shares of the Fund’s average daily net assets attributable to the relevant class. Such fees are to be paid by the Fund monthly, or at such other intervals as the Board shall determine. Such fees shall be based upon the Fund’s average daily net assets during the preceding month, and shall be calculated and accrued daily. The Fund may pay fees to the Distributor at a lesser rate, as agreed upon by the Board of Trustees of the Trust and the Distributor. The Plans authorizes payments to the Distributor as compensation for providing account maintenance services to Institutional Class and Investor Class shareholders, respectively, including arranging for certain securities dealers or brokers, administrators and others ("Recipients") to provide these services and paying compensation for these services.

The services to be provided by Recipients may include, but are not limited to, the following: assistance in the offering and sale of Institutional Class and Investor Class and in other aspects of the marketing of the shares to clients or prospective clients of the respective recipients; answering routine inquiries concerning the Fund; assisting in the establishment and maintenance of accounts or sub-accounts in the Funds and in processing purchase and redemption transactions; making the Funds’ investment plan and shareholder services available; and providing such other information and services to investors in shares of the Funds as the Distributor or the Trust, on behalf of the Funds, may reasonably request. The distribution services shall also include any advertising and marketing services provided by or arranged by the Distributor with respect to the Funds.

The following table displays the allocated distribution related fees pursuant to the Institutional Class 12b-1 Plan the Funds paid during the fiscal year-ended April 30, 2015:

	<b>Pacific Financial Core Equity Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Explorer Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial International Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Strategic Conservative Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Tactical Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Faith &amp; Values Based Moderate Fund</b>

Advertising/Marketing	\$6,334	\$3,963	\$887	\$3,138	\$1,207	\$0
Printing/Postage	None	None	None	None	None	None
Payment to distributor	\$11,834	\$7,403	\$1,657	\$5,863	\$2,256	\$0
Payment to dealers	\$110,436	\$69,086	\$15,462	\$54,714	\$21,051	\$0
Compensation to sales personnel	None	None	None	None	None	None
Other	\$3,876	\$2,424	\$542	\$1,920	\$739	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$132,480</b>	<b>\$82,876</b>	<b>\$18,548</b>	<b>\$65,635</b>	<b>\$25,253</b>	<b>\$0</b>

The following table displays the allocated distribution related fees pursuant to the Investor Class 12b-1 Plan the Funds paid during the fiscal year ended April 30, 2015:

	<b>Pacific Financial Core Equity Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Explorer Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial International Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Strategic Conservative Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Tactical Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Faith &amp; Values Based Moderate Fund</b>
Advertising/Marketing	\$87,678	\$55,954	\$14,682	\$52,453	\$11,380	\$10,850
Printing/Postage	None	None	None	None	None	None
Payment to distributor	\$182,491	\$104,538	\$27,431	\$97,998	\$21,261	\$0
Payment to dealers	\$1,702,979	\$975,532	\$255,979	\$914,503	\$198,406	\$0
Compensation to sales personnel	None	None	None	None	None	None
Other	\$69,750	\$34,227	\$8,981	\$32,086	\$6,962	\$6,342
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,042,898</b>	<b>\$1,170,251</b>	<b>\$307,073</b>	<b>\$1,097,040</b>	<b>\$238,009</b>	<b>\$17,768</b>

The following table displays the allocated distribution related fees pursuant to the Institutional Class 12b-1 Plan the Funds paid during the fiscal year-ended April 30, 2016:

	<b>Pacific Financial Core Equity Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Explorer Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial International Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Strategic Conservative Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Tactical Fund</b>
Advertising/Marketing	\$3,382	\$2,359	\$581	\$1,309	\$853
Printing/Postage	None	None	None	None	None
Payment to distributor	\$5,560	\$3,879	\$956	\$2,152	\$1,402
Payment to dealers	\$84,272	\$58,787	\$14,484	\$32,610	\$21,247
Compensation to sales personnel	\$11,569	\$8,070	\$1,988	\$4,477	\$2,917
Other	\$5,340	\$3,669	\$912	\$1,998	\$1,369
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$110,123</b>	<b>\$76,764</b>	<b>\$18,921</b>	<b>\$42,546</b>	<b>\$27,788</b>

	<b>Pacific Financial Faith &amp; Values Based Moderate Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Dynamic Allocation Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Flexible Growth &amp; Income Fund</b>
Advertising/Marketing	\$0	\$677	\$242
Printing/Postage	None	None	None
Payment to distributor	\$0	\$1,112	\$398
Payment to dealers	\$0	\$16,858	\$6,029
Compensation to sales personnel	None	\$2,314	\$828
Other	\$0	\$1,174	\$422
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$22,135</b>	<b>\$7,919</b>

The following table displays the allocated distribution related fees pursuant to the Investor Class 12b-1 Plan the Funds paid during the fiscal year-ended April 30, 2016:

	<b>Pacific Financial Core Equity Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Explorer Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial International Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Strategic Conservative Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Tactical Fund</b>
Advertising/Marketing	\$84,497	\$55,281	\$15,815	\$34,532	\$19,346
Printing/Postage	None	None	None	None	None
Payment to distributor	\$138,908	\$90,879	\$25,998	\$56,768	\$31,803
Payment to dealers	\$2,105,298	\$1,377,369	\$394,032	\$860,381	\$482,009
Compensation to sales personnel	\$289,006	\$189,079	\$54,091	\$118,109	\$66,168
Other	\$126,606	\$82,831	\$23,696	\$51,741	\$28,987
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,744,315</b>	<b>\$1,795,438</b>	<b>\$513,632</b>	<b>\$1,121,531</b>	<b>\$628,312</b>

	<b>Pacific Financial Faith &amp; Values Based Moderate Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Dynamic Allocation Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Flexible Growth &amp; Income Fund</b>
Advertising/Marketing	\$2,447	\$21,320	\$7,359
Printing/Postage	None	None	None
Payment to distributor	\$4,023	\$35,049	\$12,097
Payment to dealers	\$60,976	\$531,206	\$183,345
Compensation to sales personnel	\$8,370	\$72,922	\$25,169
Other	\$3,667	\$31,945	\$11,026
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$79,483</b>	<b>\$692,442</b>	<b>\$238,995</b>

The following table displays the allocated distribution related fees pursuant to the Institutional Class 12b-1 Plan the Funds paid during the fiscal year-ended April 30, 2017:

	<b>Pacific Financial Core Equity Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Explorer Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial International Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Strategic Conservative Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Tactical Fund</b>
Advertising/Marketing	\$4,132	\$1,637	\$573	\$674	\$953
Printing/Postage	\$22	\$9	\$3	\$4	\$5
Payment to distributor	\$7,345	\$2,910	\$1,019	\$1,198	\$1,694
Payment to dealers	\$63,323	\$25,085	\$8,788	\$10,324	\$14,607
Compensation to sales personnel	\$23,073	\$9,140	\$3,202	\$3,762	\$5,322
Other	\$3,127	\$1,213	\$432	\$514	\$693
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$101,022</b>	<b>\$39,994</b>	<b>\$14,017</b>	<b>\$16,476</b>	<b>\$23,274</b>

	<b>Pacific Financial Faith &amp; Values Based Moderate Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Dynamic Allocation Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Flexible Growth &amp; Income Fund</b>
Advertising/Marketing	\$0	\$2,874	\$1,056
Printing/Postage	None	None	None
Payment to distributor	\$0	\$5,110	\$1,877

Payment to dealers	\$0	\$44,051	\$16,180
Compensation to sales personnel	None	\$16,051	\$5,896
Other	\$0	\$2,220	\$814
<b>Total</b>	\$0	\$70,306	\$25,823

The following table displays the allocated distribution related fees pursuant to the Investor Class 12b-1 Plan the Funds paid during the fiscal year ended April 30, 2017:

	<b>Pacific Financial Core Equity Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Explorer Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial International Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Strategic Conservative Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Tactical Fund</b>
Advertising/Marketing	\$153,315	\$53,373	\$25,521	\$19,497	\$39,656
Printing/Postage	\$312	\$312	\$312	\$312	\$312
Payment to distributor	\$272,563	\$94,886	\$45,372	\$34,662	\$70,500
Payment to dealers	\$2,349,755	\$818,012	\$391,150	\$298,818	\$607,782
Compensation to sales personnel	\$856,191	\$298,063	\$142,525	\$108,882	\$221,460
Other	\$118,506	\$40,022	\$19,206	\$14,766	\$29,573
<b>Total</b>	\$3,750,642	\$1,304,668	\$624,086	\$476,937	\$969,283

	<b>Pacific Financial Faith &amp; Values Based Moderate Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Dynamic Allocation Fund</b>	<b>Pacific Financial Flexible Growth &amp; Income Fund</b>
Advertising/Marketing	\$4,130	\$125,377	\$42,432
Printing/Postage	\$312	\$315	\$313
Payment to distributor	\$7,342	\$222,894	\$75,435
Payment to dealers	\$63,298	\$1,921,564	\$650,321
Compensation to sales personnel	\$23,064	\$700,169	\$236,961
Other	\$10,794	\$98,131	\$32,910
<b>Total</b>	\$108,940	\$3,068,450	\$1,038,372

The Distributor is required to provide a written report, at least quarterly, to the Board of Trustees of the Trust, specifying in reasonable detail the amounts expended pursuant to each of the Plans and the purposes for which such expenditures were made. Further, the Distributor will inform the Board of any Rule 12b-1 fees to be paid by the Distributor to recipients.

The initial term of the Plans is one year and this will continue in effect from year to year thereafter, provided such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by a majority of the Board of Trustees of the Trust and a majority of the Trustees who are not "interested persons" of the Trust and do not have a direct or indirect financial interest in the Rule Plans ("Rule 12b-1 Trustees") by votes cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on the Plans. The Plans may be terminated at any time by the Trust or the Funds by vote of a majority of the Rule 12b-1 Trustees or by vote of a majority of the outstanding voting shares of each Fund.

The Plans may not be amended to increase materially the amount of the Distributor's compensation to be paid by the Fund, unless such amendment is approved by the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the affected class of a Fund (as defined in the 1940 Act). All material amendments must be approved by a majority of the Board of Trustees of the Trust and a majority of the Rule 12b-1 Trustees by votes cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on a Rule 12b-1 plan. During the term of each Plan, the selection and nomination of non-interested Trustees of the Trust will be committed to the discretion of current non-interested Trustees. The Distributor will preserve copies of the Plans, any related

agreements, and all reports, for a period of not less than six years from the date of such document and for at least the first two years in an easily accessible place.

Any agreement related to the Plans will be in writing and provide that: (a) it may be terminated by the Trust or the applicable Fund at any time upon sixty days' written notice, without the payment of any penalty, by vote of a majority of the respective Rule 12b-1 Trustees, or by vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Trust or the Fund; (b) it will automatically terminate in the event of its assignment (as defined in the 1940 Act); and (c) it will continue in effect for a period of more than one year from the date of its execution or adoption only so long as such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by a majority of the Board and a majority of the Rule 12b-1 Trustees by votes cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such agreement.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Mr. James C. McClendon, Mr. Keith D. Swanson, Ms. Jennifer L. Enstad, Mr. Eric Neufeld and Julia P. Stewart are the Portfolio Managers of the Funds, and are responsible for the day-to-day management of the Funds. As of April 30, 2017, they were responsible for the management of the following types of accounts in addition to Pacific Financial:

<b>Account Type</b>	<b>Number of Accounts by Account Type</b>	<b>Total Assets By Account Type</b>	<b>Number of Accounts by Type Subject to a Performance Fee</b>	<b>Total Assets By Account Type Subject to a Performance Fee</b>
<b><i>Mr. James C. McClendon</i></b>				
Registered Investment Cos.	11,402	\$1,479,860,400	0	0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	0	0	0	0
Other Accounts	2,915	\$482,654,159	0	0

<b>Account Type</b>	<b>Number of Accounts by Account Type</b>	<b>Total Assets By Account Type</b>	<b>Number of Accounts by Type Subject to a Performance Fee</b>	<b>Total Assets By Account Type Subject to a Performance Fee</b>
<b><i>Mr. Keith D. Swanson</i></b>				
Registered Investment Cos.	11,402	\$1,479,860,400	0	0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	0	0	0	0
Other Accounts	2,915	\$482,654,159	0	0

<b>Account Type</b>	<b>Number of Accounts by Account Type</b>	<b>Total Assets By Account Type</b>	<b>Number of Accounts by Type Subject to a Performance Fee</b>	<b>Total Assets By Account Type Subject to a Performance Fee</b>
<b><i>Ms. Jennifer L. Enstad</i></b>				
Registered Investment Cos.	11,402	\$1,479,860,400	0	0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	0	0	0	0
Other Accounts	2,915	\$482,654,159	0	0

<b>Account Type</b>	<b>Number of Accounts by Account Type</b>	<b>Total Assets By Account Type</b>	<b>Number of Accounts by Type Subject to a Performance Fee</b>	<b>Total Assets By Account Type Subject to a Performance Fee</b>
<b><i>Mr. Eric Neufeld</i></b>				

Registered Investment Cos.	11,402	\$1,479,860,400	0	0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	0	0	0	0
Other Accounts	2,915	\$482,654,159	0	0

<b>Account Type</b>	<b>Number of Accounts by Account Type</b>	<b>Total Assets By Account Type</b>	<b>Number of Accounts by Type Subject to a Performance Fee</b>	<b>Total Assets By Account Type Subject to a Performance Fee</b>
<i>Ms. Julia P. Stewart</i>				
Registered Investment Cos.	11,402	\$1,479,860,400	0	0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	0	0	0	0
Other Accounts	2,915	\$482,654,159	0	0

### *Conflicts of Interest*

Actual or apparent conflicts of interest may arise in connection with the day-to-day management of the Funds and other accounts. The management of the Funds and other accounts may result in unequal time and attention being devoted to one or more of the Funds and other accounts. Another potential conflict of interest may arise where another account has the same investment objective as a Fund, whereby the portfolio manager could favor one account over another. Further, a potential conflict could include the portfolio managers' knowledge about the size, timing, and possible market impact of Fund trades, whereby he could use this information to the advantage of other accounts and to the disadvantage of a Fund. These potential conflicts of interest could create the appearance that a portfolio manager is favoring one investment vehicle over another.

The Adviser has adopted the following policies and practices to meet the Adviser's fiduciary obligations and to ensure that the Adviser's trading practices are fair to all funds, clients, and accounts and that no fund, client, or account is advantaged or disadvantaged over any other:

**Aggregation.** The Adviser's policy is to aggregate transactions where possible and when advantageous. In these instances, funds, clients and accounts participating in any aggregated transactions will receive an average share price and transaction costs will be shared equally and on a pro-rata basis. In the event that transactions for the Adviser, its employees, or principals ("proprietary accounts") are aggregated with a fund's, client's, and account's transactions and conflicts arise, special policies and procedures will be adopted to disclose and address these conflicts.

**Allocation.** The Adviser's policy prohibits any allocation of trades in a manner that its proprietary accounts, affiliated accounts, or any particular fund, client or account, or group of funds, clients or accounts receive more favorable treatment than others. The Adviser has adopted a policy for the allocation of transactions via pro-rata allocation. Should an account or client select directed brokerage, then that account will not be aggregated with the other accounts for those trades; and thus it may not receive reduced trading costs from the aggregation and best execution may not be achieved.

**IPOs.** In the event that the Adviser participates in any initial public offerings ("IPOs"), its policy and practice is to allocate IPO shares fairly and equitably among its funds, clients, and accounts according to a specific and consistent basis so as not to advantage any firm, personal, or related account and so as not to favor or disfavor particular funds, clients, or accounts over others.

### *Compensation.*

All portfolio managers receive a salary that is consistent with industry standards. Additionally, they receive a bonus based on aggregate portfolio performance. This bonus is based upon all portfolios and funds' performance on a combined basis so as to eliminate an over-emphasis on any one area. The bonus is calculated based upon the portfolio group's performance over and above the various benchmarks applied to the portfolios. Additionally the portfolio managers participate in an employer matched 401(k) plan, a profit sharing plan.

*Ownership of Securities.*

The following table shows the dollar range of equity securities beneficially owned by the Portfolio Managers in each Fund as of April 30, 2017:

Fund	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund				
	James c. McClendon	Keith D. Swanson	Jennifer L. Enstad	Eric Neufeld	Julia P. Stewart
Pacific Financial Core Equity Fund	\$100,000-\$500,000	\$0	\$100,001-\$500,000	\$0	\$0
Pacific Financial Explorer Fund	\$100,000-\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pacific Financial International Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pacific Financial Strategic Conservative Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pacific Financial Tactical Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pacific Financial Faith & Values Based Moderate Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pacific Financial Dynamic Allocation Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pacific Financial Flexible Growth & Income Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**ALLOCATION OF PORTFOLIO BROKERAGE**

Specific decisions to purchase or sell securities for the Funds are made by the portfolio manager who is an employee of the Adviser. The Adviser is authorized by the Trustees to allocate the orders placed by them on behalf of the Funds to brokers or dealers who may, but need not, provide research or statistical material or other services to the Funds or the Adviser for the Funds' use. Such allocation is to be in such amounts and proportions as the Adviser may determine.

In selecting a broker or dealer to execute each particular transaction, the Adviser will take the following into consideration:

- the best net price available;
- the reliability, integrity and financial condition of the broker or dealer;
- the size of and difficulty in executing the order; and
- the value of the expected contribution of the broker or dealer to the investment performance of the Funds on a continuing basis.

Brokers or dealers executing a portfolio transaction on behalf of the Funds may receive a commission in excess of the amount of commission another broker or dealer would have charged for executing the transaction if the Adviser determines in good faith that such commission is reasonable in relation to the value of brokerage, research and other services provided to the Funds. In allocating portfolio brokerage, the Adviser may select brokers or dealers who also provide brokerage, research and other services to other accounts over which the Adviser exercises investment discretion. Some of the services received as the result of Fund transactions may primarily benefit accounts other than the Funds', while services received as the result of portfolio transactions effected on behalf of those other accounts may primarily benefit the Funds.

The following table displays the brokerage commissions paid by the Funds for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2015:

<b>FUND</b>	<b>Brokerage Commissions</b>
Pacific Financial Core Equity Fund	\$69,279
Pacific Financial Explorer Fund	\$183,507
Pacific Financial International Fund	\$24,607
Pacific Financial Strategic Conservative Fund	\$52,306
Pacific Financial Tactical Fund	\$1,779
Pacific Faith & Values Based Moderate Fund	\$942

The following table displays the brokerage commissions paid by the Funds for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2016:

<b>FUND</b>	<b>Brokerage Commissions</b>
Pacific Financial Core Equity Fund	\$69,036
Pacific Financial Explorer Fund	\$236,452
Pacific Financial International Fund	\$11,669
Pacific Financial Strategic Conservative Fund	\$78,797
Pacific Financial Tactical Fund	\$10,077
Pacific Faith & Values Based Moderate Fund	\$2,796
Pacific Financial Dynamic Allocation Fund	\$10,865
Pacific Financial Flexible Growth & Income Fund	\$5,764

The following table displays the brokerage commissions paid by the Funds for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2017:

<b>FUND</b>	<b>Brokerage Commissions</b>
Pacific Financial Core Equity Fund	\$146,556
Pacific Financial Explorer Fund	\$169,456
Pacific Financial International Fund	\$2,633
Pacific Financial Strategic Conservative Fund	\$8,438
Pacific Financial Tactical Fund	\$673
Pacific Faith & Values Based Moderate Fund	\$1,151
Pacific Financial Dynamic Allocation Fund	\$31,882
Pacific Financial Flexible Growth & Income Fund	\$6,690

## **PORTFOLIO TURNOVER**

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Each Fund's portfolio turnover rate is calculated by dividing the lesser of purchases or sales of portfolio securities for the fiscal year by the monthly average of the value of the portfolio securities owned by that Fund during the fiscal year. The calculation excludes from both the numerator and the denominator securities with maturities at the time of acquisition of one year or less. High portfolio turnover involves correspondingly greater brokerage commissions and other transaction costs, which will be borne directly by that Fund. A 100% turnover rate would occur if all of a Fund's portfolio securities were replaced once within a one-year period. Turnover can vary for a number of reasons, such as investment objective, market conditions, risk management and investment vehicle type. The Pacific Financial Explorer Fund is likely to have high turnover due to its investment objective of seeking sectors, capitalizations or industries that are expected to outperform the broader equity market. There was high turnover in the Pacific Financial Core Equity Fund is due to a shift from mutual funds to exchange traded funds, which we felt are a better vehicle for executing a multi-cap domestic equity strategy. The Pacific Financial Strategic Conservative Fund saw a reduction in the portfolio turnover for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2017. This was due in part to changes the Adviser made to the strategy in February 2016. The Adviser elected to move away from exchange traded funds and allocate a significant portion of the portfolio to actively managed mutual funds that gave us exposure

to non-agency MBS. This change caused the previous year’s turnover to be elevated relative to past years. The changes made in February 2016 contributed to performance throughout 2016 and 2017, therefore very few changes were made to the strategy, resulting in lower turnover.

The following table displays the portfolio turnover rates for the Funds for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2016:

<b>FUND</b>	<b>Portfolio Turnover Rates</b>
Pacific Financial Core Equity Fund	90%
Pacific Financial Explorer Fund	171%
Pacific Financial International Fund	55%
Pacific Financial Strategic Conservative Fund	191%
Pacific Financial Tactical Fund	122%
Pacific Faith & Values Based Moderate Fund	84%
Pacific Financial Dynamic Allocation Fund	12%
Pacific Financial Flexible Growth & Income Fund	20%

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The following table displays the portfolio turnover rates for the Funds for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2017:

<b>FUND</b>	<b>Portfolio Turnover Rates</b>
Pacific Financial Core Equity Fund	105%
Pacific Financial Explorer Fund	139%
Pacific Financial International Fund	41%
Pacific Financial Strategic Conservative Fund	29%
Pacific Financial Tactical Fund	15%
Pacific Faith & Values Based Moderate Fund	57%
Pacific Financial Dynamic Allocation Fund	41%
Pacific Financial Flexible Growth & Income Fund	62%

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## **OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS**

### Fund Administration, Fund Accounting and Transfer Agent Services

Gemini Fund Services, LLC, (“GFS”), which has its principal office at 80 Arkay Drive, Suite 110, Hauppauge, New York 11788, serves as administrator, fund accountant and transfer agent for the Funds pursuant to a Fund Services Agreement (the “Agreement”) with the Trust and subject to the supervision of the Board. GFS is primarily in the business of providing administrative, fund accounting and transfer agent services to retail and institutional mutual funds. GFS is an affiliate of the Distributor. GFS may also provide persons to serve as officers of the Funds. Such officers may be directors, officers or employees of GFS or its affiliates.

The Agreement became effective on June 22, 2011 and remained in effect for two years from the applicable effective date for the Funds, and will continue in effect for successive twelve-month periods provided that such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by a majority of the Board. The Agreement is terminable by the Board or GFS on 90 days’ written notice and may be assigned by either party, provided that the Trust may not assign this agreement without the prior written consent of GFS. The Agreement provides that GFS shall be without liability for any action reasonably taken or omitted pursuant to the Agreement.

Under the Agreement, GFS performs administrative services, including: (1) monitoring the performance of administrative and professional services rendered to the Trust by others service providers; (2) monitoring Fund holdings and

operations for post-trade compliance with each Fund's registration statement and applicable laws and rules; (3) preparing and coordinating the printing of semi-annual and annual financial statements; (4) preparing selected management reports for performance and compliance analyses; (5) preparing and disseminating materials for and attending and participating in meetings of the Board; (6) determining income and capital gains available for distribution and calculating distributions required to meet regulatory, income, and excise tax requirements; (7) reviewing the Trust's federal, state, and local tax returns as prepared and signed by the Trust's independent public accountants; (8) preparing and maintaining the Trust's operating expense budget to determine proper expense accruals to be charged to each Fund to calculate its daily net asset value; (9) assisting in and monitoring the preparation, filing, printing and where applicable, dissemination to shareholders of amendments to the Trust's Registration Statement on Form N-1A, periodic reports to the Trustees, shareholders and the SEC, notices pursuant to Rule 24f-2, proxy materials and reports to the SEC on Forms N-SAR, N-CSR, N-Q and N-PX; (10) coordinating the Trust's audits and examinations by assisting each Fund's independent public accountants; (11) determining, in consultation with others, the jurisdictions in which shares of the Trust shall be registered or qualified for sale and facilitating such registration or qualification; (12) monitoring sales of shares and ensure that the shares are properly and duly registered with the SEC; (13) monitoring the calculation of performance data for the Fund; (14) preparing, or cause to be prepared, expense and financial reports; (15) preparing authorizations for the payment of Trust expenses and pay, from Trust assets, all bills of the Trust; (16) providing information typically supplied in the investment company industry to companies that track or report price, performance or other information with respect to investment companies; (17) upon request, assisting each Fund in the evaluation and selection of other service providers, such as independent public accountants, printers, EDGAR providers and proxy solicitors (such parties may be affiliates of GFS) and (18) performing other services, recordkeeping and assistance relating to the affairs of the Trust as the Trust may, from time to time, reasonably request.

For the services rendered to the Funds by GFS, the Funds pay GFS the greater of an annual minimum fee or an asset based fee, which scales downward based upon net assets. The Fund also pays GFS for any out-of pocket expenses.

GFS also provides the Funds with accounting services, including: (i) daily computation of net asset value; (ii) maintenance of security ledgers and books and records as required by the 1940 Act; (iii) production of the Funds' listing of portfolio securities and general ledger reports; (iv) reconciliation of accounting records; (v) calculation of yield and total return for the Funds; (vi) maintenance of certain books and records described in Rule 31a-1 under the 1940 Act, and reconciliation of account information and balances among the Funds' custodian and Adviser; and (vii) monitoring and evaluation of daily income and expense accruals, and sales and redemptions of shares of the Funds.

GFS also acts as transfer, dividend disbursing, and shareholder servicing agent for the Funds pursuant to the Agreement. Under the Agreement, GFS is responsible for administering and performing transfer agent functions, dividend distribution, shareholder administration, and maintaining necessary records in accordance with applicable rules and regulations.

The following table displays administration, fund accounting and transfer agency fees, paid to the Administrator, pursuant to the combined fee schedule in the Fund Services Agreement for the following fiscal years ended April 30:

FUND	Administration Service Fees		
	2017	2016	2015
Pacific Financial Core Equity Fund	\$353,859	\$344,715	\$332,185
Pacific Financial Explorer Fund	\$157,169	\$230,091	\$192,296
Pacific Financial International Fund	\$75,717	\$64,392	\$51,097
Pacific Financial Strategic Conservative Fund	\$78,126	\$144,662	\$179,303
Pacific Financial Tactical Fund	\$109,876	\$82,792	\$46,943
Pacific Faith & Values Based Moderate Fund	\$20,689	\$9,427	\$2,492
Pacific Financial Dynamic Allocation Fund	\$309,265	\$86,830	None
Pacific Financial Flexible Growth & Income Fund	\$110,733	\$30,228	None

### Custodian

Bank of New York Mellon ("BONY" or the "Custodian") serves as the custodian of the Funds' assets pursuant to a Custody Agreement by and between BONY and the Trust on behalf of the Funds. BONY responsibilities include safeguarding and controlling the Funds' cash and securities, handling the receipt and delivery of securities, and collecting interest and dividends on the Funds' investments. Pursuant to the Custody Agreement, BONY also maintains original entry documents and

books of record and general ledgers; posts cash receipts and disbursements; and records purchases and sales based upon communications from the Adviser. The Funds may employ foreign sub-custodians that are approved by the Board to hold foreign assets. BONY's principal place of business is 225 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10286.

GFS serves as "Custody Administrator" under the Funds' Custody Agreement with BONY, and receives a share of the fees paid to the Custodian for performing certain administrative tasks normally performed by the Custodian, as well as certain enhanced reporting in connection with these functions. For these services, GFS receives a share of the asset-based custody fee as well as a portion of certain transaction fees paid under the Custody Agreement.

### **Compliance Officer**

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Northern Lights Compliance Services, LLC ("NLCS"), 17605 Wright Street, Suite 2, Omaha, NE 68130, an affiliate of GFS and the Distributor, provides a Chief Compliance Officer to the Trust as well as related compliance services pursuant to a consulting agreement between NLCS and the Trust. NLCS's compliance services consist primarily of reviewing and assessing the policies and procedures of the Trust and its service providers pertaining to compliance with applicable federal securities laws, including Rule 38a-1 under the 1940 Act. For the compliance services rendered to the Fund, the Fund pays NLCS a one-time fee of \$2,500, plus an annual fee, based on Fund assets, ranging from \$13,500 (net assets of \$50 million or less) to \$31,500 (net assets over \$1 billion). The Fund also pays NLCS for any out-of-pocket expenses.

The following table displays compliance officer fees paid to NLCS for the following fiscal years ended April 30:

<b>FUND</b>	<b>Compliance Officer Fees</b>		
	2017	2016	2015
Pacific Financial Core Equity Fund	\$21,493	\$22,024	\$17,203
Pacific Financial Explorer Fund	\$14,069	\$14,987	\$9,539
Pacific Financial International Fund	\$4,225	\$3,327	\$2,913
Pacific Financial Strategic Conservative Fund	\$8,187	\$9,765	\$9,756
Pacific Financial Tactical Fund	\$4,598	\$2,146	\$3,217
Pacific Faith & Values Based Moderate Fund	\$1,960	\$239	\$362
Pacific Financial Dynamic Allocation Fund	\$16,103	\$445	None
Pacific Financial Flexible Growth & Income Fund	\$6,146	\$166	None

### **DESCRIPTION OF SHARES**

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Each share of beneficial interest of the Trust has one vote in the election of Trustees. Cumulative voting is not authorized for the Trust. This means that the holders of more than 50% of the shares voting for the election of Trustees can elect 100% of the Trustees if they choose to do so, and, in that event, the holders of the remaining shares will be unable to elect any Trustees.

Shareholders of the Trust and any other future series of the Trust will vote in the aggregate and not by series except as otherwise required by law or when the Board determines that the matter to be voted upon affects only the interest of the shareholders of a particular series. Matters such as ratification of the independent public accountants and election of Trustees are not subject to separate voting requirements and may be acted upon by shareholders of the Trust voting without regard to series.

The Trust is authorized to issue an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest. Each share has equal dividend, distribution and liquidation rights. There are no conversion or preemptive rights applicable to any shares of the Funds. All shares issued are fully paid and non-assessable.

### **ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING PROGRAM**

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The Trust has established an Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Program (the "Program") as required by Section 352 the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 ("USA PATRIOT Act"). To ensure compliance with this law, the Trust's Program is written and has been approved by the

Fund's Board of Trustees. The Program provides for the development of policies, procedures and internal controls reasonably designed to prevent money laundering, the designation of an anti-money laundering compliance officer who is responsible for implementing and monitoring the Program ongoing anti-money laundering ongoing anti-money laundering training for appropriate persons and an independent audit function to determine the effectiveness of the Program. The Trust's secretary serves as its Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer.

Procedures to implement the Program include, but are not limited to, determining that the Funds' Distributor, and Transfer Agent have established reasonable anti-money laundering procedures, have reported suspicious and/or fraudulent activity and have completed thorough reviews of all new opening account applications. The Trust 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 Trust 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 Trust may be required to transfer the account or proceeds of the account to a governmental agency.

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

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### Calculation of Share Price

As indicated in the Prospectus under the heading "How Shares are Priced," NAV of each Fund's shares is determined by dividing the total value of that Fund's portfolio investments and other assets, less any liabilities, by the total number of shares outstanding of that Fund.

Generally, the Fund's domestic securities (including underlying ETFs which hold portfolio securities primarily listed on foreign (non-U.S.) exchanges) are valued each day at the last quoted sales price on each security's primary exchange. Securities traded or dealt in upon one or more securities exchanges for which market quotations are readily available and not subject to restrictions against resale shall be valued at the last quoted sales price on the primary exchange or, in the absence of a sale on the primary exchange, at the mean between the current bid and ask prices on such exchange. Securities primarily traded in the National Association of Securities Dealers' Automated Quotation System ("NASDAQ") National Market System for which market quotations are readily available shall be valued using the NASDAQ Official Closing Price. If market quotations are not readily available, securities will be valued at their fair market value as determined in good faith by the Fund's fair value committee in accordance with procedures approved by the Board and as further described below. Securities that are not traded or dealt in any securities exchange (whether domestic or foreign) and for which over-the-counter market quotations are readily available generally shall be valued at the last sale price or, in the absence of a sale, at the mean between the current bid and ask price on such over-the-counter market.

Certain securities or investments for which daily market quotes are not readily available may be valued, pursuant to guidelines established by the Board, with reference to other securities or indices. Debt securities not traded on an exchange may be valued at prices supplied by a pricing agent(s) based on broker or dealer supplied valuations or matrix pricing, a method of valuing securities by reference to the value of other securities with similar characteristics, such as rating, interest rate and maturity. Short-term investments having a maturity of 60 days or less may be generally valued at amortized cost when it approximated fair value.

Exchange traded options are valued at the last quoted sales price or, in the absence of a sale, at the mean between the current bid and ask prices on the exchange on which such options are traded. Futures and options on futures are valued at the settlement price determined by the exchange. Other securities for which market quotes are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board or persons acting at their direction. Swap agreements and other derivatives are generally valued daily based upon quotations from market makers or by a pricing service in accordance with the valuation procedures approved by the Board.

Under certain circumstances, the Fund may use an independent pricing service to calculate the fair market value of foreign equity securities on a daily basis by applying valuation factors to the last sale price or the mean price as noted above. The fair market values supplied by the independent pricing service will generally reflect market trading that occurs after the close of the applicable foreign markets of comparable securities or the value of other instruments that have a strong correlation to the fair-valued securities. The independent pricing service will also take into account the current relevant currency exchange

rate. A security that is fair valued may be valued at a price higher or lower than actual market quotations or the value determined by other funds using their own fair valuation procedures. Because foreign securities may trade on days when Fund shares are not priced, the value of securities held by the Fund can change on days when Fund shares cannot be redeemed or purchased. In the event that a foreign security's market quotations are not readily available or are deemed unreliable (for reasons other than because the foreign exchange on which it trades closed before the Fund's calculation of NAV), the security will be valued at its fair market value as determined in good faith by the Fund's fair value committee in accordance with procedures approved by the Board as discussed below. Without fair valuation, it is possible that short-term traders could take advantage of the arbitrage opportunity and dilute the NAV of long-term investors. Fair valuation of the Fund's portfolio securities can serve to reduce arbitrage opportunities available to short-term traders, but there is no assurance that it will prevent dilution of the Fund's NAV by short-term traders. In addition, because the Fund may invest in underlying ETFs which hold portfolio securities primarily listed on foreign (non-U.S.) exchanges, and these exchanges may trade on weekends or other days when the underlying ETFs do not price their shares, the value of these portfolio securities may change on days when you may not be able to buy or sell Fund shares.

Investments initially valued in currencies other than the U.S. dollar are converted to U.S. dollars using exchange rates obtained from pricing services. As a result, the NAV of a Fund's shares may be affected by changes in the value of currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar. The value of securities traded in markets outside the United States or denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar may be affected significantly on a day that the New York Stock Exchange is closed and an investor is not able to purchase, redeem or exchange shares.

Each Fund's shares are valued at the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time) (the "NYSE Close") on each day that the New York Stock Exchange is open. For purposes of calculating the NAV, a Fund normally uses pricing data for domestic equity securities received shortly after the NYSE Close and do not normally take into account trading, clearances or settlements that take place after the NYSE Close. Domestic fixed income and foreign securities are normally priced using data reflecting the earlier closing of the principal markets for those securities. Information that becomes known to a Fund or its agents after the NAV has been calculated on a particular day will not generally be used to retroactively adjust the price of the security or the NAV determined earlier that day.

In unusual circumstances, instead of valuing securities in the usual manner, a Fund may value securities at fair value or estimate their value as determined in good faith by the Board or their designees, pursuant to procedures approved by the Board. Fair valuation may also be used by the Board if extraordinary events occur after the close of the relevant market but prior to the NYSE Close.

A Fund may hold securities, such as private placements, interests in commodity pools, other non-traded securities or temporarily illiquid securities, for which market quotations are not readily available or are determined to be unreliable. These securities will be valued at their fair market value as determined using the "fair value" procedures approved by the Board. The Board has delegated execution of these procedures to a fair value team composed of one or more representatives from each of the (i) Trust, (ii) administrator, and (iii) adviser and/or sub-adviser. The team may also enlist third party consultants such as an audit firm or financial officer of a security issuer on an as-needed basis to assist in determining a security-specific fair value. The Board reviews and ratifies the execution of this process and the resultant fair value prices at least quarterly to assure the process produces reliable results.

**Fair Value Committee and Valuation Process.** The fair value committee is composed of one or more officers or representatives from each of the (i) Trust, (ii) administrator, and (iii) adviser and/or sub-adviser. The applicable investments are valued collectively via inputs from each of these groups. For example, fair value determinations are required for the following securities: (i) securities for which market quotations are insufficient or not readily available on a particular business day (including securities for which there is a short and temporary lapse in the provision of a price by the regular pricing source), (ii) securities for which, in the judgment of the adviser or sub-adviser, the prices or values available do not represent the fair value of the instrument. Factors which may cause the adviser or sub-adviser to make such a judgment include, but are not limited to, the following: only a bid price or an asked price is available; the spread between bid and asked prices is substantial; the frequency of sales; the thinness of the market; the size of reported trades; and actions of the securities markets, such as the suspension or limitation of trading; (iii) securities determined to be illiquid; (iv) securities with respect to which an event that will affect the value thereof has occurred (a "significant event") since the closing prices were established on the principal exchange on which they are traded, but prior to a Fund's calculation of its net asset value. Specifically, interests in commodity pools or managed futures pools are valued on a daily basis by reference to the closing market prices of each futures contract or other asset held by a pool, as adjusted for pool expenses. Restricted or illiquid securities, such as private placements or non-traded securities are valued via inputs from the adviser or sub-adviser valuation based upon the current bid for the security from

two or more independent dealers or other parties reasonably familiar with the facts and circumstances of the security (who should take into consideration all relevant factors as may be appropriate under the circumstances). If the adviser or sub-adviser is unable to obtain a current bid from such independent dealers or other independent parties, the fair value team shall determine the fair value of such security using the following factors: (i) the type of security; (ii) the cost at date of purchase; (iii) the size and nature of the Fund's holdings; (iv) the discount from market value of unrestricted securities of the same class at the time of purchase and subsequent thereto; (v) information as to any transactions or offers with respect to the security; (vi) the nature and duration of restrictions on disposition of the security and the existence of any registration rights; (vii) how the yield of the security compares to similar securities of companies of similar or equal creditworthiness; (viii) the level of recent trades of similar or comparable securities; (ix) the liquidity characteristics of the security; (x) current market conditions; and (xi) the market value of any securities into which the security is convertible or exchangeable.

**Standards For Fair Value Determinations.** As a general principle, the fair value of a security is the amount that a Fund might reasonably expect to realize upon its current sale. The Trust has adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement of Financial Accounting Standards Codification Topic 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures ("ASC 820"). In accordance with ASC 820, fair value is defined as the price that the Fund would receive upon selling an investment in a timely transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market of the investment. ASC 820 establishes a three-tier hierarchy to maximize the use of observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk, for example, the risk inherent in a particular valuation technique used to measure fair value including such a pricing model and/or the risk inherent in the inputs to the valuation technique. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, developed based on the best information available under the circumstances.

Various inputs are used in determining the value of each Fund's investments relating to ASC 820. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below.

Level 1 – quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2 – other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)

Level 3 – significant unobservable inputs (including a Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The fair value committee takes into account the relevant factors and surrounding circumstances, which may include: (i) the nature and pricing history (if any) of the security; (ii) whether any dealer quotations for the security are available; (iii) possible valuation methodologies that could be used to determine the fair value of the security; (iv) the recommendation of a portfolio manager of the Fund with respect to the valuation of the security; (v) whether the same or similar securities are held by other funds managed by the Adviser (or sub-adviser) or other funds and the method used to price the security in those funds; (vi) the extent to which the fair value to be determined for the security will result from the use of data or formulae produced by independent third parties and (vii) the liquidity or illiquidity of the market for the security.

**Board of Trustees Determination.** The Board of Trustees meets at least quarterly to consider the valuations provided by the fair value committee and to ratify the valuations made for the applicable securities. The Board of Trustees considers the reports provided by the fair value committee, including follow up studies of subsequent market-provided prices when available, in reviewing and determining in good faith the fair value of the applicable portfolio securities.

The Trust expects that the NYSE will be closed on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

#### Purchase of Shares

Orders for shares received by a Fund in good order prior to the close of business on the NYSE on each day during such periods that the NYSE is open for trading are priced at net asset value per share computed as of the close of the regular session of trading on the NYSE. Orders received in good order after the close of the NYSE, or on a day it is not open for trading, are

priced at the close of such NYSE on the next day on which it is open for trading at the next determined net asset value per share.

### Redemption of Shares

A Fund will redeem all or any portion of a shareholder's shares of that Fund when requested in accordance with the procedures set forth in the "How to Redeem Shares" section of the Prospectus. Under the 1940 Act, a shareholder's right to redeem shares and to receive payment therefore may be suspended at times:

- (a) when the NYSE is closed, other than customary weekend and holiday closings;
- (b) when trading on that exchange is restricted for any reason;
- (c) when an emergency exists as a result of which disposal by that Fund of securities owned by it is not reasonably practicable or it is not reasonably practicable for that Fund fairly to determine the value of its net assets, provided that applicable rules and regulations of the SEC (or any succeeding governmental authority) will govern as to whether the conditions prescribed in (b) or (c) exist; or
- (d) when the SEC by order permits a suspension of the right to redemption or a postponement of the date of payment on redemption.

In case of suspension of the right of redemption, payment of a redemption request will be made based on the net asset value next determined after the termination of the suspension.

Supporting documents in addition to those listed under "How To Redeem Shares" in the Prospectus will be required from executors, administrators, Trustees, or if redemption is requested by someone other than the shareholder of record. Such documents include, but are not restricted to, stock powers, Trust instruments, certificates of death, appointments as executor, certificates of corporate authority and waiver of tax required in some states when settling estates.

### **TAX STATUS**

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The following discussion is general in nature and should not be regarded as an exhaustive presentation of all possible tax ramifications. All shareholders should consult a qualified tax adviser regarding their investment in the Funds.

The Funds intend to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), which requires compliance with certain requirements concerning the sources of its income, diversification of its assets, and the amount and timing of its distributions to shareholders. Such qualification does not involve supervision of management or investment practices or policies by any government agency or bureau. By so qualifying, the Funds should not be subject to federal income or excise tax on its investment company taxable income or net capital gain, which are distributed to shareholders in accordance with the applicable timing requirements. Investment company taxable income and net capital gain of the Funds will be computed in accordance with Section 852 of the Code.

Investment company taxable income generally includes dividends, interest and other income, less certain allowable expenses, and it also includes any excess of net short-term capital gains over net long-term capital losses. Net capital gain (that is, any excess of net long-term capital gains over net short-term capital losses) for a fiscal year is computed by taking into account any capital loss carryforward of the Funds. Capital losses incurred in taxable years beginning after December 22, 2010 may be carried forward indefinitely and retain the character of the original loss. Under previously enacted laws, capital losses could be carried forward to offset any capital gains for eight years, and carried forward as short-term capital losses, irrespective of the character of the original loss. Capital loss carry forwards are available to offset future realized capital gains. To the extent that these carry forwards are used to offset future capital gains it is probable that the amount offset will not be distributed to shareholders.

At April 30, 2017, the following Funds has capital loss carryforwards for federal income tax purposes to offset future capital gains along with capital loss carry forwards utilized in the fiscal year ended April 30, 2016:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Non-Expiring Short-Term</u>	<u>Non-Expiring Long-Term</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Expired</u>
Pacific Financial Core Equity Fund	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Pacific Financial Explorer Fund	1,571,816	—	1,571,816	—
Pacific Financial International Fund	2,669,597	1,338,385	4,007,982	2,641,778
Pacific Financial Strategic Conservative Fund	5,588,070	683,113	6,271,184	—
Pacific Financial Tactical Fund	1,998,606	—	1,998,606	266,527
Pacific Financial Faith & Values Based Moderate Fund	—	—	—	—
Pacific Financial Dynamic Allocation Fund	—	—	—	—
Pacific Financial Flexible Growth & Income Fund	—	—	—	—

Each Fund intends to distribute all of its investment company taxable income and net capital gain in accordance with the timing requirements imposed by the Code and therefore should not be required to pay any federal income or excise taxes. Distributions of investment company taxable income and net capital gain will be made at least annually, no later than December 31 of each year. Both types of distributions will be in shares of a Fund unless a shareholder elects to receive cash.

To be treated as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code, each Fund must also (a) derive at least 90% of its gross income from dividends, interest, payments with respect to securities loans, net income from certain publicly traded partnerships and gains from the sale or other disposition of securities or foreign currencies, or other income (including, but not limited to, gains from options, futures or forward contracts) derived with respect to the business of investing in such securities or currencies, and (b) diversify its holding so that, at the end of each fiscal quarter, (i) at least 50% of the market value of the Fund's assets is represented by cash, U.S. government securities and securities of other regulated investment companies, and other securities (for purposes of this calculation, generally limited in respect of any one issuer, to an amount not greater than 5% of the market value of the Fund's assets and 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer) and (ii) not more than 25% of the value of its assets is invested in the securities of (other than U.S. government securities or the securities of other regulated investment companies) any one issuer, two or more issuers which the Fund controls and which are determined to be engaged in the same or similar trades or businesses, or the securities of certain publicly traded partnerships.

If a Fund fails to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M in any fiscal year, it will be treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes. As such, the Fund would be required to pay income taxes on its income at the rates generally applicable to corporations, and distributions to shareholders, would be treated as taxable dividends to the extent of current or accumulated earnings and profits of the Fund.

A Fund is subject to a 4% nondeductible excise tax on certain undistributed amounts of ordinary income and capital gain under a prescribed formula contained in Section 4982 of the Code. The formula requires payment to shareholders during a calendar year of distributions representing at least 98% of the Fund's ordinary income for the calendar year and at least 98.2% of its capital gain net income (i.e., the excess of its capital gains over capital losses) realized during the one-year period ending October 31 during such year plus 100% of any income that was neither distributed nor taxed to the Fund during the preceding calendar year. Under ordinary circumstances, the Fund expects to time its distributions so as to avoid liability for this tax.

The following discussion of tax consequences is for the general information of shareholders that are subject to tax. Shareholders that are IRAs or other qualified retirement plans generally are exempt from income taxation under the Code, but should consult their own tax advisors about the tax consequences of investing in a Fund, including potential taxation of unrelated business taxable income.

Distributions of investment company taxable income generally are taxable to shareholders as ordinary income or "qualified dividend income" (as described below). In most cases a Fund will hold shares in Underlying Funds for less than 12 months, such that its sales of such shares from time to time will not qualify as long-term capital gains for those investors who hold shares of the Fund in taxable accounts.

Dividends paid by a Fund to an individual shareholder, to the extent such dividends are attributable to "qualified dividend income" received by the Fund from U.S. corporations (and certain foreign corporations), may qualify for taxation at

the long-term capital gains rate available to individuals on qualified dividend income. Furthermore, dividends paid by a Fund to a corporate shareholder, to the extent such dividends are attributable to dividends received by the Fund from U.S. corporations, may qualify for a dividends received deduction.

Distributions of net capital gain (“capital gain dividends”) generally are taxable to shareholders as long-term capital gain, regardless of the length of time the shares of a Fund have been held by such shareholders.

An additional 3.8% Medicare tax will be imposed on certain net investment income (including ordinary dividends, qualified dividend income distributions and capital gain dividends, as well as gains from redemption of Fund shares) of U.S. individuals, estates and trusts, to the extent that the shareholder’s “modified adjusted gross income” (in the case of an individual) or “adjusted gross income” (in the case of an estate or trust) exceeds certain threshold amounts. U.S. shareholders are urged to consult their own tax advisers regarding the implications of the additional Medicare tax resulting from an investment in the Fund.

Redemption of Fund shares by a shareholder will result in the recognition of taxable gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized and the shareholder’s tax basis in his or her Fund shares. Such gain or loss is treated as a capital gain or loss if the shares are held as capital assets. However, any loss realized upon the redemption of shares within six months from the date of their purchase will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of any amounts treated as capital gain dividends during such six-month period. All or a portion of any loss realized upon the redemption of shares may be disallowed to the extent shares are purchased (including shares acquired by means of reinvested dividends) within 30 days before or after such redemption.

Distributions of investment company taxable income and net capital gain will be taxable as described above, whether received in additional cash or shares. Shareholders electing to reinvest 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 net asset value of a share on the reinvestment date.

All distributions of investment company taxable income and net capital gain, whether received in shares or in cash, must be reported by each taxable shareholder on his or her federal income tax return. Dividends or distributions declared in October, November or December as of a record date in such a month, if any, will be deemed to have been received by shareholders on December 31, if paid during January of the following year. Redemptions of shares may result in tax consequences (gain or loss) to the shareholder and are also subject to these reporting requirements.

Under the Code, each Fund will be required to report to the Internal Revenue Service all distributions of taxable income and capital gains as well as gross proceeds from the redemption or exchange of Fund shares, except in the case of certain exempt shareholders. Under the backup withholding provisions of Section 3406 of the Code, distributions of investment company taxable income and net capital gain and proceeds from the redemption or exchange of the shares of a regulated investment company may be subject to withholding of federal income tax in the case of non-exempt shareholders who fail to furnish the investment company with their taxpayer identification numbers and with required certifications regarding their status under the federal income tax law, or if a Fund is notified by the IRS or a broker that withholding is required due to an incorrect TIN or a previous failure to report taxable interest or dividends. If the withholding provisions are applicable, any such distributions and proceeds, whether taken in cash or reinvested in additional shares, will be reduced by the amounts required to be withheld.

#### Other Reporting and Withholding Requirements

Payments to a shareholder that is either a foreign financial institution (“FFI”) or a non-financial foreign entity (“NFFE”) within the meaning of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (“FATCA”) may be subject to a generally nonrefundable 30% withholding tax on: (a) income dividends paid by the Fund after June 30, 2014 and (b) certain capital gain distributions and the proceeds arising from the sale of Fund shares paid by the Fund after December 31, 2016. FATCA withholding tax generally can be avoided: (a) by an FFI, subject to any applicable intergovernmental agreement or other exemption, if it enters into a valid agreement with the IRS to, among other requirements, report required information about certain direct and indirect ownership of foreign financial accounts held by U.S. persons with the FFI and (b) by an NFFE, if it:

(i) certifies that it has no substantial U.S. persons as owners or (ii) if it does have such owners, reports information relating to them. A Fund may disclose the information that it receives from its shareholders to the IRS, non-U.S. taxing authorities or other parties as necessary to comply with FATCA. Withholding also may be required if a foreign entity that is a shareholder of a Fund fails to provide the Fund with appropriate certifications or other documentation concerning its status under FATCA.

#### Options, Futures, Forward Contracts and Swap Agreements

To the extent such investments are permissible for a Fund, the Fund's transactions in options, futures contracts, hedging transactions, forward contracts, straddles and foreign currencies will be subject to special tax rules (including mark-to-market, constructive sale, straddle, wash sale and short sale rules), the effect of which may be to accelerate income to the Fund, defer losses to the Fund, cause adjustments in the holding periods of the Fund's securities, convert long-term capital gains into short-term capital gains and convert short-term capital losses into long-term capital losses. These rules could therefore affect the amount, timing and character of distributions to shareholders.

To the extent such investments are permissible, certain of a Fund's hedging activities (including its transactions, if any, in foreign currencies or foreign currency-denominated instruments) are likely to produce a difference between its book income and its taxable income. If the Fund's book income exceeds its taxable income, the distribution (if any) of such excess book income will be treated as (i) a dividend to the extent of the Fund's remaining earnings and profits (including earnings and profits arising from tax-exempt income), (ii) thereafter, as a return of capital to the extent of the recipient's basis in the shares, and (iii) thereafter, as gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset. If the Fund's book income is less than taxable income, the Fund could be required to make distributions exceeding book income to qualify as a regulated investment company that is accorded special tax treatment.

#### Passive Foreign Investment Companies

Investment by a Fund in certain "passive foreign investment companies" ("PFICs") could subject the Fund to a U.S. federal income tax (including interest charges) on distributions received from the company or on proceeds received from the disposition of shares in the company, which tax cannot be eliminated by making distributions to Fund shareholders. However, a Fund may elect to treat a PFIC as a "qualified electing fund" ("QEF election"), in which case the Fund will be required to include its share of the company's income and net capital gains annually, regardless of whether it receives any distribution from the company.

A Fund also may make an election to mark the gains (and to a limited extent losses) in such holdings "to the market" as though it had sold and repurchased its holdings in those PFICs on the last day of the Fund's taxable year. Such gains and losses are treated as ordinary income and loss. The QEF and mark-to-market elections may accelerate the recognition of income (without the receipt of cash) and increase the amount required to be distributed for the Fund to avoid taxation. Making either of these elections therefore may require the Fund to liquidate other investments (including when it is not advantageous to do so) to meet its distribution requirement, which also may accelerate the recognition of gain and affect the Fund's total return.

#### Foreign Currency Transactions

A Fund's transactions in foreign currencies, foreign currency-denominated debt securities and certain foreign currency options, futures contracts and forward contracts (and similar instruments) may give rise to ordinary income or loss to the extent such income or loss results from fluctuations in the value of the foreign currency concerned.

#### Foreign Taxation

Income received by a Fund from sources within foreign countries may be subject to withholding and other taxes imposed by such countries. Tax treaties and conventions between certain countries and the U.S. may reduce or eliminate such taxes. If more than 50% of the value of the Fund's total assets at the close of its taxable year consists of securities of foreign corporations, the Fund may be able to elect to "pass through" to its shareholders the amount of eligible foreign income and similar taxes paid by the Fund. If this election is made, a shareholder generally subject to tax will be required to include in gross income (in addition to taxable dividends actually received) his or her pro rata share of the foreign taxes paid by the Fund, and

may be entitled either to deduct (as an itemized deduction) his or her pro rata share of foreign taxes in computing his or her taxable income or to use it as a foreign tax credit against his or her U.S. federal income tax liability, subject to certain limitations. In particular, a shareholder must hold his or her shares (without protection from risk of loss) on the ex-dividend date and for at least 15 more days during the 30-day period surrounding the ex-dividend date to be eligible to claim a foreign tax credit with respect to the dividend. No deduction for foreign taxes may be claimed by a shareholder who does not itemize deductions. Each shareholder will be notified within 60 days after the close of the Fund's taxable year whether the foreign taxes paid by the Fund will "pass through" for that year.

Generally, a credit for foreign taxes is subject to the limitation that it may not exceed the shareholder's U.S. tax attributable to his or her total foreign source taxable income. For this purpose, if the pass-through election is made, the source of the Fund's income will flow through to shareholders of the Fund. With respect to the Fund, gains from the sale of securities generally will be treated as derived from U.S. sources and certain currency fluctuation gains, including fluctuation gains from foreign currency-denominated debt securities, receivables and payables generally will be treated as ordinary income derived from U.S. sources. The limitation on the foreign tax credit is applied separately to foreign source passive income, and to certain other types of income. A shareholder may be unable to claim a credit for the full amount of his or her proportionate share of the foreign taxes paid by the Fund. The foreign tax credit can be used to offset only 90% of the revised alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations and individuals and foreign taxes generally are not deductible in computing alternative minimum taxable income.

#### Original Issue Discount and Pay-In-Kind Securities

Current federal tax law requires the holder of a U.S. Treasury or other fixed income zero coupon security to accrue as income each year a portion of the discount at which the security was originally issued, even though the holder receives no interest payment in cash on the security during the year. In addition, other debt instruments, such as pay-in-kind securities, may give rise to income under the original issue discount rules, which income is required to be distributed and is taxable even though the Fund holding the security receives no interest payment in cash on the security during the year.

Some of the debt securities (with a fixed maturity date of more than one year from the date of issuance) that may be acquired by the Fund may be treated as debt securities that are issued originally at a discount. Generally, the amount of the original issue discount ("OID") is treated as interest income and is included in income over the term of the debt security, even though payment of that amount is not received until a later time, usually when the debt security matures. A portion of the OID includable in income with respect to certain high-yield corporate debt securities (including certain pay-in-kind securities) may be treated as a dividend for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Some of the debt securities (with a fixed maturity date of more than one year from the date of issuance) that may be acquired by the Fund in the secondary market may be treated as having market discount. Generally, any gain recognized on the disposition of, and any partial payment of principal on, a debt security having market discount is treated as ordinary income to the extent the gain, or principal payment, does not exceed the "accrued market discount" on such debt security. Market discount generally accrues in equal daily installments. The Fund may make one or more of the elections applicable to debt securities having market discount, which could affect the character and timing of recognition of income.

Some debt securities (with a fixed maturity date of one year or less from the date of issuance) that may be acquired by an Fund may be treated as having acquisition discount, or OID in the case of certain types of debt securities. Generally, the Fund will be required to include the acquisition discount, or OID, in income over the term of the debt security, even though payment of that amount is not received until a later time, usually when the debt security matures. The Fund may make one or more of the elections applicable to debt securities having acquisition discount, or OID, which could affect the character and timing of recognition of income.

If a Fund holds the foregoing kinds of securities, it may be required to pay out as an income distribution each year an amount that is greater than the total amount of cash interest the Fund actually received. Such distributions may be made from the cash assets of the Fund or by liquidation of portfolio securities, if necessary (including when it is not advantageous to do so). The Fund may realize gains or losses from such liquidations. In the event the Fund realizes net capital gains from such

transactions, its shareholders may receive a larger capital gain distribution, if any, than they would in the absence of such transactions.

Shareholders of a Fund may be subject to state and local taxes on distributions received from the Fund and on redemptions of the Fund's shares.

The foregoing discussion relates only to U.S. federal income tax law as applicable to U.S. persons (that is, U.S. citizens and residents, and domestic corporations, partnerships, trusts and estates). Shareholders who are not U.S. persons should consult their tax advisors regarding the U.S. and foreign tax consequences of an investment in a Fund.

A brief explanation of the form and character of the distribution accompany each distribution. In January of each year each Fund issues to each shareholder a statement of the federal income tax status of all distributions.

Shareholders should consult their tax advisors about the application of federal, state and local and foreign tax law in light of their particular situation.

#### **INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

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Cohen & Company, Ltd located at 1350 Euclid Avenue, Suite 800, Cleveland, OH 44115, serves as the Funds' independent registered public accounting firm providing services including (1) audit of annual financial statements, and (2) assistance and consultation in connection with SEC filings.

#### **LEGAL COUNSEL**

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Thompson Hine LLP, 41 South High Street, Suite 1700 Columbus, Ohio 43215 serves as the Trust's legal counsel.

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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The financial statements and report of the independent registered public accounting firm required to be included in this SAI are hereby incorporated by reference to the Annual Report of the Funds for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2017. You can obtain a copy of the Annual Report without charge by calling the Funds at 1-877-824-3406.

## APPENDIX A

### PROXY VOTING POLICES AND PROCEDURES

#### THE PACIFIC FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

##### Policy

The Pacific Financial Group, Inc., as a matter of policy and as a fiduciary to our clients, has responsibility for voting proxies for portfolio securities consistent with the best economic interests of the clients. Our firm maintains written policies and procedures as to the handling, research, voting and reporting of proxy voting and makes appropriate disclosures about our firm's proxy policies and practices. Our policy and practice includes the responsibility to monitor corporate actions, receive and vote client proxies and disclose any potential conflicts of interest as well as making information available to clients about the voting of proxies for their portfolio securities and maintaining relevant and required records.

##### Background

Proxy voting is an important right of shareholders and reasonable care and diligence must be undertaken to ensure that such rights are properly and timely exercised.

Investment advisers registered with the SEC, and which exercise voting authority with respect to client securities, are required by Rule 206(4)-6 of the Advisers Act to (a) adopt and implement written policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to ensure that client securities are voted in the best interests of clients, which must include how an adviser addresses material conflicts that may arise between an adviser's interests and those of its clients; (b) to disclose to clients how they may obtain information from the adviser with respect to the voting of proxies for their securities; (c) to describe to clients a summary of its proxy voting policies and procedures and, upon request, furnish a copy to its clients; and (d) maintain certain records relating to the adviser's proxy voting activities when the adviser does have proxy voting authority.

Staff Legal Bulletin No. 20 was jointly published by the SEC's Division of Investment Management and Division of Corporation Finance on June 30, 2014. The Division of Investment Management provided guidance about investment advisers' responsibilities in voting client proxies and retaining proxy advisory firms, while the Division of Corporation Finance addressed the availability and requirements of two exemptions to the federal proxy rules that are often relied upon by proxy advisory firms.

##### Responsibility

The Proxy Committee has the responsibility for the implementation and monitoring of our proxy voting policy, practices, disclosures and record keeping, including outlining our voting guidelines in our procedures.

##### Procedure

The Pacific Financial Group, Inc. has adopted procedures to implement the firm’s policy and reviews to monitor and insure the firm’s policy is observed, implemented properly and amended or updated, as appropriate, which include the following:

## **Voting Procedures**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

The Pacific Financial Group, Inc. (“TPFG”) has adopted proxy voting policies and procedures as required by Rule 206(4)-6 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. These policies and procedures were effective on August 6, 2003 and going forward.

### **II. GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

**Non-Routine Proxy Proposals** shall mean:

- Proxy proposals that are to be considered on a case-by-case basis,
- Proxy proposals that Advisor generally abstains from voting on, and
- Proxy proposals that are not addressed by the Principles and Guidelines section of the Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures.

**Proxy Manager** shall be Jennifer Enstad, Senior Portfolio Manager.

**Proxy Committee** shall be comprised of the following person(s):

- 1) Jennifer Enstad, Senior Portfolio Manager
- 2) Eric Neufeld, Portfolio Manager
- 3) Julia Stewart, Portfolio Manager

A quorum of the Proxy Committee shall be comprised of at least one member.

**Routine Proxy Proposals** shall mean proxy proposals that the Proxy Manager shall cast either yes or no votes in accordance with the Principles and Guidelines noted below.

### **III. PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES**

#### **A. Principles**

TPFG’s primary purpose and fiduciary responsibility is to maximize shareholder value, which is defined as share price and dividend appreciation. TPGF will vote proxies in the best interests of our clients and will *generally* vote for, against, consider on a case-by-case basis, or abstain from voting as indicated below. Because of the extenuating circumstances associated with specific proxy issues, TPGF’s votes may differ from time to time from the indications noted. In addition, the list may not include all proxies on which TPGF votes. TPGF will also act, in our best judgment, on behalf of our clients on certain corporate actions that impact shareholder value, such as tender offers and bankruptcy proceedings.

#### **B. Voting Guidelines**

1. Routine Business Decisions and Director Related Proposals

Advisor votes for:

- a) Name changes
- b) Directors in uncontested elections
- c) Elimination/limitation of directors' liability
- d) Indemnification of directors
- e) Reincorporation that is not a takeover defense

Advisor considers on a case-by-case basis:

- f) Directors in contested elections
- g) Approval of auditors.

2. Corporate Governance

Advisor votes for:

- a) Majority independent board
- b) Audit, compensation & nominating committees that are comprised exclusively of independent directors
- c) Minimum director share ownership
- d) Separate offices of chairperson and CEO
- e) Limitation on number of other board seats
- f) Confidential voting
- g) Shareholders' ability to remove directors
- h) Shareholder right to call special meetings

Advisor votes against:

- i) Supermajority vote requirements
- j) Limiting directors' tenure
- k) Restrictions on shareholders to act by written consent

Advisor considers on a case-by-case basis:

l) Shareholder proposals

m) Dissident proxy battle

3. Director and Executive Compensation

Advisor votes for:

a) Disclosure of executive compensation

Advisor votes against:

b) Golden and tin parachutes

Advisor considers on a case-by-case basis:

c) Restricting executive compensation

d) Executive compensation plans

e) Establish/Increase share option plans for directors and executives

4. Take-Over Defense

Advisor votes against:

a) Reincorporation to prevent takeover

b) Issue new class of common stock with unequal voting rights

c) Adoption of fair price amendments

d) Establish a classified (or “staggered”) board of directors

e) Eliminating cumulative voting

f) Poison pills

g) Blank check preferred stock

5. Capital Structure

Advisor votes for:

a) Increase authorized common stock (unless additional stock is a takeover defense, i.e., poison pill).

b) Share repurchase programs (when all shareholders may participate on equal terms)

Advisor votes against:

c) Unequal voting rights, such as dual class of stock

d) Pre-emptive rights

Advisor considers on a case-by-case basis:

e) Increase preferred stock

f) Blank check preferred stock (not for takeover defense)

g) Restructuring plans

#### 6. Other Shareholder Value Issues

Advisor votes for:

a) Employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs)

b) Employee stock purchase plans

c) 401(k) plans

Advisor votes against:

d) Greenmail

Advisor considers on a case-by-case basis:

e) Mergers and acquisitions

d) Spin-offs and asset sales

#### 7. Corporate, Social and Environmental Policy Proposals

As noted above, TPGF's fiduciary responsibility is the maintenance and growth of our clients' assets. Accordingly, TPGF will typically vote in accordance with management's recommendations or abstain from voting on proposals concerning corporate policy and social and environmental issues. When such proposals impact shareholder value, Advisor may vote on a case-by-case basis.

#### 8. Proposals Specific to Mutual Funds

In addition to proposals noted above, Advisor will consider significant mutual fund proposals on a case-by-case basis. Examples of such proposals are noted below. Regarding fees, TPGF generally opposes increases and management must present a compelling argument for TPGF to support such proposals. Regarding non-shareholder value issues, TPGF will generally vote in accordance with management's recommendations or abstain. TPGF uses Section 12d-1F (after recent amendments) which provides a safe harbor for unaffiliated fund of funds. This provides that TPGF "mirror votes" proxies received from Underlying Funds, we may ignore the 5 and 10% restrictions of Section 12d-1A when investing in said

Underlying Funds, but not the 3% restriction. Mirror voting means that our proxy voting policies and procedures have a provision that all proxies voted with respect to underlying funds will be voted in the same proportion as all other shareholder votes in the underlying fund on each proposal. TPFG votes the proxy of an Underlying Fund, we provide a form letter attached to the ballot instead of simply checking a box.

Advisor votes against:

- a) Management fee increases

Advisor considers on a case-by-case basis:

- b) Distribution fee (12b-1) increases
- c) Changes to investment advisory contracts
- d) Shareholder proposals to terminate investment advisor
- e) Changes to investment policies

**IV. Conflicts of Interest**

On occasion, a conflict of interest may exist between TPFG and client(s) regarding the outcome of certain proxy votes. In such cases, TPFG is committed to resolving the conflict in the best interest of our clients before we vote the proxy in question.

If the proxy proposal is a Routine Proxy Proposal, TPFG will typically adhere to the standard procedure of referring to the principles and guidelines described herein in deciding how to vote. Alternatively, TPFG may disclose the conflict to our clients and obtain their consent before voting or seek the recommendation of an independent third party in deciding how to vote.

If the proxy proposal is a Non-Routine Proxy Proposal, TPFG will take any of the following courses of action to resolve the conflict:

- 1) Disclose the conflict to our clients and obtain consent before voting;
- 2) Suggest that our client(s) engage another party to determine how the proxy should be voted;  
or
- 3) Vote according to the recommendation of an independent third party, such as a:
  - proxy consultant;
  - research analyst;
  - proxy voting department of a mutual fund or pension fund; or

compliance consultant.

V. Obtaining More Information

Clients may obtain a record of Advisor's proxy voting, free of charge, by calling (800) 735-7199. These policies and procedures may also be found in TPFG's Form ADV, Part 2A and supporting schedules.

### Procedures

- When the mail arrives, the person responsible for separating the mail gives any proxy materials to the Portfolio Manager to vote.
- The Portfolio Manager will determine which client accounts hold the security to which the proxy relates:
- The Portfolio Manager will generally vote the routine proxies in accordance with the principles and guidelines described in TPFG's Proxy Voting Policy and sign the proxy. For Non-Routine Proxy Proposals, the Portfolio Manager will vote them on a case-by-case basis. The vote and the rationale will be noted as documentation for the vote.
- Once the Portfolio Manager has voted the proxies, they will be given to the Portfolio Management Assistant for processing if required. If the proxy is to be mailed, then a copy of the proxy is made, attached to the proxy materials that support the vote and Security Cross Reference report and filed in chronological order. This file is maintained by year.
- If the proxy was voted electronically, the original proxy with the notes on it as to how the proxy was voted, are maintained and attached to the proxy materials that support the vote and Security Cross Reference report, and filed in chronological order, just like proxies that are mailed.
- Should TPFG receive any requests from clients regarding proxy voting, the Portfolio Management Department will maintain a record of the requests from the specific clients, which will include:
  - Name of the Client
  - Date that the request was received
  - Whether the request was for a complete or partial record of proxy votes
  - The documents provided
  - Date that the information was sent to the client
  - A copy of the information sent to the client will be retained in a chronological file, maintained by year.

### DISCLOSURE

- The Pacific Financial Group, Inc. will provide required disclosures in response to Item 17 of Form ADV Part 2A summarizing this proxy voting policy and procedures, including a statement that clients may request information regarding how The Pacific Financial Group, Inc. voted a client's proxies, and that clients may request a copy of the firm's policies and procedures.
- The Pacific Financial Group, Inc. proxy voting practice is disclosed in the firm's advisory agreement.