

**NEXPOINT REAL ESTATE STRATEGIES FUND**  
**(the “Fund”)**

**Supplement dated November 22, 2021 to the Fund’s Statement of Additional Information**  
**(the “SAI”), dated April 30, 2021, as supplemented from time to time**

**This supplement provides new and additional information beyond that contained in the SAI and should be read in conjunction with the SAI. Capitalized terms and certain other terms used in this supplement, unless otherwise defined in this supplement, have the meanings assigned to them in the SAI.**

Effective immediately, the following will replace the table entitled “Officers” in the “Management of the Trust” section beginning on page 17 of the SAI:

**Name, Date of Birth, Position(s) held with the Trust and Length of Time Served, Term of Office**

**Principal Occupations(s) During the Past Five Years**

**James Dondero**  
(6/29/1962)

President and Principal Executive Officer since March 2016;  
Indefinite Term

Founder of NexPoint; Co-founder of HCMLP and HCMFA; Chairman of the Board of NexPoint Residential Trust, Inc. since 2015; NexPoint Hospitality Trust, NexPoint Real Estate Finance, Inc., Texmark Timber Treasury, L.P., Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and SeaOne Holdings, LLC; Portfolio Manager of NHF, GAF, HFRO, NexPoint Even Driven Fund (formerly Highland Healthcare Opportunities Fund) and NexPoint Merger Arbitrage Fund (each a series of HFI); Highland Small-Cap Equity Fund (series of HFII); the BDC; and NRESF.

**Dustin Norris**  
(1/6/1984)

Executive Vice President since April 2019; Indefinite Term

Head of Distribution and Chief Product Strategist at NexPoint since March 2019; President of NexPoint Securities, Inc. since April 2018; Head of Distribution at HCMFA from November 2017 until March 2019; Chief Product Strategist at HCMFA from September 2015 to March 2019; Director of Product Strategy at HCMFA from May 2014 to September 2015; Officer of the Fund Complex since November 2012.

**Frank Waterhouse**  
(4/14/1971)

Treasurer since March 2016; Principal Financial and Accounting Officer since April 2021; Indefinite Term

Chief Financial Officer of Skyview Group since February 2021; Chief Financial Officer and Partner of HCMLP from December 2011 and March 2015, respectively, to February 2021; Treasurer of the Fund Complex since May 2015.

**Will Mabry**  
(7/2/1986)

Assistant Treasurer since April 2021; Indefinite Term

Director, Fund Analysis of Skyview Group since February 2021. Prior to his current role at Skyview Group, Mr. Mabry served as Senior Manager – Fund Analysis, Manager – Fund Analysis, and Senior Fund Analyst for HCMLP.

**Stephanie Vitiello**  
(6/21/1983)

Secretary since April 2021; Chief Compliance Officer and Anti-Money  
Laundering Officer since November 2021; Indefinite Term

Chief Compliance Officer and Counsel of Skyview Group since  
February 2021. Prior to her current role at Skyview Group, Inc.,  
Ms. Vitiello served as Managing Director – Distressed, Assistant  
General Counsel, Associate General Counsel and In-House  
Counsel for HCMLP.

**Rahim Ibrahim**

(8/17/1989)  
Assistant Secretary since November 2021; Indefinite Term

Compliance Analyst for Skyview Group since May 2021. Prior to  
his current role at Skyview Group, Mr. Ibrahim served as a  
Compliance Associate for Loring, Wolcott & Coolidge Trust, LLC  
from October 2019 until May 2021; Corporate Paralegal at  
Maples Group from April 2018 to October 2019; Associate  
Engagement Specialist-Compliance at Eze Software Group from  
June 2017 to April 2018.

\* The address for each Trustee and Officer is c/o NexPoint Advisors, L.P., 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201.

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STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

# NEXPOINT REAL ESTATE STRATEGIES FUND

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This Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) is not a prospectus. This SAI should be read in conjunction with the prospectus of NexPoint Real Estate Strategies Fund (the “Fund”), dated April 30, 2021 (the “Prospectus”), as it may be supplemented from time to time. The Prospectus is hereby incorporated by reference into this SAI (legally made a part of this SAI). Capitalized terms used but not defined in this SAI have the meanings given to them in the Prospectus. This SAI does not include all information that a prospective investor should consider before purchasing the Fund’s securities.

You should obtain and read the Prospectus and any related Prospectus supplement prior to purchasing any of the Fund’s securities. A copy of the Prospectus may be obtained without charge by calling the Fund toll-free at (844) 485-9167 or by visiting the Fund’s website at [www.nexpointres.com](http://www.nexpointres.com). Information on the website is not incorporated herein by reference. The registration statement of which the Prospectus is a part can be reviewed and copied at the Public Reference Room of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) at 100 F Street NE, Washington, D.C. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 202-551-8090. The Fund’s filings with the SEC are also available to the public on the SEC’s Internet web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Copies of these filings may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following E-mail address: [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov), or by writing the SEC’s Public Reference Section, 100 F Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20549-0102.

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**April 30, 2021**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION AND HISTORY

The Fund is a continuously offered, non-diversified, closed-end management investment company that operates as an interval fund. The Fund is a non-diversified investment company, which means that the Fund is not limited by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”) with respect to the proportion of its assets that may be invested in the securities of a single issuer. As a registered investment company (a “RIC”), however, the Fund will be required to comply with certain asset diversification tests at the end of each quarter of its taxable year. The Fund was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on January 11, 2016. The Fund’s principal office is located at 2515 McKinney Avenue, Suite 1100, Dallas, Texas 75201, and its telephone number is (833) 697-6246. The Fund is advised by NexPoint Advisors, L.P. (“NexPoint” or the “Adviser”). The investment objective and principal investment strategies of the Fund, as well as the principal risks associated with the Fund’s investment strategies, are set forth in the Prospectus. Certain additional investment information is set forth below.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICIES

### Investment Objective

The Fund’s investment objective is to seek long-term total return with an emphasis on current income. The Fund seeks to achieve this objective by primarily investing in a broad range of private and public real estate-related debt, equity and preferred equity investments across multiple real estate sectors. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve this objective. The Fund’s investment objective is non-fundamental and may be changed by the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) without shareholder approval. Shareholders will, however, receive at least 60 days’ prior notice of any change in this investment objective.

### Fundamental Policies

The Fund’s stated fundamental policies, which may only be changed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund (the shares), are listed below. For the purposes of this SAI, “majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund” means the vote, at an annual or special meeting of shareholders, duly called, (a) of 67% or more of the shares present at such meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares are present or represented by proxy; or (b) of more than 50% of the outstanding shares, whichever is less.

The Fund may not:

- (1) Borrow money, except to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act (which currently limits borrowing to no more than 33-1/3% of the value of the Fund’s total assets, including the value of the assets purchased with the proceeds of its indebtedness, if any). The Fund may borrow for investment purposes, for temporary liquidity, or to finance repurchases of its shares.
- (2) Issue senior securities, except to the extent permitted by Section 18 of the 1940 Act (which currently limits the issuance of a class of senior securities that is indebtedness to no more than 33-1/3% of the value of the Fund’s total assets or, if the class of senior security is stock, to no more than 50% of the value of the Fund’s total assets).
- (3) Purchase securities on margin.
- (4) Underwrite securities of other issuers, except insofar as the Fund may be deemed an underwriter under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), in connection with the disposition of its portfolio securities. The Fund may invest in restricted securities (those that must be registered under the Securities Act before they may be offered or sold to the public).
- (5) Invest 25% or more of the value of its total assets in the securities of companies or entities engaged in any one industry or group of industries, except that, under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest

over 25% of its total assets in the securities of companies in the real estate industry. This limitation does not apply to investment in the securities of the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities. For purposes of this limitation, the Fund will define an industry or group of industries by reference to Standard & Poor's Global Industry Classification Standard codes for industry classifications.

- (6) Purchase or sell commodities, unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities or other investments, except that the Fund may purchase and sell forward and futures contracts and options to the full extent permitted under the 1940 Act, sell foreign currency contracts in accordance with any rules of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, invest in securities or other instruments backed by or linked to commodities, and invest in companies that are engaged in a commodities business or have a significant portion of their assets in commodities, and may invest in commodity pools and other entities that purchase and sell commodities and commodity contracts.
- (7) Make loans to others, except (a) where each loan is represented by a note executed by the borrower, (b) through the purchase of debt securities in accordance with its investment objective and policies, (c) to the extent the entry into a repurchase agreement, in a manner consistent with the Fund's investment policies or as otherwise permitted under the 1940 Act, is deemed to be a loan, and (d) by loaning portfolio securities.
- (8) Purchase or sell real estate, except that the Fund may invest in securities of companies that deal in real estate or are engaged in the real estate business, including real estate investment Funds and real estate operating companies, and instruments secured by real estate or interests therein and the Fund may acquire, hold and sell real estate acquired through default, liquidation, or other distributions of an interest in real estate as a result of the Fund's ownership of such other assets.

In addition, the Fund has adopted a fundamental policy that it will make quarterly repurchases offers for no less than for 5% of the Fund's shares outstanding at net asset value ("NAV") less any repurchase fee, unless suspended or postponed in accordance with regulatory requirements, and each repurchase pricing shall occur no later than the 14th day after the Repurchase Request Deadline, or the next business day if the 14th is not a business day.

If a restriction on the Fund's investments is adhered to at the time an investment is made, a subsequent change in the percentage of Fund assets invested in certain securities or other instruments, or change in average duration of the Fund's investment portfolio, resulting from changes in the value of the Fund's 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.

There can be no assurance that any leveraging strategy the Fund employs will be successful during any period in which it is employed. The Fund may also invest in Private Real Estate Investment Funds, Public real estate investment trusts ("REITs"), REOCs and Non-Traded REITs, which may incur higher levels of leverage. Accordingly, the Fund, through these investments, may be exposed to higher levels of leverage than the Fund is permitted to. The Fund's asset coverage was 59,089% as of March 31, 2021. See "Risk Factors – Leverage Risk".

In addition to any indebtedness incurred by the Fund, any subsidiary of the Fund, including the REIT Subsidiary, may also utilize leverage, including by mortgaging properties held by special purpose vehicles, or by acquiring property with existing debt. Any such borrowings will generally be the sole obligation of each respective special purpose vehicle, without any recourse to any other special purpose vehicle, the REIT Subsidiary, the Fund or its assets, and the Fund will not treat such non-recourse borrowings as senior securities (as defined in the 1940 Act) for purposes of complying with the 1940 Act's limitations on leverage unless the financial statements of the special purpose vehicle, or the subsidiary of the Fund that owns such special purpose vehicle, will be consolidated in accordance with Regulation S-X and other accounting rules. If cash flow is insufficient to pay principal and interest on a special purpose vehicle's borrowings, a default could occur, ultimately resulting in

foreclosure of any security instrument securing the debt and a complete loss of the investment, which could result in losses to the REIT Subsidiary and, therefore, to the Fund. To the extent that any subsidiaries of the Fund, including the REIT Subsidiary, directly incur leverage in the form of debt (as opposed to non-recourse borrowings made through special purpose vehicles), the amount of such recourse leverage used by the Fund and such subsidiaries, including the REIT Subsidiary, will be consolidated and treated as senior securities for purposes of complying with the 1940 Act's limitations on leverage by the Fund.

### **Non-Fundamental Policies**

The following are additional investment limitations of the Fund and may be changed by the Board without shareholder approval.

**80% Investment Policy.** The 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 "real estate and real estate-related securities," as defined in the Prospectus. Shareholders of the Fund will be provided with at least 60 days prior notice of any change in the Fund's 80% 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 a Fund's investments is adhered to at the time an investment is made, a subsequent change in the percentage of Fund assets invested in certain securities or other instruments, or change in average duration of a Fund's investment portfolio, resulting from changes in the value of a Fund's 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.

**Covered Obligations.** Consistent with U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") staff guidance, financial instruments that involve obligations to make future payments to third parties will not be viewed as creating any senior security provided that the Fund covers its obligations as described below.

Those financial instruments can include, among others, (i) securities purchased on a when-issued, delayed delivery, and to be announced basis, (ii) futures contracts, (iii) forward currency contracts, (iv) written options, and (v) securities sold short. Consistent with SEC staff guidance, the Fund will consider its obligations involving such a financial instrument as "covered" when the Fund (1) maintains an offsetting financial position, or (2) segregates liquid assets (constituting cash, cash equivalents or other liquid portfolio securities) equal to the Fund's exposures relating to the financial instrument, as determined on a daily basis. Dedicated Fund compliance policies and procedures, which the Board has approved, govern the kinds of transactions that can be deemed to be offsetting transactions for purposes of (1) above, and the amounts of assets that need to be segregated for purposes of (2) above. The Fund will seek to value financial instruments on a mark-to-market basis, but may also rely on the instrument's notional value or upon valuations provided by third party pricing services, subject to the approval of the Board.

**Short Selling.** Although the Fund does not currently intend to engage in short sales as a principal investment strategy, the Fund may engage in short sales for hedging purposes.

### **Non-Principal Investment Strategies**

**Convertible Securities.** The Fund may invest in convertible securities, which are typically issued as bonds or preferred shares with the option to convert to equities. As a result, convertible securities are a hybrid that have characteristics of both bonds and common stocks and are subject to risks associated with both debt securities and equity securities. The market value of bonds and preferred shares tend to decline as interest rates increase. Fixed-income and preferred securities also are subject to credit risk, which is the risk that an issuer of a security may

not be able to make principal and interest or dividend payments as due. Convertible securities may have characteristics similar to common stocks especially when their conversion value is higher than their value as a bond. The price of equity securities into which a convertible security may convert may fall because of economic or political changes. Stock prices in general may decline over short or even extended periods of time. Additionally, the value of the embedded conversion option may be difficult to value and evaluate because the option does not trade separately from the convertible security.

**Foreign Securities.** The Fund may invest in non-U.S. real estate companies and other foreign securities. Purchases of foreign securities entail certain risks. For example, there may be less information publicly available about a foreign company than about a U.S. company, and foreign companies generally are not subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices comparable to those in the U.S. Other risks associated with investments in foreign securities include changes in restrictions on foreign currency transactions and rates of exchanges, changes in the administrations or economic and monetary policies of foreign governments, the imposition of exchange control regulations, the possibility of expropriation decrees and other adverse foreign governmental action, the imposition of foreign taxes, less liquid markets, less government supervision of exchanges, brokers and issuers, difficulty in enforcing contractual obligations, delays in settlement of securities transactions and greater price volatility. In addition, investing in foreign securities will generally result in higher commissions than investing in similar domestic securities.

**Money Market Instruments.** The Fund may invest, for defensive purposes or otherwise, some or all of its assets in high quality fixed-income securities, money market instruments and money market mutual funds, or hold cash or cash equivalents in such amounts as the Adviser deems appropriate under the circumstances. In addition, the Fund or a Private Real Estate Investment Fund or Public Investment Fund may invest in these instruments pending allocation of its respective offering proceeds. Money market instruments are high quality, short-term fixed-income obligations, which generally have remaining maturities of one year or less and may include U.S. Government securities, commercial paper, certificates of deposit and bankers acceptances issued by domestic branches of U.S. banks that are members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and repurchase agreements.

**Investment Companies.** The Fund may invest in investment companies, which consist of closed-end funds and exchange traded funds (“ETFs”) (also referred to as “Underlying Funds”). The 1940 Act provides that the Fund may not: (1) purchase more than 3% of an investment company’s outstanding shares; (2) invest more than 5% of its assets in any single such investment company (the “5% Limit”), and (3) invest more than 10% of its assets in investment companies overall (the “10% Limit”), unless: (i) the underlying investment company and/or the Fund has received an order for exemptive relief from such limitations from the SEC; and (ii) the underlying investment company and the Fund take appropriate steps to comply with any conditions in such order.

In addition, Section 12(d)(1)(F) of the 1940 Act provides that the provisions of paragraph 12(d)(1) shall not apply to securities purchased or otherwise acquired by the Fund if (i) immediately after such purchase or acquisition not more than 3% of the total outstanding stock of such registered investment company is owned by the Fund and all affiliated persons of the Fund; and (ii) the Fund has not, 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 1/2% percent. An investment company that issues shares to the 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. The Fund (or the Adviser acting on behalf of the Fund) must comply with the following voting restrictions: when the Fund exercises voting rights, by proxy or otherwise, with respect to investment companies owned by the Fund, the Fund will either seek instruction from the Fund’s shareholders with regard to the voting of all proxies and vote in accordance with such instructions, or vote the shares held by the Fund in the same proportion as the vote of all other holders of such security.

Further, the Fund may rely on Rule 12d1-3, which allows unaffiliated investment companies 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 Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”) for funds of funds.

The Fund and any “affiliated persons,” as defined by the 1940 Act, may purchase in the aggregate only up to 3% of the total outstanding securities of any Underlying Fund. Accordingly, when affiliated persons hold shares of any of the Underlying Funds, the Fund’s ability to invest fully in shares of those funds is restricted, and the Adviser must then, in some instances, select alternative investments that would not have been its first preference. The 1940 Act also provides that an Underlying Fund whose shares are purchased by the Fund will be obligated to redeem shares held by the Fund only in an amount up to 1% of the Underlying Fund’s outstanding securities during any period of less than 30 days. Shares held by the Fund in excess of 1% of an Underlying Fund’s outstanding securities therefore, will be considered not readily marketable securities, which, together with other such securities, may not exceed 15% of the Fund’s total assets.

**Hedge Funds.** The Fund may invest up to 15% of its gross assets in “hedge funds,” which are private investment funds that would be required to register as investment companies but for an exemption under section 3(c)(1) or 3(c)(7) of the 1940 Act. Hedge funds are not subject to the requirements and protections of the 1940 Act and carry all of the risks associated with Private Real Estate Investment Funds, as disclosed in the Fund’s prospectus. In addition, investors should be aware that hedge funds often engage in leverage, short-selling, arbitrage, hedging, derivatives, and other speculative investment practices that may significantly increase investment loss. Hedge funds are highly illiquid, are not required to provide periodic pricing or valuation information to investors, and often charge high fees that can erode investment performance. Certain hedge funds charge performance fees that may create an incentive for its manager to make investments that are riskier or more speculative than those it might have made in the absence of a performance fee. Additionally, hedge funds need not have independent boards of trustees and do not require investor approval of advisory contracts.

**Debtor-in-Possession (“DIP”) Loans.** The Fund may invest in or extend loans to companies that have filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (“Chapter 11”). DIP financings allow the entity to continue its business operations while reorganizing under Chapter 11 and such financings must be approved by the bankruptcy court. These DIP loans are most often working-capital facilities put into place at the outset of a Chapter 11 case to provide the debtor with both immediate cash and the ongoing working capital that will be required during the reorganization process. DIP financings are typically fully secured by a lien on the debtor’s otherwise unencumbered assets or secured by a junior lien on the debtor’s encumbered assets (so long as the loan is fully secured based on the most recent current valuation or appraisal report of the debtor). DIP financings are often required to close with certainty and in a rapid manner in order to satisfy existing creditors and to enable the issuer to emerge from bankruptcy or to avoid a bankruptcy proceeding. There is a risk that the borrower will not emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings and be forced to liquidate its assets under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. In the event of liquidation, the Fund’s only recourse will be against the property securing the DIP financing.

**Rights Offerings and Warrants to Purchase.** The Fund may participate in rights offerings and may purchase warrants, which are privileges issued by corporations enabling the owners to subscribe to and purchase a specified number of shares of the corporation at a specified price during a specified period of time. Subscription rights normally have a short life span to expiration. The purchase of rights or warrants involves the risk that the Fund could lose the purchase value of a right or warrant if the right to subscribe to additional shares is not exercised prior to the rights’ and warrants’ expiration. Also, the purchase of rights and/or warrants involves the risk that the effective price paid for the right and/or warrant added to the subscription price of the related security may exceed the value of the subscribed security’s market price such as when there is no movement in the level of the underlying security.

**Special Situations.** The Fund may invest in companies undergoing work-outs, liquidations, reorganizations, bankruptcies, insolvencies or other fundamental changes or similar transactions. In any investment opportunity involving any such type of special situation, there exists the risk that the contemplated transaction either will be

unsuccessful, will take considerable time or will result in a distribution of cash or new securities the value of which will be less than the purchase price to the Fund of the securities or other financial instruments in respect of which such distribution is received. Similarly, if an anticipated transaction does not in fact occur, the Fund may be required to sell its investment at a loss. The consummation of such transactions can be prevented or delayed by a variety of factors, including but not limited to (i) intervention of a regulatory agency; (ii) market conditions resulting in material changes in securities prices; (iii) compliance with any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or securities laws; and (iv) the inability to obtain adequate financing. Because there is substantial uncertainty concerning the outcome of transactions involving financially troubled companies in which the Fund intends to invest, there is a potential risk of loss by the Fund of its entire investment in such companies.

***Certain Bankruptcy and Insolvency Issues.*** Some of the companies in which the Fund invests may be involved in a complex bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding in the United States or elsewhere. There are a number of significant risks inherent in the bankruptcy or insolvency process. The Fund cannot guarantee the outcome of any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding.

Under U.S. bankruptcy proceedings or other insolvency proceedings, the Fund may risk taking a loss on its investment and having its claim released or discharged against the debtor and third parties. For example, under a plan of reorganization, the Fund could receive a cash distribution for less than its initial investment or receive securities or other financial instruments in exchange for its claims, which then could be discharged and released against the debtor or other third parties. In addition, under U.S. bankruptcy proceedings, a debtor can effectuate a sale of assets with a purchaser acquiring such assets free and clear of any claims or liens underlying the Fund's investment with the Fund having only potential recourse to the proceeds of the sale.

Under certain circumstances, payments to the Fund may be reclaimed, recharacterized or avoided if any such payment or distribution is later determined by the applicable court to have been a fraudulent conveyance, fraudulent transfer, a preferential payment or otherwise subject to avoidance under applicable law. In addition, especially in the case of investments made prior to the commencement of bankruptcy proceedings, creditors can lose their ranking and priority if they exercise "domination and control" of a debtor and other creditors can demonstrate that they have been harmed by such actions.

Many events in a bankruptcy are often beyond the control of the creditors. While creditors may be given an opportunity to object to or otherwise participate in significant actions, there can be no assurance that a court in the exercise of its broad powers or discretion would not approve actions that would be contrary to the interests of the Fund as a creditor.

The duration of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding is difficult to predict. A creditor's return on investment can be adversely impacted by delays while a plan of reorganization is being negotiated, approved by the creditors, confirmed by the bankruptcy court and until the plan ultimately becomes effective. Similar delays can occur while a court may be considering a sale or other restructuring transaction. In addition, the administrative costs in connection with a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding are frequently high and will be paid out of the debtor's estate prior to any return to unsecured creditors or equity holders. If a proceeding involves protracted or difficult litigation, or turns into a liquidation, substantial assets may be devoted to administrative costs. Also, in the early stages of the bankruptcy process, it is often difficult to estimate the extent of, or even to identify, any contingent claims that might be made. Further, certain claims that have priority by law (for example, claims for taxes) may be quite substantial.

The effect of a bankruptcy filing on or by a portfolio company may adversely and permanently affect the portfolio company. The portfolio company may lose its market position, going concern value and key employees and otherwise become incapable of restoring itself as a viable entity. If for this or any other reason the proceeding is converted to a liquidation, the liquidation value of the portfolio company may not equal the liquidation value that was believed to exist at the time of the investment.

**Co-Investments.** Opportunities for co-investments may arise when the Adviser or its affiliates become aware of investment opportunities that may be appropriate for the Fund and its affiliates' other clients. The Fund will only make investments in which the Adviser or an affiliate hold an interest to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act and SEC staff interpretations or pursuant to the terms and conditions of the exemptive order received by the Adviser and certain funds affiliated with the Fund, dated April 19, 2016. For example, exemptive relief is not required for the Fund to invest in syndicated deals and secondary loan market transactions in which the Adviser or an affiliate has an interest where price is the only negotiated point. The order applies to all "Investment Companies," which includes future closed-end investment companies registered under the 1940 Act that are managed by the Adviser, which includes the Fund. The Fund, therefore, may in the future invest in accordance with the terms and conditions of the exemptive order.

Investment opportunities that are presented to an affiliate's other clients may be referred to the Fund and vice versa. For each such referral, the Adviser intends to independently analyze and evaluate whether the co-investment transaction is appropriate for the Fund. In addition, co-investment transactions that are recommended and approved by the Adviser will generally be subject to the review and approval by a committee consisting of independent trustees on the Fund's Board. For each type of co-investment transaction, the Fund intends to apply a specific protocol, which will be approved by the Fund's independent trustees and be designed to ensure the fairness to the Fund of the specific type of co-investment transaction. However, neither the Fund nor any affiliates' other clients will be obligated to invest or co-invest when investment opportunities are referred to by the Fund or them.

**Short-Term Trading.** The portfolio managers of the Fund may also give trading desk personnel of the Adviser general authorization to enter into a limited amount of short-term trades (purchases expected to be sold within 15 business days) in debt instruments on behalf of the Fund. Over time, it is expected that these trades will not exceed 2% of the Fund's assets.

## **Derivatives**

**Generally.** The Fund may invest up to 10% of its gross assets in transactions involving options, futures and other derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes or to hedge against risks or other factors and variables that may affect the values of the Fund's portfolio securities. A hedging transaction may not perform as anticipated, and the Fund may suffer losses as a result of its hedging activities. Derivatives can be volatile and involve various types and degrees of risk. By using derivatives, the Fund may be permitted to increase or decrease the level of risk, or change the character of the risk, to which the portfolio is exposed.

A small investment in derivatives could have a substantial impact on the Fund's performance. The market for many derivatives is, or suddenly can become, illiquid. Changes in liquidity may result in significant and rapid changes in the prices for derivatives. If the Fund were to invest in derivatives at an inopportune time, or the Adviser evaluates market conditions incorrectly, the Fund's derivative investment could negatively impact the Fund's return, or result in a loss. In addition, the Fund could experience a loss if its derivatives were poorly correlated with its other investments, or if the Fund were unable to liquidate its position because of an illiquid secondary market.

**Options and Futures.** The Fund may engage in the use of options and futures contracts, so-called "synthetic" options, including options on baskets of specific securities, or other derivative instruments written by broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries. These transactions may be effected on securities exchanges or in the over-the-counter market, or they may be negotiated directly with counterparties. In cases where instruments are purchased over-the-counter or negotiated directly with counterparties, the Fund is subject to the risk that the counterparty will be unable or unwilling to perform its obligations under the contract. These transactions may also be illiquid and, if so, it might be difficult to close out the Fund's position.

The Fund may purchase call and put options on specific securities. The Fund may also write and sell covered or uncovered call and put options for both hedging and speculative purposes. A put option gives the purchaser of the option the right to sell, and obligates the writer to buy, the underlying security at a stated price at any time before the option expires. Similarly, a call option gives the purchaser of the option the right to buy, and obligates the writer to sell, the underlying security at a stated price at any time before the option expires.

In a covered call option, the Fund owns the underlying security. The sale of such an option exposes the Fund to a potential loss of opportunity to realize appreciation in the market price of the underlying security during the term of the option. Using covered call options might expose the Fund to other risks, as well. For example, the Fund might be required to continue holding a security that the Fund might otherwise have sold to protect against depreciation in the market price of the security.

In a covered put option, cash or liquid securities are placed in a segregated account on the Fund's books. The sale of such an option exposes the seller, during the term of the option, to a decline in price of the underlying security while also depriving the seller of the opportunity to invest the segregated assets.

When writing options, the Fund may close its position by purchasing an option on the same security with the same exercise price and expiration date as the option that it has previously written on the security. If the amount paid to purchase an option is less or more than the amount received from the sale, the Fund will, accordingly, realize a profit or loss. To close out a position as a purchaser of an option, the Fund would liquidate the position by selling the option previously purchased.

The use of derivatives that are subject to regulation by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC") by the Fund could cause the Fund to be a commodity pool, which, absent an available exemption would require the Fund to comply with certain rules of the CFTC. In connection with its management of the Fund, the Adviser has claimed an exclusion from the definition of commodity pool operator under the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA") and is therefore not currently subject to registration or regulation as a pool operator.

The Fund may enter into futures contracts in U.S. domestic markets or on exchanges located outside the United States. Foreign markets may offer advantages, such as trading opportunities or arbitrage possibilities not available in the United States, but they also may subject the Fund to greater risk than domestic markets. For example, common clearing facilities may not exist in markets where foreign exchanges are the principal markets, and investors may look only to the broker to perform the contract. Adverse changes in the exchange rate could eliminate any profits that might be realized in trading, or a loss could be incurred as a result of those changes. Transactions on foreign exchanges may include both commodities traded on domestic exchanges and those that are not. Unlike trading on domestic commodity exchanges, trading on foreign commodity exchanges is not regulated by the CFTC.

Engaging in these transactions involves risk of loss, which could adversely affect the value of the Fund's gross assets. No assurance can be made that a liquid market will exist for any particular futures contract at any particular time. Many futures exchanges and boards of trade limit the amount of fluctuation permitted in futures contract prices during a single trading day. Once the daily limit has been reached in a particular contract, no trades may be made that day at a price beyond that limit, or trading may be suspended for specified periods during the trading day. Futures contract prices could move to the limit for several consecutive trading days with little or no trading, thereby preventing prompt liquidation of positions, and potentially subjecting the Fund to substantial losses.

Successful use of futures also is subject to the Adviser's ability to correctly predict movements in the relevant market and to evaluate the appropriate correlation between the transaction being hedged and the price movements of the futures contract.

The Fund may also purchase and sell stock index futures contracts. A stock index futures contract obligates the Fund to pay or receive an amount of cash equal to a fixed dollar amount specified in the futures contract,

multiplied by the difference between the settlement price of the contract on the contract's last trading day, and the value of the index based on the stock prices of the securities that comprise it at the opening of trading in those securities on the next business day. The Fund may purchase and sell interest rate futures contracts, which represent obligations to purchase or sell an amount of a specific debt security at a future date at a specific price. In addition, the Fund may purchase and sell currency futures or commodity futures. A currency future creates an obligation to purchase or sell an amount of a specific currency at a future date at a specific price. A commodity future creates an obligation to purchase or sell an amount of a specific commodity at a future date at a specific price.

**Options on Securities Indexes.** The Fund may purchase and sell call and put options on stock indexes listed on national securities exchanges or traded in the over-the-counter market for hedging and speculative purposes. A stock index fluctuates with changes in the market values of the stocks included in the index. Accordingly, successful use of options on stock indexes will be subject to the Adviser's ability to correctly evaluate movements in the stock market generally, or of a particular industry or market segment.

**Swap Agreements.** The Fund may enter into a swap agreements, which generally include equity, interest rate, and index and currency rate swap agreements. The Fund is not limited to any particular form of swap agreement if the Adviser determines that other forms are consistent with the Fund's investment objective and policies. Swap agreements are contracts entered into by two parties (primarily institutional investors) for periods ranging from a few weeks to more than a year. In a standard swap transaction, the parties agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realized on particular predetermined investments or instruments, which may be adjusted for an interest factor. The gross returns to be exchanged or "swapped" between the parties are generally calculated with respect to a "notional amount," *i.e.*, the return on or increase in value of a particular dollar amount invested at a particular interest rate, in a particular foreign currency, or in a "basket" of securities representing a particular index. Additional forms of swap agreements include (i) interest rate caps, under which, in return for a premium, one party agrees to make payments to the other to the extent interest rates exceed a specified rate or "cap;" (ii) interest rate floors, under which, in return for a premium, one party agrees to make payments to the other to the extent interest rates fall below a specified level or "floor;" and (iii) interest rate collars, under which a party sells a cap and purchases a floor (or vice versa) in an attempt to protect itself against interest rate movements exceeding certain minimum or maximum levels.

Generally, the Fund's obligations (or rights) under a swap agreement will be equal only to the net amount to be paid or received under the agreement, based on the relative values of the positions held by the parties. The risk of loss is limited to the net amount of interest payments that a party is contractually required to make. As such, if the counterparty to a swap defaults, the Fund's risk of loss consists of the net amount of payments that it is entitled to receive.

**Derivatives Rule.** New Rule 18f-4 (the "Derivatives Rule"), adopted by the SEC on October 28, 2020, replaces the asset segregation regime of Investment Company Act Release No. 10666 (Release 10666) with a new framework for the use of derivatives by registered funds. For a fund using a significant amount of derivatives, the Derivatives Rule requires a fund to adopt and/or implement: (i) value at risk limitations in lieu of asset segregation requirements; (ii) a written derivatives risk management program; (iii) new Board oversight responsibilities; and (iv) new reporting and recordkeeping requirements. The Derivatives Rule provides an exception for a fund with derivative exposure not exceeding 10% of its net assets, excluding certain currency and interest rate hedging transactions. In addition, the Derivatives Rule provides special treatment for reverse repurchase agreements and similar financing transactions and unfunded commitment agreements. In 2022, the SEC will rescind Release 10666 and withdraw letters and similar guidance addressing a fund's use of derivatives and require a fund to comply with the Derivatives Rule.

**Valuation of Derivative Instruments.** The Fund will seek to value financial instruments on a mark-to-market basis, but may also rely on valuations provided by third party pricing services, subject to the approval of the Board.

## **Portfolio Turnover**

The Fund's portfolio turnover rate is not expected to exceed 100%, but may vary greatly from year to year and will not be a limiting factor when the Adviser deems portfolio changes appropriate. Although the Fund generally does not intend to trade for short-term profits, the Fund may engage in short-term trading strategies, and securities may be sold without regard to the length of time held when, in the opinion of the Adviser, investment considerations warrant such action. These policies may have the effect of increasing the annual rate of portfolio turnover of the Fund. Higher rates of portfolio turnover would likely result in higher brokerage commissions and may generate short-term capital gains taxable as ordinary income. If securities are not held for certain applicable holding periods, dividends paid on them will not qualify for the advantageous federal tax rates applicable to "qualified dividend income." See "Tax Status."

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 49%. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 39%. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 42%.

## **Repurchases and Transfers of Shares**

***Repurchase Offers.*** The Board has adopted a resolution setting forth the Fund's fundamental policy that it will conduct quarterly repurchase offers (the "Repurchase Offer Policy"). The Repurchase Offer Policy sets the interval between each repurchase offer at one quarter and provides that the Fund shall conduct a repurchase offer each quarter (unless suspended or postponed in accordance with regulatory requirements). The Repurchase Offer Policy also provides that the repurchase pricing shall occur not later than the 14<sup>th</sup> day after the Repurchase Request Deadline or the next business day if the 14<sup>th</sup> day is not a business day. Under normal circumstances, it is expected that the repurchase pricing date will be the Repurchase Request Deadline and that the repurchase price will be the Fund's NAV determined after the close of business on the Repurchase Request Deadline. The Fund's Repurchase Offer Policy is fundamental and cannot be changed without shareholder approval. The Fund may, for the purpose of paying for repurchased shares, be required to liquidate portfolio holdings earlier than the Adviser would otherwise have liquidated these holdings. Such liquidations may result in losses, and may increase the Fund's portfolio turnover.

### *Repurchase Offer Policy Summary of Terms.*

1. The Fund will make repurchase offers at periodic intervals pursuant to Rule 23c-3 under the 1940 Act, as that rule may be amended from time to time. Rule 23c-3 establishes requirements that closed-end funds must follow when making repurchase offers to their shareholders.
2. The repurchase offers will be made in March, June, September and December of each year.
3. The Fund must receive repurchase requests submitted by shareholders in response to the Fund's repurchase offer within 21 to 42 days of the date the repurchase offer is made (or the preceding business day if the New York Stock Exchange is closed on that day), as specified by the Fund (the "Repurchase Request Deadline").
4. The maximum time between the Repurchase Request Deadline and the next date on which the Fund determines the NAV applicable to the purchase of shares (the "Repurchase Pricing Date") is 14 calendar days (or the next business day if the fourteenth day is not a business day).

The Fund may not condition a repurchase offer upon the tender of any minimum amount of shares. The Fund may deduct from the repurchase proceeds only a repurchase fee that is paid to the Fund and is reasonably intended to compensate the Fund for expenses directly related to the repurchase. The repurchase fee may not exceed 2% of the proceeds. However, the Fund does not currently charge a repurchase fee. The Fund may rely on Rule 23c-3 only so long as the Board satisfies the fund governance standards defined in Rule 0-1(a)(7) under the 1940 Act.

***Procedures.*** All periodic repurchase offers must comply with the following procedures:

***Repurchase Offer Amount.*** Each quarter, the Fund may offer to repurchase at least 5% and no more than 25% of the Fund's outstanding shares on the Repurchase Request Deadline (the "Repurchase Offer Amount"). The Board shall determine the quarterly Repurchase Offer Amount.

***Shareholder Notification.*** Thirty days before each Repurchase Request Deadline, the Fund shall send to each shareholder of record and to each beneficial owner of the shares that are the subject of the repurchase offer a notification ("Shareholder Notification") providing the following information:

1. A statement that the Fund is offering to repurchase its shares from shareholders at NAV;
2. Any fees applicable to such repurchase, if any;
3. The Repurchase Offer Amount;
4. The dates of the Repurchase Request Deadline, Repurchase Pricing Date, and the date by which the Fund must pay shareholders for any shares repurchased (which shall not be more than seven days after the Repurchase Pricing Date) (the "Repurchase Payment Deadline");
5. The risk of fluctuation in NAV between the Repurchase Request Deadline and the Repurchase Pricing Date, and the possibility that the Fund may use an earlier Repurchase Pricing Date;
6. The procedures for shareholders to request repurchase of their shares and the right of shareholders to withdraw or modify their repurchase requests until the Repurchase Request Deadline;
7. The procedures under which the Fund may repurchase such shares on a pro rata basis if shareholders tender more than the Repurchase Offer Amount;
8. The circumstances in which the Fund may suspend or postpone a repurchase offer;
9. The NAV of the shares computed no more than seven days before the date of the notification and the means by which shareholders may ascertain the NAV thereafter; and
10. The market price, if any, of the shares on the date on which such NAV was computed, and the means by which shareholders may ascertain the market price thereafter.

The Fund must file a Form N-23c-3 ("Notification of Repurchase Offer") and three copies of the Shareholder Notification with the SEC within three business days after sending the notification to shareholders.

***Notification of Beneficial Owners.*** Where the Fund knows that shares subject to a repurchase offer are held of record by a broker, dealer, voting trustee, bank, association or other entity that exercises fiduciary powers in nominee name or otherwise, the Fund must follow the procedures for transmitting materials to beneficial owners of securities that are set forth in Rule 14a-13 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

***Repurchase Requests.*** Repurchase requests must be submitted by shareholders by the Repurchase Request Deadline. The Fund shall permit repurchase requests to be withdrawn or modified at any time until the Repurchase Request Deadline, but shall not permit repurchase requests to be withdrawn or modified after the Repurchase Request Deadline.

***Repurchase Requests in Excess of the Repurchase Offer Amount.*** If shareholders tender more than the Repurchase Offer Amount, the Fund may, but is not required to, repurchase an additional amount of shares not to exceed 2% of the outstanding shares of the Fund on the Repurchase Request Deadline. If the Fund determines not to repurchase more than the Repurchase Offer Amount, or if shareholders tender shares in an amount exceeding the Repurchase Offer Amount plus 2% of the outstanding shares on the Repurchase Request Deadline, the Fund shall repurchase the shares tendered on a pro rata basis. This policy, however, does not prohibit the Fund from:

1. Accepting all repurchase requests by persons who own, beneficially or of record, an aggregate of not more than 100 shares and who tender all of their stock for repurchase, before prorating shares tendered by others, or

2. Accepting by lot shares tendered by shareholders who request repurchase of all shares held by them and who, when tendering their shares, elect to have either (i) all or none or (ii) at least a minimum amount or none accepted, if the Fund first accepts all shares tendered by shareholders who do not make this election.

Suspension or Postponement of Repurchase Offers. The Fund shall not suspend or postpone a repurchase offer except pursuant to a vote of a majority of the Board, including a majority of the Trustees who are not interested persons of the Fund, and only:

1. If the repurchase would cause the Fund to lose its status as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”);
2. If the repurchase would cause the shares that are the subject of the offer that are either listed on a national securities exchange or quoted in an inter-dealer quotation system of a national securities association to be neither listed on any national securities exchange nor quoted on any inter-dealer quotation system of a national securities association;
3. For any period during which the New York Stock Exchange or any other market in which the securities owned by the Fund are principally traded is closed, other than customary weekend and holiday closings, or during which trading in such market is restricted;
4. For any period during which an emergency exists as a result of which disposal by the Fund of securities owned by it is not reasonably practicable, or during which it is not reasonably practicable for the Fund fairly to determine the value of its net assets; or
5. For such other periods as the SEC may by order permit for the protection of shareholders of the Fund.

If a repurchase offer is suspended or postponed, the Fund shall provide notice to shareholders of such suspension or postponement. If the Fund renews the repurchase offer, the Fund shall send a new Shareholder Notification to shareholders.

Computing Net Asset Value. The Fund’s current NAV shall be computed no less frequently than weekly, and daily on the five business days preceding a Repurchase Request Deadline, on such days and at such specific time or times during the day as set by the Board. Currently, the Board has determined that the Fund’s NAV shall be determined daily following the close of the New York Stock Exchange. The Fund’s NAV need not be calculated on:

1. Days on which changes in the value of the Fund’s portfolio securities will not materially affect the current NAV of the shares;
2. Days during which no order to purchase shares is received, other than days when the NAV would otherwise be computed; or
3. Customary national, local, and regional business holidays described or listed in the Prospectus.

Liquidity Requirements. From the time the Fund sends a Shareholder Notification to shareholders until the Repurchase Pricing Date, a percentage of the Fund’s assets equal to at least 100% of the Repurchase Offer Amount (the “Liquidity Amount”) shall consist of assets that individually can be sold or disposed of in the ordinary course of business, at approximately the price at which the Fund has valued the investment, within a period equal to the period between a Repurchase Request Deadline and the Repurchase Payment Deadline, or of assets that mature by the next Repurchase Payment Deadline. This requirement means that individual asset must be salable under these circumstances. It does not require that the entire Liquidity Amount must be salable. In the event that the Fund’s assets fail to comply with this requirement, the Board shall cause the Fund to take such action as it deems appropriate to ensure compliance.

Liquidity Policy. The Board may delegate day-to-day responsibility for evaluating liquidity of specific assets to the Adviser, but shall continue to be responsible for monitoring the Adviser's performance of its duties and the overall composition of the portfolio. Accordingly, the Board has approved this policy that is reasonably designed to ensure that the Fund's portfolio assets are sufficiently liquid so that the Fund can comply with its fundamental policy on repurchases and comply with the liquidity requirements in the preceding paragraph.

1. In evaluating liquidity, the following factors are relevant, but not necessarily determinative:
  - (a) The frequency of trades and quotes for the security.
  - (b) The number of dealers willing to purchase or sell the security and the number of potential purchasers.
  - (c) Dealer undertakings to make a market in the security.
  - (d) The nature of the marketplace trades (e.g., the time needed to dispose of the security, the method of soliciting offer and the mechanics of transfer).
  - (e) The size of the fund's holdings of a given security in relation to the total amount of outstanding of such security or to the average trading volume for the security.
2. If market developments impair the liquidity of a security, the Adviser should review the advisability of retaining the security in the portfolio. The Adviser should report to the basis for its determination to retain a security at the next Board meeting.
3. The Board shall review the overall composition and liquidity of the Fund's portfolio on a quarterly basis.
4. These procedures may be modified as the Board deems necessary.

Registration Statement Disclosure. The Fund's registration statement must disclose its intention to make or consider making such repurchase offers.

Annual Report Disclosure. The Fund shall include in its annual report to shareholders the following:

1. Disclosure of its fundamental policy regarding periodic repurchase offers.
2. Disclosure regarding repurchase offers by the Fund during the period covered by the annual report, which disclosure shall include:
  - (a) the number of repurchase offers,
  - (b) the repurchase offer amount and the amount tendered in each repurchase offer,
  - (c) and the extent to which in any repurchase offer the Fund repurchased stock pursuant to the procedures in paragraph (b)(5) of this section.

Advertising. The Fund, or any underwriter for the Fund, must comply, as if the Fund were an open-end company, with the provisions of Section 24(b) of the 1940 Act and the rules thereunder and file, if necessary, with FINRA or the SEC any advertisement, pamphlet, circular, form letter, or other sales literature addressed to or intended for distribution to prospective investors.

**Transfers of Shares.** No person may become a substituted shareholder without the written consent of the Board, which consent may be withheld for any reason in the sole and absolute discretion of the Board. Shares may be transferred only (i) by operation of law pursuant to the death, bankruptcy, insolvency or dissolution of a shareholder or (ii) with the written consent of the Board, which may be withheld in its sole and absolute discretion. The Board may, in its discretion, delegate to the Adviser its authority to consent to transfers of shares. Each shareholder and transferee is required to pay all expenses, including attorneys and accountants fees, incurred by the Fund in connection with such transfer.

## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

The Board has overall responsibility to manage and control the business affairs of the Fund, including the complete and exclusive authority to oversee and to establish policies regarding the management, conduct and operation of the Fund's business. The Board exercises the same powers, authority and responsibilities on behalf of the Fund as are customarily exercised by the board of directors of a registered investment company organized as a corporation. The business of the Fund is managed under the direction of the Board in accordance with the Agreement and Declaration of Trust and the Fund's Bylaws (the "Governing Documents"), each as amended from time to time, which have been filed with the SEC and are available upon request.

The Board consists of four individuals, three of whom are not "interested persons" (as defined under the 1940 Act) of the Fund, the Adviser, or the Fund's distributor ("Independent Trustees"). Interested Persons generally include affiliates, immediate family members of affiliates, any partner or employee of the Fund's legal counsel, and any person who has engaged in portfolio transactions for the Fund or who has loaned the Fund money or property within the previous six months. Pursuant to the Governing Documents of the Fund, 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 Fund 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 Fund's purposes. The Trustees, officers, employees and agents of the Fund, 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.

### **Trustee Qualifications**

Generally, the Fund believes that each Trustee is competent to serve because of their individual overall merits including: (i) experience, (ii) qualifications, (iii) attributes and (iv) skills.

The Fund 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.

Following is a list of the Trustees and executive officers of the Fund and their principal occupation over the last five years.

The "Fund Complex," as referred to herein consists of: the Fund, each series of Highland Funds I ("HFI"), each series of Highland Funds II ("HFII"), Highland Global Allocation Fund ("GAF"), Highland Income Fund ("HFRO"), NexPoint Strategic Opportunities Fund ("NHF"), and NexPoint Capital, Inc. (the "BDC"), a closed-end management investment company that has elected to be treated as a business development company under the 1940 Act.

**Trustees**

**Name, Date of Birth, Position(s) with the Fund and Length of Time Served, Term of Office<sup>1</sup> and Number of Portfolios in the Fund Complex Overseen by the Trustee**

**Principal Occupations(s) During the Past Five Years and Other Directorships/ Trusteeships Held During the Past Five Years**

**Experience, Qualifications, Attributes, Skills for Board Membership**

**Independent Trustees**

**Dr. Bob Froehlich**

(4/28/1953)

Trustee since March 2016;  
Indefinite term  
10 funds

Retired.

Trustee of ARC Realty Finance Trust, Inc. (from January 2013 to May 2016); Director of KC Concessions, Inc. (since January 2013); Trustee of Realty Capital Income Funds Trust (from January 2014 to December 2016); Director of American Realty Capital Healthcare Trust II (from January 2013 to June 2016); Director, American Realty Capital Daily Net Asset Value Trust, Inc. (from November 2012 to July 2016); Director of American Sports Enterprise, Inc. (since January 2013); Director of Davidson Investment Advisors (from July 2009 to July 2016); Chairman and owner, Kane County Cougars Baseball Club (since January 2013); Advisory Board of Directors, Internet Connectivity Group, Inc. (from January 2014 to April 2016); Director of AXAR Acquisition Corp. (formerly AR Capital Acquisition Corp.) (from October 2014 to October 2017); Director of The Midwest League of Professional Baseball Clubs, Inc.; Director of Kane County Cougars Foundation, Inc.; Director of Galen Robotics, Inc.; Chairman and Director of FC Global Realty, Inc. (from May 2017 to June 2018); Chairman and Director of First Capital Investment Corp. (from March 2017 to March 2018); and Director and Special Advisor to Vault Data, LLC (since February 2018).

Significant experience in the financial industry; significant managerial and executive experience; significant experience on other boards of directors, including as a member of several audit committees.

**Ethan Powell**

(6/20/1975)

Trustee of Impact Shares Funds I Trust

Significant experience in the financial industry; significant executive experience including past service as an officer of funds

<u>Name, Date of Birth, Position(s) with the Fund and Length of Time Served, Term of Office<sup>1</sup> and Number of Portfolios in the Fund Complex Overseen by the Trustee</u>	<u>Principal Occupations(s) During the Past Five Years and Other Directorships/ Trusteeships Held During the Past Five Years</u>	<u>Experience, Qualifications, Attributes, Skills for Board Membership</u>
Trustee since March 2016; Chairman of the Board since March 2016; Indefinite term  10 funds	Principal and CIO of Brookmont Capital Management, LLC since May 2020; CEO, Chairman and Founder of Impact Shares LLC since December 2015; Trustee of the Fund Complex from June 2012 until July 2013 and since December 2013.	in the Fund Complex; significant administrative and managerial experience.
<b>Bryan A. Ward</b> (2/4/1955)  Trustee since March 2016 Indefinite term  10 funds	Senior Advisor, CrossFirst Bank since April 2019; Private Investor, BW Consulting, LLC since 2014; Senior Manager, Accenture, LLP (a consulting firm) from 1991 until retirement in 2014.  Director of Equity Metrix, LLC	Significant experience on this and/or other boards of directors/trustees; significant managerial and executive experience; significant experience as a management consultant.
<b>Interested Trustees</b>		
<b>John Honis<sup>2</sup></b> (6/16/1958)  Trustee since March 2016; Indefinite term  10 funds	President of Rand Advisors, LLC since August 2013.  Manager of Turtle Bay Resort, LLC (August 2011 – December 2018).	Significant experience in the financial industry; significant managerial and executive experience, including experience as president, chief executive officer or chief restructuring officer of five telecommunication firms; experience on other boards of directors.

- <sup>1</sup> On an annual basis, as a matter of Board policy, the Governance and Compliance Committee reviews each Trustee's performance and determines whether to extend each such Trustee's service for another year. The Board has adopted a retirement policy wherein the Governance and Compliance Committee shall not recommend the continued service as a Trustee of a Board member who is older than 80 years of age at the time the Governance and Compliance Committee reports its findings to the Board.
- <sup>2</sup> Effective January 28, 2020, Mr. Honis is treated as an Interested Trustee of the Fund in light of certain relationships between Mr. Honis and historically affiliated entities of the Adviser, including prior affiliate HCMLP, arising out of HCMLP's pending Chapter 11 proceedings.

## Officers\*

Name, Date of Birth, Position(s) held with the Trust and Length of Time Served, Term of Office

Principal Occupations(s) During the Past Five Years

### James Dondero

(6/29/1962)

President and  
Principal Executive Officer since  
March 2016; Indefinite Term

Founder of NexPoint; Co-founder of HCMLP and HCMFA; Chairman of the Board of NexPoint Residential Trust, Inc. since 2015; NexPoint Hospitality Trust, NexPoint Real Estate Finance, Inc., Texmark Timber Treasury, L.P., Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and SeaOne Holdings, LLC; Portfolio Manager of NHF, GAF, HFRO, Highland Healthcare Opportunities Fund and NexPoint Merger Arbitrage Fund (each a series of HFI); Highland Small-Cap Equity Fund (series of HFII); the BDC; and NRESF.

### Frank Waterhouse

(4/14/1971)

Treasurer since March 2016; Principal  
Financial and Accounting Officer since  
April 2021; Indefinite Term

Chief Financial Officer of Skyview Group, Inc. since February 2021; Chief Financial Officer and Partner of HCMLP from December 2011 and March 2015, respectively, to February 2021; Treasurer of the Fund Complex since May 2015.

### Jason Post

(1/9/1979)

Chief Compliance Officer and Anti-  
Money Laundering Officer since  
September 2015; Indefinite Term

Chief Compliance Officer for HCMFA and NexPoint since September 2015; Chief Compliance Officer and Anti-Money Laundering Officer of the Fund Complex since September 2015. Prior to his current role at HCMFA and NexPoint, Mr. Post served as Deputy Chief Compliance Officer and Director of Compliance for HCMLP.

### Dustin Norris

(1/6/1984)

Executive Vice President since  
April 2019; Indefinite Term

Head of Distribution and Chief Product Strategist at NexPoint since March 2019; President of NexPoint Securities, Inc. since April 2018; Head of Distribution at HCMFA from November 2017 until March 2019; Chief Product Strategist at HCMFA from September 2015 to March 2019; Director of Product Strategy at HCMFA from May 2014 to September 2015; Officer of the Fund Complex since November 2012.

### Stephanie Vitiello

(6/21/1983)

Secretary since April 2021; Indefinite  
Term

Chief Compliance Officer and Counsel of Skyview Group, Inc since February 2021. Prior to her current role at Skyview Group, Inc., Ms. Vitiello served as Managing Director – Distressed, Assistant General Counsel, Associate General Counsel and In-House Counsel for HCMLP.

### Will Mabry

(7/2/1986)

Assistant Treasurer since April 2021;  
Indefinite Term

Director, Fund Analysis of Skyview Group, Inc, since February 2021. Prior to his current role at Skyview Group, Inc., Mr. Mabry served as Senior Manager – Fund Analysis, Manager – Fund Analysis, and Senior Fund Analyst for HCMLP.

\* The address for each Trustee and Officer is c/o NexPoint Advisors, L.P., 2515 McKinney Avenue, Suite 1100, Dallas, Texas 75201.

## Board Committees

**Audit and Qualified Legal Compliance Committee.** The members of the Audit and Qualified Legal Compliance Committee are Dr. Froehlich and Messrs. Powell and Ward, each of whom is independent for purposes of the 1940 Act. Mr. Ward serves as Chairman of the Audit and Qualified Legal Compliance Committee. The Audit and Qualified Legal Compliance Committee is responsible for (i) approving the Fund's independent accountants,

(ii) reviewing with the Fund's independent accountants the plans and results of the audit engagement and reviewing the adequacy of the Fund's internal accounting controls and, (iii) approving professional services provided by the Fund's independent accountants. The Audit and Qualified Legal Compliance Committee is charged with compliance with Rules 205.2(k) and 205.3(c) of Title 17 of the Code of Federal Regulations regarding alternative reporting procedures for attorneys representing the Fund who appear and practice before the SEC on behalf of the Fund. The Audit and Qualified Legal Compliance Committee is also responsible for reviewing and overseeing the valuation of debt and equity securities that are not publicly traded or for which current market values are not readily available pursuant to policies and procedures adopted by the Board. The Board and Audit and Qualified Legal Compliance Committee will use the services of one or more independent valuation firms to help them determine the fair value of these securities. In addition, each member of the Audit and Qualified Legal Compliance Committee meets the current independence and experience requirements of Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act.

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, the Audit and Qualified Legal Compliance Committee held eight meetings.

***The Governance and Compliance Committee.*** The Fund's Governance and Compliance Committee's function is to oversee and make recommendations to the full Board or the Independent Trustees, as applicable, with respect to the governance of the Fund, selection and nomination of Trustees, compensation of Trustees, and related matters, as well as to oversee and assist Board oversight of the Fund's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and to seek to address any potential conflicts of interest between the Fund and the Adviser in connection with any potential or existing litigation or other legal proceeding related to securities held by the Fund and the Adviser or another client of the Adviser. The Governance and Compliance Committee is also responsible for at least annually evaluating each Trustee and determining whether to recommend each Trustee's continued service in that capacity. The Governance and Compliance Committee will consider recommendations for Trustee nominees from shareholders sent to the Secretary of the Fund, 2515 McKinney Avenue, Suite 1100, Dallas, Texas 75201. A nomination submission must include all information relating to the recommended nominee that is required to be disclosed in solicitations or proxy statements for the election of Trustees, as well as information sufficient to evaluate the recommended nominee's ability to meet the responsibilities of a Trustee of the Fund. Nomination submissions must be accompanied by a written consent of the individual to stand for election if nominated by the Board and to serve if elected by the shareholders, and such additional information must be provided regarding the recommended nominee as reasonably requested by the Governance and Compliance Committee. The Governance and Compliance Committee is currently comprised of Dr. Froehlich and Messrs. Ward and Powell, each of whom is independent for purposes of the 1940 Act. Mr. Honis serves as an ex officio non-voting Governance and Compliance Committee member. Dr. Froehlich serves as the Chairman of the Governance and Compliance Committee. The Governance and Compliance Committee met eight times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020.

***The Distribution and Alternatives Oversight Committee.*** The members of the Distribution and Alternatives Oversight Committee are Dr. Froehlich and Messrs. Honis, Ward, and Powell. Mr. Honis serves as Chairman of the Distribution and Alternatives Oversight Committee. The Distribution and Alternatives Oversight Committee is responsible for reviewing arrangements with financial intermediaries who provide service to the Fund, including Fund payments to financial intermediaries, and for overseeing any funds that, in the Board's determination, employ alternative investment strategies. The Distribution and Alternatives Oversight Committee met five times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020.

### **Board Leadership Structure**

The Board is led by Ethan Powell, an Independent Trustee, who has served as the Chairman of the Board since March 2016. Under certain 1940 Act governance guidelines that apply to the Fund, the Independent Trustees will meet in executive session, at least quarterly. Under the Fund's governing documents, 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 Fund 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. The Fund believes that the Chairman, and, as an entity, the full Board, provide effective leadership that is in the best interests of the Fund and each shareholder.

The Board periodically reviews its leadership structure, including the role of the Chairman. The Board also completes an annual self-assessment during which it reviews its leadership and Committee structure and considers whether its structure remains appropriate in light of the Fund's current operations. The Board believes that its leadership structure, including the current percentage of the Board who are Independent Trustees is appropriate given its specific characteristics. These characteristics include: (i) the extent to which the work of the Board is conducted through the standing committees, and that the Audit and Qualified Legal Compliance Committee and the Governance and Compliance Committee meetings are each chaired by an Independent Trustee; (ii) the extent to which the Independent Trustees meet as needed, together with their independent legal counsel, in the absence of members of management and any member of the Board who is considered an "interested person" of the Fund; and (iii) Mr. Powell's and Mr. Honis' previous positions with HCMFA and/or historical affiliates of the Adviser which enhances the Board's understanding of the operations of the Adviser.

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

The Board's role is one of oversight, rather than active management. This oversight extends to the Fund's risk management processes. These processes are embedded in the responsibilities of officers of, and service providers to, the Fund. For example, the Adviser and other service providers to the Fund are primarily responsible for the management of the Fund's investment risks. The Board has not established a formal risk oversight committee. However, much of the regular work of the Board and its standing Committees addresses aspects of risk oversight. For example, the Trustees seek to understand the key risks facing the Fund, including those involving conflicts of interest; how management identifies and monitors these risks on an ongoing basis; how management develops and implements controls to mitigate these risks; and how management tests the effectiveness of those controls.

In the course of providing that oversight, the Board will receive a wide range of reports on the Fund's activities from the Adviser and other service providers, including reports regarding the Fund's investment portfolio, the compliance of the Fund with applicable laws, and the Fund's financial accounting and reporting. The Board will also meet periodically with the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer to receive reports regarding the compliance of the Fund with the federal securities laws and the Fund's internal compliance policies and procedures and meets with the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer periodically, including at least annually, to review the Chief Compliance Officer's annual report. The Board's Audit and Qualified Legal Compliance Committee will also meet regularly with the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Fund's independent public accounting firm to discuss, among other things, the internal control structure of the Fund's financial reporting function. The Board will also meet periodically with the portfolio managers of the Fund to receive reports regarding the management of the Fund, including its investment risks.

The Board recognizes that not all risks that may affect the Fund can be identified, that it may not be practical or cost-effective to eliminate or mitigate certain risks, that it may be necessary to bear certain risks (such as investment-related risks) to achieve the Fund's goals, that reports received by the Trustees with respect to risk management matters are typically summaries of the relevant information, and that the processes, procedures and controls employed to address risks may be limited in their effectiveness. As a result of the foregoing and other factors, risk management oversight by the Board and by the Committees is subject to substantial limitations.

## Trustee Ownership

The following table indicates the dollar range of equity securities that each Trustee beneficially owned in the Fund and the aggregate dollar range of equity securities owned by the Trustees in all funds overseen by the Trustees in the Fund Complex as of December 31, 2020.

<u>Name of Trustee</u>	<u>Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund</u>	<u>Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities<sup>(1)</sup> Owned in All Funds of the Funds Complex Overseen by Trustee<sup>(2)</sup></u>
<b>Independent Trustees</b>		
Ethan Powell . . . . .	None	\$50,001-\$100,000
Dr. Bob Froehlich . . . . .	None	Over \$100,000
Bryan A. Ward . . . . .	None	Over \$100,000
<b>Interested Trustee</b>		
John W. Honis <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	None	None

<sup>1</sup> Based on market value as of December 31, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Dollar ranges are as follows: None, \$1-\$10,000, \$10,001-\$50,000, \$50,001-\$100,000 and over \$100,000.

<sup>3</sup> Effective January 28, 2020, Mr. Honis is treated as an Interested Trustee of the Fund.

## Compensation

The executive officers of the Fund receive no direct remuneration from the Fund. Each Trustee receives an annual retainer of \$150,000 payable in quarterly installments and allocated among each portfolio in the Fund Complex based on relative net assets. Trustees are reimbursed for actual out-of-pocket expenses relating to attendance at meetings. The Trustees do not receive any separate compensation in connection with service on Committees or for attending Board or Committee Meetings; however, the Chairman of the Board and the Chairman of the Audit and Qualified Legal Committee each receive an additional payment of \$10,000 payable in quarterly installments and allocated among each portfolio in the Fund Complex based on relative net assets. The Trustees do not have any pension or retirement plan.

The table below details the amount of compensation the Trustees received from the Fund during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020. The Fund does not have a bonus, profit sharing, pension or retirement plan.

<u>Name of Trustee</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From the Fund</u>	<u>Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued as Part of the Fund's Expenses</u>	<u>Estimated Annual Benefits Upon Retirement</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From the Funds Complex</u>
<b>Independent Trustees</b>				
Dr. Bob Froehlich . . . . .	\$ 980	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
Bryan A. Ward . . . . .	\$1,045	\$0	\$0	\$160,000
Ethan Powell . . . . .	\$1,045	\$0	\$0	\$160,000
<b>Interested Trustees</b>				
John W. Honis <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	\$ 980	\$0	\$0	\$150,000

<sup>1</sup> Effective January 28, 2020, Mr. Honis is treated as an Interested Trustee of the Fund.

## CODES OF ETHICS

The Fund and the Adviser have adopted codes of ethics under Rule 17j-1 of the 1940 Act. These codes permit personnel subject to the codes to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by the Fund. These codes can be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at 202-551-

8090. The codes of ethics are available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC’s web site (<http://www.sec.gov>), and copies of these codes may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following e-mail address: [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov), or by writing the SEC’s Public Reference Section, Washington, D.C. 20549-0102.

### PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Board has delegated the voting of proxies for Fund securities to the Adviser pursuant to the Adviser’s proxy voting policies and procedures. Under these policies and procedures, the Adviser will vote proxies related to Fund securities in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders. A copy of the Adviser’s proxy voting policies and procedures is attached as Appendix A to this SAI. The Fund’s proxy voting record for the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling 844-485-9167 and (ii) on the SEC’s web site (<http://www.sec.gov>).

### CONTROL PERSONS AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS

A principal shareholder is any person who owns (either 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 company or acknowledges the existence of control. A control person may be able to determine the outcome of a matter put to a shareholder vote.

As of March 31, 2021, there were no entities or persons known by the Fund to own of record or beneficially 25% or more of the outstanding shares of the Fund

As of March 31, 2021, as a result of Mr. Dondero’s controlling interest in the Adviser, the Trustees and officers beneficially owned approximately 22.1% of the Fund’s outstanding shares.

As of March 31, 2021, the only persons known by the Fund to own of record or beneficially 5% or more of any class of the outstanding shares of the Fund were as follows:

<u>Name &amp; Address</u>	<u>Outstanding Shares Held</u>	<u>Percentage of Class (%)</u>
<b>NEXPOINT REAL ESTATE STRATEGIES FUND – CLASS A</b>		
Apex Clearing Corporation . . . . .		
350 NORTH ST PAUL SUITE 1300 . . . . .		
DALLAS TX 75201-4229 . . . . .	9,843.98	5.56%
<b>NEXPOINT REAL ESTATE STRATEGIES FUND – CLASS C</b>		
Pershing LLC . . . . .		
PO Box 2052 . . . . .		
Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052 . . . . .	8,361.41	6.99%
<b>NEXPOINT REAL ESTATE STRATEGIES FUND – CLASS Z</b>		
The Dugaboy Investment Trust . . . . .		
300 Crescent Court, Suite 700 . . . . .		
Dallas, Texas 75201 . . . . .	227,424.52	28.71% <sup>1</sup>
Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. . . . .		
Special Custody Account FBO Customers . . . . .		
Attn. Mutual Funds . . . . .		
211 Main Street . . . . .		
San Francisco, CA 94105 . . . . .	187,732.81	23.70%

<u>Name &amp; Address</u>	<u>Outstanding Shares Held</u>	<u>Percentage of Class (%)</u>
Wells Fargo Clearing . . . . . 1 N JEFFERSON AVE . . . . . SAINT LOUIS MO 63103-2254 . . . . .	71,447.19	9.02%
Governance RE Ltd. . . . . Wellesley House 2nd Floor . . . . . 90 Pitts Bay Road . . . . .	58,322.63	7.43%
Pembroke, HM 08 Bermuda . . . . . The Twenty Six Investment Trust . . . . . 3912 Windsor Avenue . . . . . Dallas, Texas 75205 . . . . .	53,341.15	6.73% <sup>2</sup>
MILLENNIUM AC TRUST COMPANY LLC . . . . . 2001 SPRING RD STE 700 . . . . . OAK BROOK IL 60523-1890 . . . . .	50,137.22	6.33%
Sentinel Reinsurance Ltd. . . . . P.O. Box 1093 . . . . . George Town . . . . . Grand Cayman KY1-110497,624.90 . . . . .	46,479.61	5.87%

<sup>1</sup> Shares held by the Dugaboy Investment Trust, of which Mr. Dondero is the beneficiary.

<sup>2</sup> Shares held in a trust where Mr. McGraner is the trustee. Mr. McGraner disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.

## INVESTMENT ADVISORY AND OTHER SERVICES

### The Adviser

NexPoint Advisors, L.P., which serves as the investment adviser of the Fund, is registered with the SEC as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act. NexPoint is owned by The Dugaboy Investment Trust, of which James Dondero is the beneficiary, and NexPoint Advisors GP, LLC, NexPoint’s general partner. Mr. Dondero is the President and sole member of NexPoint Advisors GP, LLC.

The Adviser also externally manages NHF, a registered closed-end fund whose shares trade on the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) and NexPoint Capital, Inc., a non-traded business development company. Affiliates of the Adviser manage NXRT, a publicly-traded REIT whose shares trade on the NYSE; VineBrook Homes Trust, Inc., a private REIT that manages a portfolio of single-family housing properties in the Midwest U.S.; NexPoint Hospitality Trust (“NHT”), a REIT listed on the TSX Venture Exchange that manages a portfolio of hospitality assets located in the U.S.; NexPoint Real Estate Finance, Inc., an externally managed publicly traded mortgage REIT (“NREF”); and certain wholly-owned REIT subsidiaries of other closed-end funds in the Fund Complex. Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P., an affiliate of the Adviser, manages Highland Income Fund (“HFRO”) and Highland Global Allocation Fund (“HGLB”), registered closed-end funds whose shares trade on the NYSE. The Adviser’s senior management team has experience across private lending, private equity, real estate investing and other investment strategies. Collectively, the Adviser’s affiliates manage approximately \$11.9 billion in assets as of January 31, 2021, including approximately \$9.8 billion in gross real estate assets.

Under the general supervision of the Board, the Adviser will carry out the investment and reinvestment of the net assets of the Fund, will furnish continuously an investment program with respect to the Fund, and determine which securities should be purchased, sold or exchanged. In addition, the Adviser will supervise and provide oversight of the Fund’s service providers. The Adviser has entered into a Services Agreement (the “Services Agreement”) with Skyview Group, Inc. (“Skyview”), effective February 25, 2021, pursuant to which NexPoint

will receive administrative and operational support services to enable it to provide the required advisory services to the Fund. The Adviser will compensate all Adviser and Skyview personnel who provide services to the Fund.

Pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement with the Fund, the Adviser receives a monthly fee at the annual rate of 1.25% of the Fund's Daily Gross Assets. Daily Gross Assets is defined in the Investment Advisory Agreement as total assets, less any liabilities, but excluding liabilities evidencing leverage. A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's approval of the Fund's Investment Advisory Agreement is available in the Fund's annual report for the period ended December 31, 2020.

The Adviser and the Fund have entered into the Expense Limitation Agreement under which the Adviser has agreed contractually to waive its fees and to pay or absorb the ordinary operating expenses of the Fund (including organizational and offering expenses, but excluding distribution fees, interest, dividend expenses on short sales, brokerage commissions and other transaction costs, acquired fund fees and expenses, taxes, expenses payable by the Fund for third party administration services, litigation expenses and extraordinary expenses), to the extent that they exceed 1.75% per annum of the Fund's average Daily Gross Assets (the "Expense Limitation"). "Daily Gross Assets" is defined in the Expense Limitation Agreement as an amount equal to total assets, less any liabilities, but excluding liabilities evidencing leverage. If the Fund incurs expenses excluded from the Expense Limitation Agreement, the Fund's expense ratio would be higher and could exceed the Expense Limitation. In consideration of the Adviser's agreement to limit the Fund's expenses, the Adviser is entitled to recoup from the Fund the amount of any fees waived and Fund expenses paid or absorbed (other than organizational and initial offering expenses, which are those expenses incurred by the Fund in order to permit the Fund to be declared effective by the SEC and to commence operations) to the extent that: (1) the reimbursement for fees and expenses will be made only if payable not more than three years from the date on which such fees are foregone or expenses are incurred by the Adviser; and (2) such recoupment does not cause the Fund's ordinary operating expenses plus recoupment to exceed the Expense Limitation in effect at the time the expenses were paid or waived or any Expense Limitation in effect at the time of recoupment. The Expense Limitation Agreement may not be amended or terminated for one year from the date of the Prospectus, unless approved by the Board. See "Management of the Fund." During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, the Fund paid \$147,337 in advisory fees. The Adviser waived \$214,266 in advisory fees during that same period. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, the Fund paid \$254,264 in advisory fees. The Adviser waived \$312,694 in advisory fees during that same period. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, the Fund paid \$209,752 in advisory fees. The Adviser waived \$173,902 in advisory fees during that same period.

**Other Services.** Pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement, the Adviser provides administration services to the Fund, provides executive and other personnel necessary to administer the Fund and furnishes office space. The Adviser waived its fees for administration services for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. Under a separate sub-administration agreement entered into as of October 1, 2018, the Adviser has delegated certain administrative functions to SEI Global Funds Services ("SEI") and pays SEI a fee for administration services. Under the administration agreement, SEI has agreed to provide fund accounting services; asset data services; fund administration and reporting services; and regulatory administration services, including preparation and filing of various reports with the appropriate regulatory agencies and the SEC for the Fund. The Adviser generally assists in all aspects of the Fund's administration and operations and furnishes offices, necessary facilities, equipment and personnel. DST Systems, Inc. ("DST") serves as the transfer agent of the Fund.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

Because each portfolio manager manages other accounts, including accounts that may pay higher fees, potential conflicts of interest exist, including potential conflicts between the investment strategy of a Fund and the investment strategy of the other accounts managed by the portfolio manager and potential conflicts in the allocation of investment opportunities between a Fund and the other accounts. The Adviser has policies and procedures in place that are reasonably designed to mitigate these conflicts of interest, which are also described below.

The Adviser and/or its general partner, limited partners, officers, affiliates and employees provide investment advice to other parties and manage other accounts and investment vehicles similar to the Funds. For the purposes of this section, the term “NexPoint” shall include the Adviser and its affiliated investment advisors and all affiliates listed on its Form ADV, as filed with the SEC March 31, 2021 (CRD No. 163564).

In connection with such other investment management activities, the Adviser and/or its general partner, limited partners, officers, affiliates and employees may decide to invest the funds of one or more other accounts or recommend the investment of funds by other parties, rather than the Fund’s monies, in a particular security or strategy. In addition, the Adviser and such other persons will determine the allocation of funds from the Fund and such other accounts to investment strategies and techniques on whatever basis they consider appropriate or desirable in their sole and absolute discretion.

NexPoint has built a professional working environment, a firm-wide compliance culture and compliance procedures and systems designed to protect against potential incentives that may favor one account over another. The Adviser has adopted policies and procedures that address the allocation of investment opportunities, execution of portfolio transactions, personal trading by employees and other potential conflicts of interest that are designed to ensure that all client accounts are treated equitably over time. Nevertheless, the Adviser furnishes advisory services to numerous clients in addition to the Funds, and the Adviser may, consistent with applicable law, make investment recommendations to other clients or accounts (including accounts that have performance or higher fees paid to the Adviser or in which portfolio managers have a personal interest in the receipt of such fees) that may be the same as or different from those made to the Fund. In addition, the Adviser, its affiliates and any of their partners, directors, officers, stockholders or employees may or may not have an interest in the securities whose purchase and sale the Adviser recommends to the Funds. Actions with respect to securities of the same kind may be the same as or different from the action that the Adviser, or any of its affiliates, or any of their partners, directors, officers, stockholders or employees or any member of their families may take with respect to the same securities. Moreover, the Adviser may refrain from rendering any advice or services concerning securities of companies of which any of the Adviser’s (or its affiliates’) partners, directors, officers or employees are directors or officers, or companies as to which the Adviser or any of its affiliates or partners, directors, officers and employees of any of them has any substantial economic interest or possesses material non-public information.

The Adviser, its affiliates or their partners, directors, officers or employees similarly serve or may serve other entities that operate in the same or related lines of business, including accounts managed by an investment adviser affiliated with the Adviser. Accordingly, these individuals may have obligations to investors in those entities or funds or to other clients, the fulfillment of which might not be in the best interests of the Fund. As a result, the Adviser will face conflicts in the allocation of investment opportunities to the Funds and other funds and clients. In order to enable such affiliates to fulfill their fiduciary duties to each of the clients for which they have responsibility, the Adviser will endeavor to allocate investment opportunities in a fair and equitable manner, pursuant to policies and procedures adopted by the Adviser and its advisory affiliates that are designed to manage potential conflicts of interest, which may, subject to applicable regulatory constraints, involve pro rata co-investment by the Funds and such other clients or may involve a rotation of opportunities among the Funds and such other clients. The Fund will only make investments in which the Adviser or an affiliate hold an interest to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act and SEC staff interpretations or pursuant to the terms and conditions of the exemptive order received by the Adviser and certain funds affiliated with the Registrant, dated April 19, 2016. For example, exemptive relief is not required for the Registrant to invest in syndicated deals and secondary loan market transactions in which the Adviser or an affiliate has an interest where price is the only negotiated point. The order applies to all “Investment Companies,” including future closed-end investment companies registered under the 1940 Act that are managed by the Adviser, which includes the Registrant. The Registrant, therefore, may in the future invest in accordance with the terms and conditions of the exemptive order. To mitigate any actual or perceived conflicts of interest, allocation of limited offering securities (such as IPOs and registered secondary offerings) to principal accounts that do not include third party investors may only be made after all other client account orders for the security have been filled. However, there can be no assurance that

such policies and procedures will in every case ensure fair and equitable allocations of investment opportunities, particularly when considered in hindsight.

Conflicts may arise in cases when clients and/or the Adviser and other affiliated entities invest in different parts of an issuer's capital structure, including circumstances in which one or more clients own private securities or obligations of an issuer and other clients may own public securities of the same issuer. In addition, one or more clients may invest in securities, or other financial instruments, of an issuer that are senior or junior to securities, or financial instruments, of the same issuer that are held by or acquired for, one or more other clients. For example, if such issuer encounters financial problems, decisions related to such securities (such as over the terms of any workout or proposed waivers and amendments to debt covenants) may raise conflicts of interests. In such a distressed situation, a client holding debt securities of the issuer may be better served by a liquidation of the issuer in which it may be paid in full, whereas a client holding equity securities of the issuer might prefer a reorganization that holds the potential to create value for the equity holders. In the event of conflicting interests within an issuer's capital structure, the Adviser will generally pursue the strategy that the Adviser believes best reflects what would be expected to be negotiated in an arm's length transaction, but in all instances with due consideration being given to NexPoint's fiduciary duties to each of its accounts (without regard to the nature of the accounts involved or fees received from such accounts). This strategy may be recommended by one or more NexPoint investment professionals. A single person may make decisions with respect to more than one part of an issuer's capital structure. Adviser personnel board members may still make recommendations to the applicable investment professional(s). A portfolio manager with respect to any applicable NexPoint registered investment company clients ("Retail Accounts") will make an independent determination as to which course of action he or she determines is in the best interest of the applicable Retail Accounts. NexPoint may use external counsel for guidance and assistance.

The Adviser and its affiliates have both subjective and objective procedures and policies in place designed to manage potential conflicts of interest involving clients so that, for example, investment opportunities are allocated in a fair and equitable manner among the Funds and such other clients. An investment opportunity that is suitable for multiple clients of the Adviser and its affiliates may not be capable of being shared among some or all of such clients due to the limited scale of the opportunity or other factors, including regulatory restrictions imposed by the 1940 Act. There can be no assurance that the Adviser's or its affiliates' efforts to allocate any particular investment opportunity fairly among all clients for whom such opportunity is appropriate will result in an allocation of all or part of such opportunity to the Funds. Not all conflicts of interest can be expected to be resolved in favor of the Funds.

Another type of conflict may arise if one client account buys a security and another client account sells or shorts the same security. Currently, such opposing positions are generally not permitted within the same account without prior trade approval by the Chief Compliance Officer. However, a portfolio manager may enter into opposing positions for different clients to the extent each such client has a different investment objective and each such position is consistent with the investment objective of the applicable client. In addition, transactions in investments by one or more affiliated client accounts may have the effect of diluting or otherwise disadvantaging the values, prices or investment strategies of other client accounts.

Because certain client accounts may have investment objectives, strategies or legal, contractual, tax or other requirements that differ (such as the need to take tax losses, realize profits, raise cash, diversification, etc.), an affiliated adviser may purchase, sell or continue to hold securities for certain client accounts contrary to other recommendations. In addition, an affiliated adviser may be permitted to sell securities or instruments short for certain client accounts and may not be permitted to do so for other affiliated client accounts.

As a result of the Fund's arrangements with NexPoint, there may be times when NexPoint, the Adviser or their affiliates have interests that differ from those of the Fund's shareholders, giving rise to a conflict of interest. NexPoint and the Adviser are under common ownership, and the Fund's officers serve or may serve as officers, directors or principals of entities that operate in the same or a related line of business as the Fund does, or of

investment funds managed by the Adviser or its affiliates. Similarly, the Adviser or its affiliates may have other clients with similar, different or competing investment objectives. In serving in these multiple capacities, they may have obligations to other clients or investors in those entities, the fulfillment of which may not be in the best interests of the Fund or its shareholders. For example, the Fund's officers have, and will continue to have, management responsibilities for other investment funds, accounts or other investment vehicles managed or sponsored by the Adviser and its affiliates. The Fund's investment objective may overlap, in part or in whole, with the investment objective of such affiliated investment funds, accounts or other investment vehicles. As a result, those individuals may face conflicts in the allocation of investment opportunities among the Fund and other investment funds or accounts advised by or affiliated with the Adviser. The Adviser will seek to allocate investment opportunities among eligible accounts in a manner that is fair and equitable over time and consistent with its allocation policy. However, the Fund can offer no assurance that such opportunities will be allocated to it fairly or equitably in the short-term or over time.

In addition, it is anticipated that a significant portion of the Fund's assets will be represented by securities sponsored, organized and/or managed by NexPoint and its affiliates, which may include REITs, asset-backed securities and/or structured finance securities. The Adviser will monitor for conflicts of interest in accordance with its fiduciary duties and will provide the independent trustees of the Fund with an opportunity to periodically review the Fund's investments in such REITs, asset-backed securities and/or structured finance securities and assure themselves that continued investment in such securities remains in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders.

The Adviser may direct the Fund to acquire or dispose of investments in cross trades between the Fund and other clients of the Adviser or its affiliates in accordance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements. In addition, to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act and SEC staff interpretations, the Fund may make and/or hold an investment, including an investment in securities, in which the Adviser and/or its affiliates have a debt, equity or participation interest, and the holding and sale of such investments by the Fund may enhance the profitability of the Adviser's own investments in such companies.

### **Shareholder Service Expenses**

The Fund has adopted a "Shareholder Servicing Plan and Agreement" (the "Plan") under which the Fund may compensate financial industry professionals for providing ongoing services in respect of clients with whom they have distributed shares of the Fund. The Plan operates in a manner consistent with Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act, which regulates the manner in which an open-end investment company may directly or indirectly bear the expenses of distributing its shares. Although the Fund is not an open-end investment company, it has undertaken to comply with the terms of Rule 12b-1 as a condition of an exemptive order under the 1940 Act which permits it to have a multi-class structure, CDSCs and distribution and shareholder servicing fees. Such services may include electronic processing of client orders, electronic fund transfers between clients and the Fund, account reconciliations with the Fund's transfer agent, facilitation of electronic delivery to clients of Fund documentation, monitoring client accounts for back-up withholding and any other special tax reporting obligations, maintenance of books and records with respect to the foregoing, and such other information and liaison services as the Fund or the Adviser may reasonably request. Under the Shareholder Servicing Plan and Agreement, the Fund may incur expenses on an annual basis equal to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of the Class A, Class C, and Class L shares.

In addition to payments under the Plan, from time to time the Fund may pay broker-dealers and other intermediaries' account-based fees for networking and account maintenance. In addition, the Adviser and/or the Distributor may, from time to time, at their own expense out of the revenues they receive from the Fund and/or its own financial resources, make cash payments to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries (directly and not as an expense of a Fund) as an incentive to sell shares of the Fund and/or to promote retention of customer assets in the Fund. Such cash payments may be calculated on sales of shares of the Fund ("Sales-Based Payments") or on the average daily net assets of the Fund attributable to that particular broker-dealer or other

financial intermediary (“Asset-Based Payments”). Each of the Adviser and/or the Distributor may agree to make such cash payments to a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary in the form of either or both Sales-Based Payments and Asset-Based Payments.

The Adviser and/or the Distributor may also make other cash payments to broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries in addition to or in lieu of Sales-Based Payments and Asset-Based Payments, in the form of payment for travel expenses, including lodging, incurred in connection with trips taken by qualifying registered representatives of those broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries and their families to places within or outside the United States; meeting fees; entertainment; transaction processing and transmission charges; advertising or other promotional expenses; allocable portions, based on shares of the Fund sold, of salaries and bonuses of registered representatives of an affiliated broker-dealer or other financial intermediary that is a financial advisor; or other expenses as determined in the Adviser or the Distributor’s discretion, as applicable. In certain cases these other payments could be significant to the broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries. Any payments described above will not change the price paid by investors for the purchase of the shares of the Fund, the amount that the Fund will receive as proceeds from such sales, or the amounts payable under the Plan.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

As described in the prospectus, James Dondero, Matthew McGraner and Matthew Goetz serve as portfolio managers and are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund.

**Mr. Dondero** is the founder of NexPoint Advisors, L.P. (“NexPoint”) and co-founder of Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P. (“HCMFA”). Mr. Dondero has over 30 years of experience investing in credit and equity markets and has helped pioneer credit asset classes. Prior to founding Highland Capital Management, L.P. (“HCMLP”) in 1993, Mr. Dondero served as Chief Investment Officer of Protective Life’s GIC subsidiary and helped grow the business from concept to over \$2 billion between 1989 and 1993. His portfolio management experience includes mortgage-backed securities, investment grade corporates, leveraged bank loans, high-yield bonds, emerging market debt, real estate, derivatives, preferred stocks and common stocks. From 1985 to 1989, he managed approximately \$1 billion in fixed income funds for American Express. Mr. Dondero received a BS in Commerce (Accounting and Finance) from the University of Virginia and is a Certified Managerial Accountant. Mr. Dondero has earned the right to use the Chartered Financial Analyst designation. He also serves as President of NexPoint Capital, Inc. and NexPoint Real Estate Strategies Fund. Mr. Dondero currently serves as Chairman for NexBank and serves on the Board of Directors of TexMark Timber Treasury, L.P., Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, SeaOne Holdings, LLC, NexPoint Residential Trust, Inc., NexPoint Hospitality Trust and NexPoint Real Estate Finance, Inc

**Mr. McGraner** serves as Managing Director, Real Estate at NexPoint; Chief Investment Officer and a member of the investment committee of NexPoint Residential Trust, Inc.; Chief Investment Officer and Executive Vice President of NexPoint Multifamily Capital Trust, Inc. and Chief Investment Officer and Executive Vice President of NexPoint Hospitality Trust, Inc. Prior to his current position he served as Managing Director of Real Estate at HCMLP. Mr. McGraner joined HCMLP in May 2013. With over a decade of real estate, private equity and legal experience, his primary responsibilities are to lead the strategic direction and operations of the real estate platform at NexPoint, as well as source and execute investments, manage risk and develop potential business opportunities, including fundraising, capital markets transactions and joint ventures. Mr. McGraner is also a licensed attorney and was formerly an associate at Jones Day, with a practice primarily focused on private equity, real estate and mergers and acquisitions. Prior to joining HCMLP, Mr. McGraner led the acquisition and financing of over \$200 million of real estate investments and advised on \$16.3 billion of M&A and private equity transactions. Since joining HCMLP in 2013, Mr. McGraner has led the acquisition and financing of over \$9.8 billion of real estate investments. Mr. McGraner received a B.S. from Vanderbilt University and J.D. from Washington University School of Law.

**Mr. Goetz** serves as a Director, Real Estate at NexPoint Advisors, L.P. and Senior VP-Investments and Asset Management of NXRT since March 2015. Mr. Goetz was previously a Senior Financial Analyst at HCMLP from 2014 to March 2017. With over nine years of real estate, private equity and equity trading experience, his primary responsibilities are to manage assets, source acquisitions, oversee risk and develop potential business opportunities for NexPoint, including fundraising, private investments and joint ventures. Before joining HCMLP in June 2014, Mr. Goetz was a Senior Financial Analyst in CBRE's Debt and Structured Finance group from May 2011 to June 2014 where he underwrote over \$7 billion and more than 30 million square feet of multifamily, office, and retail commercial real estate. In his time at CBRE, a commercial real estate services firm, Mr. Goetz and his team closed over \$2.5 billion in debt and equity financing. Prior to joining CBRE's Debt and Structured Finance group, he held roles as an Analyst and Senior Analyst for CBRE's Recovery and Restructuring Services group from September 2009 to May 2011 where he assisted in the asset management and disposition of over 3,000 real estate owned assets valued at more than \$750 million. He also provided commercial real estate consulting services to banks, special servicers, hedge funds, and private equity groups.

As of March 31, 2021, Mr. Dondero beneficially owns approximately 22.1% of the Fund's outstanding shares, Mr. McGraner beneficially owns approximately 4.9% of the Fund's outstanding shares, and Mr. Goetz beneficially owns approximately 0.18% of the Fund's outstanding shares. Of shares beneficially owned by Mr. Dondero, approximately 20.9% of such shares are held by the Dugaboy Investment Trust, of which Mr. Dondero is the beneficiary. Approximately 1.24% of such shares are held by NexPoint. Mr. Dondero is the President and sole member of NexPoint Advisors GP, LLC, NexPoint's general partner, and may be deemed to be an indirect beneficial owner of shares held by NexPoint. Mr. Dondero disclaims beneficial ownership of all such shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

### **Compensation of Portfolio Managers**

The Fund's financial arrangements with its portfolio managers, its competitive compensation and its career path emphasis at all levels reflect the value senior management places on key resources. Compensation may include a variety of components and may vary from year to year based on a number of factors, including the pre-tax relative performance of the portfolio manager's underlying account, the pre-tax combined performance of the portfolio manager's underlying accounts, and the pre-tax relative performance of the portfolio manager's underlying accounts measured against other employees.

The principal components of compensation include a base salary, a discretionary bonus, and various retirement benefits.

*Base compensation.* Generally, the portfolio managers will receive base compensation based on his seniority and/or position with the Fund, which may include the amount of assets supervised and other management roles within the Fund. Base compensation is determined by taking into account current industry norms and market data to ensure that the Fund pays a competitive base compensation.

*Discretionary compensation.* In addition to base compensation, the portfolio managers may receive discretionary compensation, which can be a substantial portion of total compensation. Discretionary compensation can include a discretionary cash bonus paid to recognize specific business contributions and to ensure that the total level of compensation is competitive with the market.

Because the portfolio manager's compensation is based on his individual performance, the Fund does not have a typical percentage split among base salary, bonus and other compensation. Senior portfolio managers who perform additional management functions may receive additional compensation in these other capacities. Compensation is structured such that key professionals benefit from remaining with the Fund.

As of December 31, 2020, the portfolio managers were responsible for the management of the following types of accounts other than the Fund:

**James Dondero**

<u>Type of Account</u>	<u>Number of Accounts Managed</u>	<u>Total Assets (millions)</u>	<u>Number of Accounts Managed Subject to Performance-Based Advisory Fee</u>	<u>Total Assets Subject to Performance-Based Advisory Fee (millions)</u>
Registered Investment Companies . . . .	9	\$2,574	1	\$ 59
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles . . . .	2	\$1,981	2	\$1,981
Other Accounts . . . . .	—	\$ —	—	\$ —

**Matthew McGraner**

<u>Type of Account</u>	<u>Number of Accounts</u>	<u>Total Assets (millions)</u>	<u>Number of Accounts Managed Subject to Performance-Based Advisory Fee</u>	<u>Total Assets Subject to Performance-Based Advisory Fee (millions)</u>
Registered Investment Companies . . . .	—	\$ —	—	\$ —
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles . . . .	1	\$1,829	1	\$1,829
Other Accounts . . . . .	—	\$ —	—	\$ —

**Matthew Goetz**

<u>Type of Account</u>	<u>Number of Accounts</u>	<u>Total Assets (millions)</u>	<u>Number of Accounts Managed Subject to Performance-Based Advisory Fee</u>	<u>Total Assets Subject to Performance-Based Advisory Fee (millions)</u>
Registered Investment Companies . . . .	—	\$ —	—	\$ —
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles . . . .	1	\$1,829	1	\$1,829
Other Accounts . . . . .	—	\$ —	—	\$ —

**Distributor**

NexPoint Securities, Inc. (the “Distributor”), located at 300 Crescent Court, Suite 1100, Dallas, Texas 75201, serves as the Fund’s principal underwriter and acts as the distributor of the Fund’s shares on a reasonable efforts basis, subject to various conditions.

## ALLOCATION OF BROKERAGE

Specific decisions to purchase or sell securities for the Fund are made by the portfolio managers who are employees of the Adviser. The Adviser is authorized by the Trustees to allocate the orders placed on behalf of the Fund to brokers or dealers who may, but need not, provide research or statistical material or other services to the Fund or the Adviser for the Fund's use. Such allocation is to be in such amounts and proportions as the Adviser may determine. Some of the services received as the result of Fund transactions may primarily benefit accounts other than the Fund, while services received as the result of portfolio transactions effected on behalf of those other accounts may primarily benefit the Fund. While such services are useful and important in supplementing its own research and facilities, the Adviser believes the value of such services is not determinable and does not significantly reduce its expenses. Any research or other benefits received by the Adviser from a broker-dealer, for transactions where the Fund will be "paying-up", will qualify for the safe harbor provisions under Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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 Fund on a continuing basis.

Brokers or dealers executing a portfolio transaction on behalf of the Fund 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 and research services provided to the Fund. 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 Fund, while services received as the result of portfolio transactions effected on behalf of those other accounts may primarily benefit the Fund.

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, the Fund paid brokerage commissions of \$0, of which \$0 was paid to NexBank. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, the Fund paid brokerage commissions of \$0, of which \$0 was paid to NexBank. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, the Fund paid brokerage commissions of \$0, of which \$0 was paid to NexBank.

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, the Fund did not acquire any securities of its regular brokers or dealers. At that date, the Fund did not hold any securities of its regular brokers or dealers. For these purposes, regular brokers or dealers are (a) the brokers or dealers that received the greatest dollar amount of brokerage commissions by virtue of direct or indirect participation in the Fund's portfolio transactions during the Fund's most recent fiscal year, (b) the brokers or dealers that engaged as principal in the largest dollar amount of portfolio transactions of the Fund during the Fund's most recent fiscal year, or (c) the brokers or dealers that sold the largest dollar amount of securities of the Fund during the Fund's most recent fiscal year.

### **Affiliated Party Transactions**

The Adviser and its affiliates will not purchase securities or other property from, or sell securities or other property to, the Fund, except that the Fund may in accordance with rules under the 1940 Act engage in transactions with accounts that are affiliated with the Fund as a result of common officers, directors, advisers, members, managing general partners or common control. These transactions would be effected in circumstances

pursuant to policies adopted by the Trustees pursuant to Rule 17a-7 under the 1940 Act, in which the Adviser determined that it would be appropriate for the Fund to purchase and another client to sell, or the Fund to sell and another client to purchase, the same security or instrument on the same day.

If the Adviser places Fund trades through an affiliated broker, the trades will be executed under a policy adopted by the Trustees pursuant to Section 17(e) and Rule 17(e)(1) under the 1940 Act which places limitations on the securities transactions effected through affiliates. The policy of the Fund with respect to brokerage is reviewed by the Trustees from time to time. Because of the possibility of further regulatory developments affecting the securities exchanges and brokerage practices generally, the foregoing practices may be modified.

## **TAX STATUS**

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 Fund.

The following is a summary discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax consequences that may be relevant to a shareholder of the Fund that acquires, holds and/or disposes of shares of the Fund, and reflects provisions of the Code, existing Treasury regulations, rulings published by the IRS, and other applicable authority as of the date of this SAI. These authorities are subject to change by legislative or administrative action, possibly with retroactive effect. The following discussion is only a summary of some of the important tax considerations generally applicable to investments in the Fund and the discussion set forth herein does not constitute tax advice. There may be other tax considerations applicable to particular investors such as those holding shares in a tax-advantaged account such as an IRA or 401(k) plan. In addition, income earned through an investment in the Fund may be subject to state, local and foreign taxes.

The Fund has elected to be treated and intends to qualify each year for taxation as a RIC under Subchapter M of 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 (as described below). If the Fund so qualifies, the Fund will not be subject to federal income or excise tax on net investment income or net capital gain that are distributed to shareholders in accordance with the applicable timing requirements. Net investment income and net capital gain of the Fund will be computed in accordance with Section 852 of the Code. Very generally, net investment income consists of dividends and interest less expenses. Net capital gain for a fiscal year is computed by taking into account any capital loss carryforward of the Fund.

The Fund intends to distribute all of its net investment income, any excess of net short-term capital gains over net long-term capital losses, and any excess of net long-term capital gains over net short-term capital losses in accordance with the timing requirements imposed by the Code so as to avoid imposition of federal income or excise taxes. Distributions of net investment income will be made quarterly and net capital gain will be made no later than December 31 of each year. Both types of distributions will be in shares of the Fund unless a shareholder elects to receive cash.

In order to qualify for the favorable tax treatment accorded to RICs under Subchapter M of the Code, the Fund must (a) derive at least 90% of its gross income for each taxable year from dividends, interest, payments with respect to certain securities loans, net income from interests in “qualified publicly traded partnerships” and gains from the sale or other disposition of stock, securities or foreign currencies, or other income (including, but not limited to, gains from options, futures or forward contracts) derived with respect to the business of investing in such stock, securities or currencies, (b) diversify its holdings so that, at the end of each quarter of its taxable year, (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 RICs, 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, including through corporations in which it owns a 20% or more voting stock interest, in the securities of (other than U.S. government securities or the securities of other RICs) 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 one or more “qualified publicly traded partnerships”, and (c) distribute to its shareholders with respect to each taxable year at least the sum of 90% of the Fund’s “investment company taxable income” (as that term is defined in the Code, without regard to the deduction for dividends paid—generally taxable ordinary income and the excess, if any, of net short-term capital gains over net long-term capital losses) and 90% of any net tax-exempt interest income (the excess of our gross tax-exempt interest over certain disallowed deductions), for such year, in a manner qualifying for the dividends paid deduction.

If the Fund qualifies and is eligible for treatment as a RIC (i.e., satisfies the source of income and diversification requirements described in (i) and (ii) above and satisfies the annual distribution requirement described in (iii) above), it will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on income distributed in a timely manner to its shareholders in the form of dividends (including Capital Gain Dividends, as defined below). If the Fund were not a “publicly offered” RIC within the meaning of Code Section 67(c)(2)(B) for any year, certain of the Fund’s direct and indirect expenses, including management fees and certain other advisory expenses, would be subject to special “pass-through” rules. Such rules would treat these expenses as additional dividends to certain of the Fund’s direct or indirect shareholders (generally including individuals and entities that compute their taxable income in the same manner as an individual).

If, for any taxable year, the Fund were to fail to meet the income, diversification or distribution test described above, the Fund could in some cases cure such failure, including by paying a fund-level tax, paying interest, making additional distributions, or disposing of certain assets. If the Fund were ineligible to or otherwise did not cure such failure for any year, or if the Fund were otherwise to fail to qualify as a RIC accorded favorable tax treatment for such year, the Fund would be subject to tax on its taxable income at the applicable corporate income tax rate, and all distributions from earnings and profits, including any distributions of net tax-exempt income and net long-term capital gains, would be taxable to shareholders as ordinary income. Some portions of such distributions may be eligible for the dividends-received deduction in the case of corporate shareholders and may be eligible to be treated as “qualified dividend income” and thus taxable at the lower long-term capital gain rate in the case of shareholders taxed at individual rates, provided, in both cases, the shareholder meets certain holding period and other requirements in respect of the Fund’s shares (as described below). In addition, the Fund could be required to recognize unrealized gains, pay substantial taxes and interest and make substantial distributions before re-qualifying as a RIC that is accorded favorable tax treatment.

If in a calendar year the Fund fails to distribute at least an amount equal to the sum of 98% of its ordinary income for such year and 98.2% of its capital gain net income (adjusted for certain ordinary losses) for the one-year period ending on October 31 of such year (unless an election is made to use our taxable year), plus any such undistributed amounts from the prior year, the Fund will be subject to a nondeductible 4% excise tax on the undistributed amounts. For purposes of the required excise tax distribution, a RIC’s ordinary gains and losses from the sale, exchange or other taxable disposition of property that would otherwise be taken into account after October 31 of a calendar year generally (unless an election is made to use the Fund’s taxable year) are treated as arising on January 1 of the following calendar year. Also, for these purposes, the Fund will be treated as having distributed any amount on which the Fund has been subject to corporate income tax in the taxable year ending with the calendar year. The Fund reserves the right to pay the excise tax when circumstances warrant. Under ordinary circumstances, the Fund expects to make sufficient distributions so as to avoid liability for this tax.

The Fund is not permitted to deduct capital losses in excess of capital gains (“net capital losses”) against its net investment income. Instead, potentially subject to certain limitations, it may carry net capital losses from any taxable year forward to subsequent taxable years to offset capital gains, if any, realized during such subsequent taxable year. Capital loss carryforwards are reduced to the extent they offset current-year net realized capital gains, whether the Fund retains or distributes such gains. Net capital losses will be carried forward to one or

more subsequent taxable years without expiration to offset capital gains realized during such subsequent taxable years; any such carryforward losses will retain their character as short-term or long-term.

Distributions of taxable net investment income and the excess of net short-term capital gain over net long-term capital loss are taxable to shareholders as ordinary income.

Distributions of net capital gain (that is, the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss, in each case determined with reference to any loss carryforwards) properly reported by the Fund as capital gain dividends (“Capital Gain Dividends”) generally are taxable to shareholders as long-term capital gain, regardless of the length of time the shares of the Fund have been held by such shareholders.

In order for some portion of the dividends received by one of the Fund’s shareholders to be qualified dividend income, the Fund must meet holding period and other requirements with respect to some portion of the dividend-paying stocks in its portfolio and the shareholder must meet holding period and other requirements with respect to Fund shares. In general, a dividend will not be treated as qualified dividend income (at either the corporate or stockholder level) (1) if the dividend is received with respect to any share of stock held for fewer than 61 days during the 121-day period beginning on the date which is 60 days before the date on which such share becomes ex-dividend with respect to such dividend (or, in the case of certain preferred stock, 91 days during the 181-day period beginning 90 days before such date), (2) to the extent that the recipient is under an obligation (whether pursuant to a short sale or otherwise) to make related payments with respect to positions in substantially similar or related property, (3) if the recipient elects to have the dividend income treated as investment income for purposes of the limitation on deductibility of investment interest, or (4) if the dividend is received from a foreign corporation that is (a) not eligible for the benefits of a comprehensive income tax treaty with the United States (with the exception of dividends paid on stock of such a foreign corporation readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States) or (b) treated as a passive foreign investment company.

In general, distributions of investment income the Fund designates as derived from qualified dividend income will be treated as qualified dividend income by a shareholder taxed at individual rates, provided the shareholder meets the holding period and other requirements described in the paragraph immediately above with respect to Fund shares. The Fund does not expect a significant portion of its distributions to constitute qualified dividend income.

Under 2017 legislation commonly known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (“TCJA”), “qualified REIT dividends” (i.e., ordinary REIT dividends other than capital gain dividends and portions of REIT dividends designated as qualified dividend income) are treated as eligible for a 20% deduction by non-corporate taxpayers. This deduction, if allowed in full, equates to a maximum effective tax rate of 29.6% (37% top rate applied to income after 20% deduction). Regulations allow a RIC to pass the character of its qualified REIT dividends through to its shareholders provided certain holding period requirements are met.

In general, dividends of net investment income received by the Fund’s corporate shareholders will qualify for the 50% dividends-received deduction generally available to corporations to the extent of the amount of eligible dividends the Fund receives from domestic corporations for the taxable year. A dividend the Fund receives will not be treated as a qualifying dividend (i) if it has been received with respect to any share of stock that the Fund has held for less than 46 days (91 days in the case of certain preferred stock) during the 91-day period beginning on the date which is 45 days before the date on which such share becomes ex-dividend with respect to such dividend (during the 181-day period beginning 90 days before such date in the case of certain preferred stock) or (ii) to the extent that the Fund is under an obligation (pursuant to a short sale or otherwise) to make related payments with respect to positions in substantially similar or related property. Moreover, the dividends-received deduction may be disallowed or reduced (i) if the corporate stockholder fails to satisfy the foregoing requirements with respect to Fund shares or (ii) by application of various provisions of the Code (for instance, the dividends-received deduction is reduced in the case of a dividend received on debt-financed portfolio stock (generally, stock acquired with borrowed funds)). The Fund does not expect a significant portion of its distributions to be eligible for this corporate dividends-received deduction.

When the Fund makes a tender offer for its shares (as described in “Quarterly Repurchase of Shares”) and a shareholder tenders all shares he or she holds, or is considered to be holding, and such shareholder does not hold (directly or by attribution) any other of the Fund’s shares, such shareholder will be treated as having sold his or her shares and generally will realize a capital gain or loss (as described further below). If a shareholder tenders fewer than all of his or her shares or continues to hold (directly or by attribution) other units of the Fund’s shares, there is some risk that such shareholder may be treated as having received a dividend distribution under Section 301 of the Code (a “Section 301 distribution”) unless the redemption is treated as being either (i) “substantially disproportionate” or (ii) otherwise “not essentially equivalent to a dividend” under the relevant rules of the Code. A Section 301 distribution is not treated as a sale or exchange giving rise to a capital gain or loss, but rather is treated as a dividend to the extent supported by the Fund’s current and accumulated earnings and profits, with the excess treated as a return of capital reducing a shareholder’s tax basis in Fund shares, but not below zero, and thereafter as capital gain. Where a redeeming shareholder is treated as receiving a dividend, there is a risk that non-tendering shareholders whose interests in the Fund increase as a result of such tender will be treated as having received a taxable distribution from the Fund. Dividend treatment of a tender would also affect the amount and character of income that the Fund is required to distribute for the year in which the redemption occurred. It is possible that such a dividend would qualify as “qualified dividend income”; otherwise, it would be taxable as ordinary income. To the extent the Fund recognizes net gains on the liquidation of portfolio securities to meet such tenders, the Fund will be required to make additional distributions to its common shareholders.

A disposition of Fund shares by a shareholder treated as a sale or exchange will generally 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 sale or exchange 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 sale or exchange of shares may be disallowed under the “wash sale” rules of the Code to the extent shares are purchased (including shares acquired by means of reinvested dividends) within 30 days before or after such sale or exchange. In such case, the basis of the shares acquired will be adjusted to reflect the disallowed loss. Sales or exchanges of Fund shares are also subject to reporting requirements.

Distributions of taxable net investment income and net capital gain will be taxable as described above, whether received in additional cash or reinvested in additional shares. Shareholders electing to receive distributions in the form of additional shares will have a cost basis for federal income tax purposes in each share so received equal to the net asset value of a share on the reinvestment date.

All distributions of taxable net investment 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. Investing in municipal bonds and other tax-exempt securities is not a principal investment strategy of the Fund. Nonetheless, to the extent the Fund invests in municipal bonds that are not exempt from the alternative minimum tax, some shareholders may be subject to the alternative minimum tax. (Under the TCJA, corporations are no longer subject to the alternative minimum tax for taxable years of the corporation beginning after December 31, 2017.) Investors should consult their tax advisers for more information.

Under the Code, the 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 sale 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 taxable net investment income and net capital gain and proceeds from the sale or exchange of the shares of a RIC may be subject to withholding of federal income tax (i) in the case of non-exempt shareholders who fail to furnish the Fund with their taxpayer identification numbers (“TIN”) and with required

certifications regarding their status under the federal income tax law, or (ii) if the Fund is notified by the IRS or a broker that withholding is required due to an incorrect TIN or a shareholder's previous failure to report taxable interest or dividends. If the backup withholding provisions are applicable, any such distributions and proceeds, whether received in cash or reinvested in additional shares, will be reduced by the amounts required to be withheld. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld may be credited against the shareholder's federal income tax liability, provided the appropriate information is furnished to the IRS.

The Code imposes a 3.8% Medicare contribution tax on the "net investment income" of certain individuals, estates and trusts to the extent their income exceeds certain amounts. Net investment income generally includes for this purpose dividends the Fund pays, including any Capital Gain Dividends, and net capital gains recognized on the sale or exchange of Fund shares. Shareholders are advised to consult their tax advisors regarding the possible implications of this additional tax on their investment with the Fund.

### **Return of Capital Distributions**

If, for any taxable year, the Fund's total distributions exceed both current and accumulated earnings and profits, the excess will generally be treated as a tax-free return of capital up to the amount of your tax basis in Fund shares. The amount treated as a tax-free return of capital will reduce your tax basis in Fund shares, thereby increasing your potential gain or reducing your potential loss on the subsequent sale of Fund shares. Any such amounts distributed to you in excess of your tax basis in Fund shares will be taxable to you as capital gain.

Distributions the Fund pays with respect to its shares are generally subject to U.S. federal income tax as described herein to the extent they do not exceed the Fund's realized income and gains, even though such dividends and distributions may economically represent a return of a particular shareholder's investment. Such distributions are likely to occur in respect of shares purchased at a time when the Fund's net asset value reflects either unrealized gains, or realized but undistributed income or gains, that were therefore included in the price the shareholder paid. Such distributions may reduce the value of Fund shares below the shareholder's cost basis in those shares. As described above, the Fund is required to distribute realized income and gains regardless of whether its net asset value also reflects unrealized losses.

### **Tax Implications of Certain Investments**

Some debt obligations with a fixed maturity date of more than one year from the date of issuance that the Fund acquires in the secondary market may be treated as having "market discount." Very generally, market discount is the excess of the stated redemption price of a debt obligation (or in the case of an obligation issued with OID (as defined below), its "revised issue price") over the purchase price of such obligation. Generally, any gain recognized on the disposition of, and any partial payment of principal on, a debt obligation 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 obligation. Alternatively, a holder may elect to accrue market discount currently. If the Fund makes this election, it would be required to include currently any accrued market discount on such debt obligations in its taxable income (as ordinary income) and thus distribute it over the terms of the obligations, even though payment of those amounts is not received until a later time, upon partial or full repayment or disposition of the applicable debt obligations. The rate at which market discount accrues, and thus is included in the Fund's income, will depend upon which of the permitted accrual methods it elects.

In addition, some debt obligations with a fixed maturity date of more than one year from the date of issuance (and zero-coupon debt obligations with a fixed maturity date of more than one year from the date of issuance) that the Fund originates or acquires will be treated as debt obligations 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 taxable income (and the Fund is required to distribute it) over the term of the debt obligation, even though payment of that amount is not received until a later time, upon partial or full repayment or disposition of the debt obligation. In addition, payment-in-kind ("PIK") securities the Fund originates or acquires will give rise to

income which is required to be distributed and is taxable even though the Fund receives no interest payment in cash on the security during the year in which the income was accrued.

Some debt obligations with a fixed maturity date of one year or less from the date of issuance that the Fund originates or acquires may be treated as having OID or, in certain cases, “acquisition discount” (very generally, the excess of the stated redemption price over the purchase price). Generally, the Fund will be required to include the OID or acquisition discount in income (as ordinary income) over the term of the debt obligation and thus distribute it over the term of the debt obligation, even though payment of that amount is not received until a later time, upon partial or full repayment or disposition of the debt obligation. The rate at which OID or acquisition discount accrues, and thus is included in the Fund’s income, will depend upon which of the permitted accrual methods the Fund elects.

Some preferred securities may include provisions that permit the issuer, at its discretion, to defer the payment of distributions for a stated period without any adverse consequences to the issuer. If the Fund owns a preferred security that is deferring the payment of its distributions, the Fund may be required to report income for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent of any such deferred distribution even though it has not yet actually received the cash distribution.

As a result of holding the foregoing kinds of obligations, the Fund may be required to pay out as an income distribution each year an amount which is greater than the total amount of cash interest (or dividends in the case of preferred securities) the Fund actually received. Such distributions may be made from, among other things, the Fund’s cash assets or cash generated from its liquidation of portfolio securities. The Fund may realize gains or losses from such liquidations. In the event the Fund realizes net long-term or short-term capital gains from such transactions, its shareholders may receive a larger capital gain or ordinary dividend, respectively, than they would in the absence of such transactions.

Investments in distressed debt obligations that are at risk of or in default present special tax issues. Tax rules are not entirely clear about issues such as whether and to what extent the Fund should recognize market discount on these debt obligations; when the Fund may cease to accrue interest, OID or market discount; when and to what extent the Fund may take deductions for bad debts or worthless securities and how the Fund should allocate payments received on obligations in default between principal and income. The Fund will address these and other related issues when, as and if it invests in such obligations, in order to seek to ensure that it distributes sufficient income to preserve its eligibility for treatment as a RIC and does not become subject to U.S. federal income or excise tax.

A portion of the OID accrued on certain high-yield discount obligations the Fund owns may not be deductible to the issuer and will instead be treated as a dividend paid by the issuer for purposes of the dividends-received deduction. In such cases, if the issuer of the obligation is a domestic corporation, dividend payments the Fund makes may be eligible for the dividends-received deduction to the extent of the deemed dividend portion of such OID.

The Fund’s transactions, if any, 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.

Certain of the 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 its taxable income, the Fund could be required to make distributions exceeding book income to qualify as a RIC that is accorded favorable tax treatment and to avoid an entity-level tax.

Because the tax rules applicable to derivative financial instruments are in some cases uncertain under current law, an adverse determination or future guidance by the IRS with respect to these rules (which determination or guidance could be retroactive) may affect whether the Fund has made sufficient distributions, and otherwise satisfied the relevant requirements, to maintain its qualification as a RIC and avoid a fund-level tax.

Pursuant to a notice issued by the IRS and Treasury Regulations that have yet to be issued but may apply retroactively, a portion of the Fund's income (including income allocated from certain pass-through entities) that is attributable to a residual interest in a real estate mortgage investment conduit or taxable mortgage pool (referred to in the Code as an "excess inclusion") will be subject to U.S. federal income tax in all events. This notice also provides, and the regulations are expected to provide, that excess inclusion income of a RIC will be allocated to shareholders of the RIC in proportion to the dividends received by such shareholders, with the same consequences as if the shareholders held the related interest directly. As a result, to the extent the Fund invests in any such interests, it may not be a suitable investment for certain tax-exempt shareholders. Although the Fund does not expect to make investments that generate or pass through excess inclusion income in the manner described above, the Fund may make such investments, and may need to make certain elections set forth in the IRS notice governing such matters.

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

### **Passive Foreign Investment Companies**

Equity investments by the 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, the 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 they receives any distribution from the company.

The 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. Because it is not always possible to identify a foreign corporation as a PFIC, the Fund may incur the tax and interest charges described above in some instances.

### **Foreign Currency Transactions**

The 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. Such ordinary income treatment may accelerate our distributions to shareholders and increase the distributions taxed to shareholders as ordinary income. The Fund cannot carry forward any net ordinary losses so created to offset income or gains earned in subsequent years.

### **Foreign Taxation**

Income received by the 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 the Fund's shareholders the amount of eligible foreign income and similar taxes paid by the Fund. If this election is made, a shareholder generally 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), or claim a credit for, his or her pro rata share of such foreign taxes in computing his or her taxable income, 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 a 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. If the Fund does not qualify for or does not make such election, shareholders generally will not be entitled to claim a credit or deduction with respect to foreign taxes paid by the Fund; in that case the foreign tax will nonetheless reduce the Fund's taxable income.

### **Non-U.S. Shareholders**

Distributions the Fund pays to shareholders that are not "U.S. persons" within the meaning of the Code ("foreign shareholders") and that the Fund properly reports as (1) Capital Gain Dividends, (2) interest-related dividends, and (3) short-term capital gain dividends, each as defined below and subject to certain conditions described below, generally are not subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax."

In general, the Code defines (1) "short-term capital gain dividends" as distributions of net short-term capital gains in excess of net long-term capital losses and (2) "interest-related dividends" as distributions from U.S. source interest income of types similar to those not subject to U.S. federal income tax if earned directly by an individual foreign shareholder, in each case to the extent such distributions are properly reported as such by the Fund in a written notice to shareholders. The exceptions to withholding for Capital Gain Dividends and short-term capital gain dividends do not apply to (A) distributions to an individual foreign shareholder who is present in the United States for a period or periods aggregating 183 days or more during the year of the distribution and (B) distributions attributable to gain that is treated as effectively connected with the conduct by the foreign shareholder of a trade or business within the United States under special rules regarding the disposition of U.S. real property interests. The exception to withholding for "interest-related dividends" does not apply to distributions to a foreign shareholder (A) that has not provided a satisfactory statement that the beneficial owner is not a U.S. person, (B) to the extent that the dividend is attributable to certain interest on an obligation if the foreign shareholder is the issuer or is a 10% shareholder of the issuer, (C) that is within certain foreign countries that have inadequate information exchange with the United States, or (D) to the extent the dividend is attributable to interest paid by a person that is a related person of the foreign shareholder and the foreign shareholder is a controlled foreign corporation. We are permitted to report such part of our dividends as interest-related and/or short-term capital gain dividends as are eligible, but are not required to do so. In the case of shares held through an intermediary, the intermediary may withhold even if the Fund reports all or a portion of a payment as an interest-related or short-term capital gain dividend to shareholders.

Foreign shareholders should contact their intermediaries regarding the application of these rules to their accounts.

Distributions to foreign shareholders other than Capital Gain Dividends, interest-related dividends, and short-term capital gain dividends (e.g., dividends attributable to dividend and foreign-source interest income or to short-term capital gains or U.S. source interest income to which the exception from withholding described above does not apply) are generally subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% (or lower applicable treaty rate).

A foreign shareholder is not, in general, subject to U.S. federal income tax on gains (and is not allowed a deduction for losses) realized on the sale of our shares unless (i) such gain is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business carried on by such holder within the United States, (ii) in the case of an individual holder, the holder is present in the United States for a period or periods aggregating 183 days or more during the year of the sale and certain other conditions are met, or (iii) certain special rules relating to gain attributable to the sale or exchange of U.S. real property interests apply to the foreign shareholder's sale of our shares.

Foreign shareholders with respect to whom income from the Fund is effectively connected with a trade or business conducted by the foreign shareholder within the United States will in general be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the income derived from the Fund at the graduated rates applicable to U.S. citizens, residents or domestic corporations, whether such income is received in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund's shares and, in the case of a foreign corporation, may also be subject to a branch profits tax. If a foreign shareholder is eligible for the benefits of a tax treaty, any effectively connected income or gain will generally be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net basis only if it is also attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the shareholder in the United States. More generally, foreign shareholders who are residents of a country with an income tax treaty with the United States may obtain different tax results than those described herein, and are urged to consult their tax advisors.

Special rules would apply if the Fund were a qualified investment entity ("QIE") because it is either a "U.S. real property holding corporation" ("USRPHC") or would be a USRPHC but for the operation of certain exceptions to the definition of USRPIs described below. Very generally, a USRPHC is a domestic corporation that holds USRPIs the fair market value of which equals or exceeds 50% of the sum of the fair market values of the corporation's USRPIs, interests in real property located outside the United States, and other trade or business assets. USRPIs generally are defined as any interest in U.S. real property and any interest (other than solely as a creditor) in a USRPHC or, very generally, an entity that has been a USRPHC in the last five years. A fund that holds, directly or indirectly, significant interests in REITs may be a USRPHC. Interests in domestically controlled QIEs, including REITs and RICs that are QIEs, not-greater-than-10% interests in publicly traded classes of stock in REITs and not-greater-than-5% interests in publicly traded classes of stock in RICs generally are not USRPIs, but these exceptions do not apply for purposes of determining whether the Fund is a QIE.

If an interest in the Fund were a USRPI, a greater-than-5% foreign shareholder, or any foreign shareholder if shares in the Fund are not considered regularly traded on an established securities market, generally would be required to file a U.S. tax return in connection with the sale of its Fund shares, and pay related taxes due on any gain realized on the sale.

Moreover, if the Fund were a USRPHC or, very generally, had been one in the last five years, it would be required to withhold on amounts distributed to a greater-than-5% foreign shareholder to the extent such amounts would not be treated as a dividend, i.e., are in excess of the Fund's current and accumulated "earnings and profits" for the applicable taxable year. Such withholding generally is not required if the Fund is a domestically controlled QIE.

If the Fund were a QIE, under a special "look-through" rule, any distributions to a foreign shareholder attributable directly or indirectly to (i) distributions received by the Fund from a lower-tier RIC or REIT that the Fund is required to treat as USRPI gain in its hands and (ii) gains realized on the disposition of USRPIs by the Fund would retain their character as gains realized from USRPIs in the hands of the Fund's foreign shareholders and would be subject to U.S. tax withholding. In addition, such distributions could result in the foreign

shareholder being required to file a U.S. tax return and pay tax on the distributions at regular U.S. federal income tax rates. The consequences to a foreign shareholder, including the rate of such withholding and character of such distributions (e.g., as ordinary income or USRPI gain), would vary depending upon the extent of the foreign shareholder's current and past ownership of the Fund.

Foreign shareholders of the Fund also may be subject to "wash sale" rules to prevent the avoidance of the tax-filing and -payment obligations discussed above through the sale and repurchase of Fund shares.

In order to have qualified for any exemption from withholding described above (to the extent applicable) or for lower withholding tax rates under income tax treaties, or to establish an exemption from backup withholding, a foreign shareholder must have complied with applicable certification and filing requirements relating to its non-U.S. status (including, in general, furnishing an IRS Form W-8BEN, Form W-8BEN-E or substitute form). Foreign shareholders should contact their tax advisors in this regard.

Special rules (including withholding and reporting requirements) apply to foreign partnerships and those holding Fund shares through foreign partnerships. Additional considerations may apply to foreign trusts and estates. Investors holding Fund shares through foreign entities should consult their tax advisors.

A foreign shareholder may be subject to state and local tax and to the U.S. federal estate tax in addition to the U.S. federal tax on income referred to above.

### **Other Reporting and Withholding Requirements**

Sections 1471-1474 of the Code, and the U.S. Treasury Regulations and IRS guidance issued thereunder (collectively, "FATCA"), generally require the Fund to obtain information sufficient to identify the status of each of the Fund's shareholders under FATCA or under an applicable intergovernmental agreement (an "IGA"). If a shareholder fails to provide the required information or otherwise fails to comply with FATCA or an IGA, the Fund or its agent may be required to withhold under FATCA 30% of the ordinary dividends that it pays to that shareholder. Proposed regulations (having current effect) eliminate the application of the withholding tax that was scheduled to take effect in 2019 with respect to the gross proceeds of the sale, redemption or exchange of Fund shares and certain Capital Gain Dividends it pays to that shareholder. If the Fund makes a payment that is subject to FATCA withholding, the Fund, or its agent, are required to withhold even if the payment would otherwise be exempt from withholding under rules applicable to non-U.S. shareholders (e.g., Capital Gain Dividends, short-term capital gain dividends and interest-related dividends). You are urged to consult your tax advisor regarding the applicability of FATCA and any other reporting requirements. In addition, foreign countries are considering, and may implement, laws similar in purpose and scope to FATCA.

### **REIT Subsidiary**

#### ***Taxation of a REIT Subsidiary***

As discussed above, the Fund may hold certain of its assets, including qualifying real estate investments in the form of debt securities, structured credit, preferred equity and mezzanine investments in real estate properties, through a REIT subsidiary, including the REIT Subsidiary. The Fund intends to monitor the value of the shares of any REIT subsidiary such that not more than 25% of the value of the Fund's total assets is invested in REIT subsidiaries.

The Fund intends that any REIT subsidiary would elect to be treated, and qualify annually, as a REIT under the Code beginning with the first year in which it commenced material operations. The Fund believes that if a REIT subsidiary were to satisfy the 50% Test (as defined below), that subsidiary would be able to qualify as a REIT. A REIT subsidiary's ability to satisfy the 50% Test, is not certain. Given the highly complex nature of the rules governing REITs, the ongoing importance of factual determinations and the possibility of future changes in circumstances or applicable law, no assurance can be given that a REIT subsidiary would qualify as a REIT for any particular year.

Qualification and taxation as a REIT depends on a REIT subsidiary's ability to meet, on a continuing basis, through actual results of operations, distribution levels, share ownership and various other qualification requirements imposed upon REITs by the Code. In addition, a REIT subsidiary's ability to qualify as a REIT may depend in part upon the operating results, organizational structure and entity classification for U.S. federal income tax purposes of certain entities in which the REIT subsidiary invests. A REIT subsidiary's ability to qualify as a REIT also requires that it satisfy certain asset and income tests, some of which depend upon the fair market value of assets directly or indirectly owned by it or which serve as security for loans made by it. Such values may not be susceptible to a precise determination. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that the actual results of a REIT subsidiary's operations for any taxable year will satisfy the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT.

### **Requirements for Qualification as a REIT**

To qualify for the beneficial tax regime applicable to REITs, a REIT subsidiary must meet and continue to meet the requirements described below relating to organization, sources of income, nature of assets and distributions of income to its shareholders.

#### ***Organizational Requirements***

The Code defines a REIT as a domestic corporation, trust or association:

- (1) which is managed by one or more trustees or directors;
- (2) the beneficial ownership of which is evidenced by transferable shares or by transferable certificates of beneficial interest;
- (3) which would be taxable as a domestic corporation but for Sections 856 through 859 of the Code;
- (4) which is neither a financial institution nor an insurance company subject to certain provisions of the Code;
- (5) the beneficial ownership of which is held by 100 or more persons;
- (6) not more than 50.0% in value of the outstanding stock of which is owned, directly or indirectly applying various attribution rules, by or for five or fewer individuals (as defined in the Code to include for these purposes certain entities) (the "50% Test");
- (7) which makes an election to be a REIT (or has made such election for a previous taxable year which has not been revoked or terminated) and satisfies all relevant filing and other administrative requirements established by the IRS that must be met to elect and maintain REIT status;
- (8) which uses the calendar year as its taxable year; and
- (9) which meets certain other tests, described below, regarding the nature of its income and assets and the amount of its distributions.

The Code provides that conditions (1) through (4), inclusive, must be met during the entire taxable year, that condition (5) must be met during at least 335 days of a taxable year of 12 months, or during a proportionate part of a taxable year of less than 12 months, and that condition (6) must be met during the last half of each taxable year. For purposes of condition (6), the beneficiaries of a pension or profit-sharing trust described in Section 401(a) of the Code, and not the pension or profit-sharing trust itself, are treated as REIT shareholders. Conditions (5) and (6) do not apply to a REIT until the second taxable year in which the REIT has made an election to be treated as such. A REIT subsidiary would be treated as having met condition (6) above for a taxable year if it complied with certain Treasury Regulations for ascertaining the ownership of its stock for such year and if it did not know (or after the exercise of reasonable diligence would not have known) that its stock was sufficiently closely held during such year to cause it to fail condition (6).

The Fund intends to structure and operate any REIT subsidiary and conduct its activities in a manner designed to satisfy all of these requirements. However, the application of such requirements is complex, and it is possible that the IRS may interpret or apply those requirements in a manner that jeopardizes the ability of a REIT subsidiary to satisfy all of the requirements for qualification as a REIT or that the REIT subsidiary may be unable to satisfy all of the applicable requirements.

To obtain the favorable tax treatment afforded to REITs under the Code, among other things, a REIT subsidiary generally will be required each year to distribute to its shareholders at least 90% of its REIT taxable income determined without regard to the dividends-paid deduction and excluding net capital gain. To the extent that it does not distribute all of its net capital gains, or distributes at least 90%, but less than 100%, of its REIT taxable income, as adjusted, it will have to pay an entity-level tax on amounts retained. Furthermore, if it fails to distribute during each calendar year at least the sum of (a) 85% of its ordinary income for that year, (b) 95% of its capital gain net income for that year, and (c) any undistributed taxable income from prior periods, it would have to pay a 4% nondeductible excise tax on the excess of the amounts required to be distributed over the sum of (x) the amounts that it actually distributed and (y) the amounts it retained and upon which it paid income tax at the entity level.

These requirements could cause a REIT subsidiary to distribute amounts that otherwise would be spent on investments in real estate assets, and it is possible that the REIT subsidiary might be required to borrow funds, possibly at unfavorable rates, or sell assets to fund the required distributions.

#### ***Investment in a REIT Subsidiary***

Provided that a REIT subsidiary qualifies as a REIT, distributions made to the Fund out of the REIT subsidiary's current or accumulated earnings and profits, and not designated as capital gain dividends, would generally be taken into account by the Fund as ordinary dividend income and would not be eligible for the dividends received deduction for corporations. In determining the extent to which a distribution with respect to a REIT subsidiary's common shares constituted a dividend for U.S. federal income tax purposes, a REIT subsidiary's earnings and profits would be allocated first to distributions with respect to the REIT subsidiary's preferred stock, if any, and then to the REIT subsidiary's common shares. Dividends received from REITs are generally not eligible to be taxed at the preferential qualified dividend income rates applicable to individual U.S. shareholders who receive dividends from taxable subchapter C corporations.

Effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017 and before January 1, 2026, the Code generally allows individuals and certain other non-corporate entities a deduction for 20% of qualified REIT dividends. Regulations allow a RIC to pass the character of its qualified REIT dividends through to its shareholders provided certain holding period requirements are met. As a result, a shareholder in the Fund will be eligible to receive the benefit of the same 20% deduction with respect to qualified REIT dividends included in Fund distributions that is available to direct investors in REITs.

In addition, distributions from a REIT subsidiary that are designated as capital gain dividends will be treated by the Fund as long-term capital gain income, to the extent that they do not exceed the actual net capital gain of the REIT subsidiary for the taxable year, without regard to the period for which the Fund has held the REIT subsidiary's shares. To the extent that a REIT subsidiary elects under the applicable provisions of the Code to retain the REIT subsidiary's net capital gains, the Fund would be treated as having received, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the REIT subsidiary's undistributed capital gains as well as a corresponding credit or refund, as the case may be, for taxes paid by the REIT subsidiary on such retained capital gains. The Fund would increase its adjusted tax basis in the REIT subsidiary's common shares by the difference between its allocable share of such retained capital gain and its share of the tax paid by the REIT subsidiary.

Distributions from a REIT subsidiary in excess of the REIT subsidiary's current or accumulated earnings and profits would not be taxable to the Fund to the extent that they do not exceed the Fund's adjusted tax basis in the

REIT subsidiary's common shares in respect of which the distributions were made, but rather would reduce the adjusted tax basis of these shares, thus reducing any loss or increasing any gain on a subsequent taxable disposition by the Fund of these shares. To the extent that such distributions exceed the adjusted tax basis of the Fund's shares of the REIT subsidiary's common shares, they would be included in income as long-term capital gain, or short-term capital gain if the shares have been held for one year or less. In addition, any dividend declared by a REIT subsidiary in October, November or December of any year and payable to the Fund if it is the holder of record on a specified date in any such month would be treated as both paid by the REIT subsidiary and received by the Fund on December 31 of such year if the dividend is actually paid by the REIT subsidiary in January of the following calendar year.

To the extent that a REIT subsidiary has available net operating losses and capital losses carried forward from prior tax years, such losses may reduce the amount of distributions that must be made in order to comply with the REIT distribution requirements. Such losses, however, would not be passed through to the Fund and do not offset income of the Fund from other sources, nor do they affect the character of any distributions that are actually made by a REIT subsidiary, which are generally treated as taxable income in the hands of the Fund to the extent that the REIT subsidiary has current or accumulated earnings and profits.

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

Each share represents a proportional interest in the assets of the Fund. Each share has one vote at shareholder meetings, with fractional shares voting proportionally, on matters submitted to the vote of shareholders. There are no cumulative voting rights. Shares do not have pre-emptive or conversion or redemption provisions. In the event of a liquidation of the Fund, shareholders are entitled to share pro rata in the net assets of the Fund available for distribution to shareholders after all expenses and debts have been paid.

#### **Legal Counsel**

K&L Gates, LLP, located at State Street Financial Center, 1 Lincoln Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111, acts as our legal counsel.

#### **Custodian**

BNY Mellon ("BNY"), with principal offices at 240 Greenwich Street, New York, New York, 10286, serves as custodian for the securities and cash of the Fund's portfolio. Under a Custodian Agreement, BNY holds the Fund's assets in safekeeping and keeps all necessary records and documents relating to its duties.

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

Cohen & Company, Ltd. has been appointed the independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund. Cohen & Company, Ltd. is located at 1350 Euclid Avenue, Suite 800, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Fund's audited financial statements appearing in the Fund's annual shareholder report for the period ended December 31, 2020 are incorporated by reference in this Statement of Additional Information and have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of Cohen & Company, Ltd., independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund. The Fund's annual and semiannual shareholder reports are available upon request and without charge by writing to the Fund at 2515 McKinney Avenue, Suite 1100, Dallas, Texas 75201 or by calling (844) 485-9167 and viewed on the Fund's website at [www.nexpointres.com](http://www.nexpointres.com).

## APPENDIX A

### NexPoint Advisors, L.P.

## POLICY REGARDING PROXY VOTING

### Purpose and Scope

The purpose of these voting policies and procedures (the “Policy”) is to set forth the principles and procedures by which NexPoint Advisors, L.P. (the “Company”) votes or gives consents with respect to the securities owned by Clients for which the Company exercises voting authority and discretion.<sup>1</sup> For avoidance of doubt, this includes any proxy and any shareholder vote or consent, including a vote or consent for a private company or other issuer that does not involve a proxy. These policies and procedures have been designed to help ensure that votes are cast in the best interests of Clients in accordance with the Company’s fiduciary duties and Rule 206(4)-6 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the “Advisers Act”).

This Policy applies to securities held in all Client accounts (including Retail Funds and other pooled investment vehicles) as to which the Company has explicit or implicit voting authority. Implicit voting authority exists where the Company’s voting authority is implied by a general delegation of investment authority without reservation of proxy voting authority to the Client.

If the Company has delegated voting authority to an investment sub-adviser with respect to any Retail Fund, such sub-adviser will be responsible for voting all proxies for such Retail Funds in accordance with the sub-adviser’s proxy voting policies. The Compliance Department, to provide oversight over the proxy voting by sub-advisers and to ensure that votes are executed in the best interests of the Retail Funds, shall (i) review the proxy voting policies and procedures of each Retail Fund sub-adviser to confirm that they comply with Rule 206(4)-6, both upon engagement of the sub-adviser and upon any material change to the sub-adviser’s proxy voting policies and procedures, and (ii) require each such sub-adviser to provide quarterly certifications that all proxies were voted pursuant to the sub-adviser’s policies and procedures or to describe any inconsistent votes.

### General Principles

The Company and its affiliates engage in a broad range of activities, including investment activities for their own accounts and for the accounts of various Clients and providing investment advisory and other services to Clients. In the ordinary course of conducting the Company’s activities, the interests of a Client may conflict with the interests of the Company, other Clients and/or the Company’s affiliates and their clients. Any conflicts of interest relating to the voting of proxies, regardless of whether actual or perceived, will be addressed in accordance with these policies and procedures. The guiding principle by which the Company votes all proxies is to vote in the best interests of each Client by maximizing the economic value of the relevant Client’s holdings, taking into account the relevant Client’s investment horizon, the contractual obligations under the relevant advisory agreements or comparable documents and all other relevant facts and circumstances at the time of the vote. The Company does not permit voting decisions to be influenced in any manner that is contrary to, or dilutive of, this guiding principle.

### Voting Procedures

#### *Third-Party Proxy Advisors*

The Company may engage a third-party proxy advisor (“Proxy Advisor”) to provide proxy voting recommendations with respect to Client proxies. Proxy Advisor voting recommendation guidelines are generally

<sup>1</sup> In any case where a Client has instructed the Company to vote in a particular manner on the Client’s behalf, those instructions will govern in lieu of parameters set forth in the Policy.

designed to increase investors' potential financial gain. When considering whether to retain or continue retaining any particular Proxy Advisor, the Compliance Department will ascertain, among other things, whether the Proxy Advisor has the capacity and competency to adequately analyze proxy issues. In this regard, the Compliance Department will consider, among other things: the adequacy and quality of the Proxy Advisor's staffing and personnel; the robustness of its policies and procedures regarding its ability to (a) engage with issuers and ensure that its proxy voting recommendations are based on current and accurate information and (b) identify and address any conflicts of interest and any other considerations that the Compliance Department determines would be appropriate in considering the nature and quality of the services provided by the Proxy Advisor. To identify and address any conflicts that may arise on the part of the Proxy Advisor, the Compliance Department will ensure that the Proxy Advisor notifies the Compliance Department of any relevant business changes or changes to its policies and procedures regarding conflicts.

#### *Third-Party Proxy Voting Services*

The Company may utilize a third-party proxy voting service ("Proxy Voting Service") to monitor holdings in Client accounts for purposes of determining whether there are upcoming shareholder meetings or similar corporate actions and to execute Client proxies on behalf of the Company pursuant to the Company's instructions, which shall be given in a manner consistent with this Policy. The Compliance Department will oversee each Proxy Voting Service to ensure that proxies have been voted in a manner consistent with the Company's instructions.

#### *Monitoring*

Subject to the procedures regarding Nonstandard Proxy Notices described below, the Compliance Department of the Company shall have responsibility for monitoring Client accounts for proxy notices. Except as detailed below, if proxy notices are received by other employees of the Company, such employees must promptly forward all proxy or other voting materials to the Compliance Department.

#### *Portfolio Manager Review and Instruction*

From time to time, the settlement group of the Company may receive nonstandard proxy notices, regarding matters including, but not limited to, proposals regarding corporate actions or amendments ("Nonstandard Proxy Notices") with respect to securities held by Clients. Upon receipt of a Nonstandard Proxy Notice, a member of the settlement group (the "Settlement Designee") shall send an email notification containing all relevant information to the Portfolio Manager(s) with responsibility for the security and [\_\_\_\_\_.com]. Generally, the relevant Portfolio Manager(s) shall deliver voting instructions for Nonstandard Proxy Notices by replying to the email notice sent to the Portfolio Manager(s) and [\_\_\_\_\_.com] by the Settlement Designee or by sending voting instructions to [\_\_\_\_\_.com] and copying [\_\_\_\_\_.com]. Any conflicts for Nonstandard Proxy Notices should also be disclosed to the Compliance Department. In the event a Portfolio Manager orally conveys voting instructions to the Settlement Designee or any other member of the Company's settlement group, that Settlement Designee or member of the Company's settlement group shall respond to the original notice email sent to [\_\_\_\_\_.com] detailing the Portfolio Manager(s) voting instructions.

With regard to standard proxy notices, on a weekly basis, the Compliance Department will send a notice of upcoming proxy votes related to securities held by Clients and the corresponding voting recommendations of the Proxy Advisor to the relevant Portfolio Manager(s). Upon receipt of a proxy notice from the Compliance Department, the Portfolio Manager(s) will review and evaluate the upcoming votes and recommendations. The Portfolio Managers may rely on any information and/or research available to him or her and may, in his or her discretion, meet with members of an issuer's management to discuss matters of importance to the relevant Clients and their economic interests. Should the Portfolio Manager determine that deviating from the Proxy Advisor's recommendation is in a Client's best interest, the Portfolio Manager shall communicate his or her voting instructions to the Compliance Department.

In the event that more than one Portfolio Manager is responsible for making a particular voting decision and such Portfolio Managers are unable to arrive at an agreement as to how to vote with respect to a particular proposal, they should consult with the applicable Chief Compliance Officer (the “CCO”) for guidance.

#### *Voting*

Upon receipt of the relevant Portfolio Managers’ voting instructions, if any, the Compliance Department will communicate the instructions to the Proxy Voting Service to execute the proxy votes.

#### *Supplemental Information of Issuers*

In the event that the Company becomes aware that an issuer has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) supplemental information in response to a Proxy Advisor’s voting recommendation, sufficiently in advance of the submission deadline which would reasonably be expected to affect the Company’s voting determination, the Compliance Department will review such supplemental information and provide the supplemental information to the relevant Portfolio Manager(s). The Portfolio Manager shall communicate to the Compliance Department whether or not the previously provided voting instructions should be changed, and the Compliance Department document the extent to which the supplemental information was considered and/or impacted the voting.

#### *Non-Votes*

It is the general policy of the Company to vote or give consent on all matters presented to security holders in any vote, and these policies and procedures have been designated with that in mind. However, the Company reserves the right to abstain on any particular vote if, in the judgment of the CCO, or the relevant Portfolio Manager, the effect on the relevant Client’s economic interests or the value of the portfolio holding is insignificant in relation to the Client’s portfolio, if the costs associated with voting in any particular instance outweigh the benefits to the relevant Clients or if the circumstances make such an abstention or withholding otherwise advisable and in the best interests of the relevant Clients not to vote. Such determination may apply in respect of all Client holdings of the securities or only certain specified Clients, as the Company deems appropriate under the circumstances. As examples, a Portfolio Manager may determine: (a) not to recall securities on loan if, in his or her judgment, the matters being voted upon are not material events affecting the securities and the negative consequences to Clients of disrupting the securities lending program would outweigh the benefits of voting in the particular instance or (b) not to vote proxies relating to certain foreign securities if, in his or her judgment, the expense and administrative inconvenience outweighs the benefits to Clients of voting the securities.

#### *Conflicts of Interest*

The Company’s Compliance Department is responsible for monitoring voting decisions for any conflicts of interest, regardless of whether they are actual or perceived. All voting decisions contrary to the recommendation of a Proxy Advisor require a mandatory conflicts of interest review by the Compliance Department, which will include a consideration of whether the Company or any Portfolio Manager or other person recommending or providing input on how to vote has an interest in the vote that may present a conflict of interest.

In addition, all Company investment professionals are expected to perform their tasks relating to the voting of proxies in accordance with the principles set forth above, according the first priority to the best interest of the relevant Clients. If at any time a Portfolio Manager or any other investment professional becomes aware of a potential or actual conflict of interest regarding any particular voting decision, he or she must contact the Compliance Department promptly and, if in connection with a proxy that has yet to be voted, prior to such vote. If any investment professional is pressured or lobbied, whether from inside or outside the Company, with respect to any particular voting decision, he or she should contact the Compliance Department promptly. The CCO will use his or her best judgment to address any such conflict of interest and ensure that it is resolved in accordance with his or her independent assessment of the best interests of the relevant Clients.

In the event of a conflict, the Company may choose to address such conflict by: (i) voting in accordance with the Proxy Advisor's recommendation; (ii) the CCO determining how to vote the proxy (if the CCO approves deviation from the Proxy Advisor's recommendation, then the CCO shall document the rationale for the vote); (iii) "echo voting" or "mirror voting" the proxy in the same proportion as the votes of other proxy holders that are not Clients; or (iv) with respect to Clients other than Retail Funds, notifying the affected Client of the material conflict of interest and seeking a waiver of the conflict or obtaining such Client's voting instructions. Where the Compliance Department deems appropriate, third parties may be used to help resolve conflicts. In this regard, the CCO or his or her delegate shall have the power to retain fiduciaries, consultants or professionals to assist with voting decisions and/or to delegate voting or consent powers to such fiduciaries, consultants or professionals.

Where a conflict of interest arises with respect to a voting decision for a Retail Fund, the Company shall disclose the conflict and the rationale for the vote taken to the Retail Fund's Board of Directors/Trustees at the next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting. The Compliance Department will maintain a log documenting the basis for the decision and will furnish the log to the Board of Trustees.

#### *Material Conflicts of Interest*

The following relationships or circumstances are examples of situations that may give rise to a material conflict of interest for purposes of this Policy. This list is not exclusive or determinative; any potential conflict (including payments of the types described below but less than the specified threshold) should be identified to the Company's Compliance Department:

- (i) The issuer is a Client of the Company, or of an affiliate, accounting for more than 5% of the Company's or affiliate's annual revenues.
- (ii) The issuer is an entity that reasonably could be expected to pay the Company or its affiliates more than \$1 million through the end of the Company's next two full fiscal years.
- (iii) The issuer is an entity in which a "Covered Person" (as defined in the Company's Policies and Procedures Designed to Detect and Prevent Insider Trading and to Comply with Rule 17j-1 of the 1940 Act (the "Code of Ethics")) has a beneficial interest contrary to the position held by the Company on behalf of Clients.
- (iv) The issuer is an entity in which an officer or partner of the Company or a relative of any such person is or was an officer, director or employee, or such person or relative otherwise has received more than \$150,000 in fees, compensation and other payment from the issuer during the Company's last three fiscal years; provided, however, that the Compliance Department may deem such a relationship not to be a material conflict of interest if the Company representative serves as an officer or director of the issuer at the direction of the Company for purposes of seeking control over the issuer.
- (v) The matter under consideration could reasonably be expected to result in a material financial benefit to the Company or its affiliates through the end of the Company's next two full fiscal years (for example, a vote to increase an investment advisory fee for a Retail Fund advised by the Company or an affiliate).
- (vi) Another Client or prospective Client of the Company, directly or indirectly, conditions future engagement of the Company on voting proxies in respect of any Client's securities on a particular matter in a particular way.
- (vii) The Company holds various classes and types of equity and debt securities of the same issuer contemporaneously in different Client portfolios.
- (viii) Any other circumstance where the Company's duty to serve its Clients' interests, typically referred to as its "duty of loyalty," could be compromised.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a conflict of interest described above shall not be considered material for the purposes of this Policy in respect of a specific vote or circumstance if:

The securities in respect of which the Company has the power to vote account for less than 1% of the issuer's outstanding voting securities, but only if: (i) such securities do not represent one of the 10 largest holdings of such issuer's outstanding voting securities and (ii) such securities do not represent more than 2% of the Client's holdings with the Company.

The matter to be voted on relates to a restructuring of the terms of existing securities or the issuance of new securities or a similar matter arising out of the holding of securities, other than common equity, in the context of a bankruptcy or threatened bankruptcy of the issuer.

### **Recordkeeping**

Following the submission of a proxy vote, the Fund will maintain a report of the vote and all relevant documentation.

The Fund shall retain records relating to the voting of proxies and the Company shall conduct due diligence, including on Proxy Voting Services and Proxy Advisors, as applicable, to ensure the following records are adequately maintained by the appropriate party:

- (i) Copies of this Policy and any amendments thereto.
- (ii) A current copy of the Proxy Advisor's voting guidelines, as amended.
- (iii) A copy of each proxy statement that the Company receives regarding Client securities, including any supplemental information an issuer files with the SEC that the Company becomes aware of. The Company may rely on a third party to make and retain, on the Company's behalf, a copy of a proxy statement, provided that the Company has obtained an undertaking from the third party to provide a copy of the proxy statement promptly upon request.
- (iv) Records of each vote cast by the Company on behalf of Clients. The Company may satisfy this requirement by relying on a third party to make and retain, on the Company's behalf, a record of the vote cast, provided that the Company has obtained an undertaking from the third party to provide a copy of the record promptly upon request.
- (v) A copy of any documents created by the Company that were material to making a decision how to vote or that memorializes the basis for that decision.
- (vi) A copy of each written request for information on how the Company voted proxies on behalf of the Client, and a copy of any written response by the Company to any (oral or written) request for information on how the Company voted.

These records shall be maintained and preserved in an easily accessible place for a period of not less than five years from the end of the Company's fiscal year during which the last entry was made in the records, the first two years in an appropriate office of the Company.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> If the Company has essentially immediate access to a book or record (on the Company's proprietary system or otherwise) through a computer located at an appropriate office of the Company, then that book or record will be considered to be maintained at an appropriate office of the Company. "Immediate access" to books and records includes that the Company has the ability to provide promptly to SEC examination staff hard copies of the books and records or access to the storage medium. The party responsible for the applicable books and records as described above shall also be responsible for ensuring that those books and records for the first two years are either physically maintained in an appropriate office of the Company or that the Company otherwise has essentially immediate access to the required books and records for the first two years.

### **Enforcement of this Policy**

It shall be the responsibility of the Compliance Department to handle or coordinate the enforcement of this Policy. The Compliance Department will periodically sample proxy voting records to ensure that proxies have been voted in accordance with this Policy, with a particular focus on any proxy votes that require additional analysis (e.g., proxies voted contrary to the recommendations of a Proxy Advisor).

If the Compliance Department determines that a Proxy Advisor or Proxy Voting Service may have committed a material error, the Compliance Department will investigate the error, taking into account the nature of the error, and seek to determine whether the Proxy Advisor or Proxy Voting Service is taking reasonable steps to reduce similar errors in the future.

In addition, no less frequently than annually, the Compliance Department will review the adequacy of this Policy to ensure that it has been implemented effectively and to confirm that this Policy continues to be reasonably designed to ensure that proxies are voted in the best interest of Clients.

### **Disclosures to Clients and Investors**

As a matter of policy, the Company does not disclose how it expects to vote on upcoming proxies. Additionally, the Company does not disclose the way it voted proxies to unaffiliated third parties without a legitimate need to know such information.