STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Adaptive ETFs

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Adaptive Investments

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Fund	Ticker	Principal Listing Exchange
Adaptive Alpha Opportunities ETF	AGOX	NYSE Arca
Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF	AMAX	NYSE Arca
RH Tactical Outlook ETF	RHTX	NYSE Arca
RH Tactical Rotation ETF	RHRX	NYSE Arca

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This Statement of Additional Information ("SAI") is meant to be read in conjunction with the prospectus for the Adaptive ETFs, dated October 1, 2024, as amended or supplemented from time to time (the "Prospectus"), and is incorporated by reference in its entirety into the Prospectus. Because this SAI is not itself a prospectus, no investment in shares of the Adaptive ETFs should be made solely upon the information contained herein. Copies of the Prospectus, annual report, and/or semi-annual report may be obtained at no charge by writing or calling the Funds at the address or phone number shown above or online at https://www.adaptiveetfs.com/. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the same meanings as in the Prospectus.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Starboard Investment Trust ("Trust") was organized on May 13, 2009, as a Delaware statutory trust and is authorized to have multiple series or portfolios. The Trust is registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") as an open-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). The Trust currently consists of 8 separate series. This SAI relates to the Adaptive Alpha Opportunities ETF, Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF, RH Tactical Outlook ETF, and RH Tactical Rotation ETF (each a "Fund" and collectively, "Funds") are separate, diversified series of the Trust. The Funds are exchange-traded funds (commonly referred to as "ETFs"). ETFs are funds that trade like other publicly- traded securities. The Funds are actively managed and are not intended to track a market index.

The Adaptive Alpha Opportunities ETF acquired all of the assets and liabilities of the Adaptive Growth Opportunities Fund ("Growth Predecessor Fund"), a series of the Starboard Investment Trust, in a tax-free reorganization on May 7, 2021. The RH Tactical Outlook ETF and RH Tactical Rotation ETF acquired all of the assets and liabilities of the Adaptive Tactical Outlook Fund and Adaptive Tactical Rotation Fund, respectively, (each an "Equity Predecessor Fund" and collectively, "Equity Predecessor Funds"), each a series of the Starboard Investment Trust, in a tax-free reorganization on November 5, 2021. The Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF acquired all of the assets and liabilities of the Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income Fund, (a "Fixed Income Predecessor Fund" and together with the Growth Predecessor Fund and the Equity Predecessor Funds, the "Predecessor Funds"), each a series of the Starboard Investment Trust, in a tax-free reorganization on November 12, 2021. In connection with this acquisition, Institutional Class shares, Class A shares, and Class C shares of the Predecessor Funds were exchanged for shares of the Funds. Certain financial information included on the following pages is that of the Predecessor Funds. As of August 20, 2015, the Funds' investment advisor is Cavalier Investments, LLC d/b/a Adaptive Investments (the "Advisor" or "Adaptive Investments"). During the period between August 1, 2015, and August 19, 2015, the Predecessor Funds' investment advisor was Compass Capital Corporation. Prior to August 1, 2015, the Predecessor Funds' investment advisor was FolioMetrix, LLC. The Funds have been previously known as the following:

	Predecessor Funds and	
Current Fund Name	Prior Predecessor Fund Names	Dates in Use
Adaptive Funds	Cavalier Funds	Prior to October 1, 2020
	RiskX Funds	Prior to August 4, 2015
	FMX Funds	Prior to May 6, 2013
Adaptive Alpha Opportunities	Adaptive Growth Opportunities ETF	Prior to September 2, 2021
ETF	Adaptive Growth Opportunities Fund	Prior to May 10, 2021
	Cavalier Growth Opportunities Fund	Prior to October 1, 2020
	Cavalier Global Opportunities Fund	Prior to February12, 2018
	Cavalier Traditional Equity Fund	Prior to September 28, 2015
	Rx Traditional Equity Fund	Prior to August 4, 2015
	ISM Strategic Equity Fund	Prior to May 3, 2013
Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset	RH Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF	Prior to October 1, 2023
Income ETF	Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF	Prior to September 2, 2021
	Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income Fund	Prior to July 20, 2021
	Adaptive Hedged Income Fund	Prior to March 15, 2021
	Adaptive Income Fund	Prior to December 16, 2020
	Cavalier Adaptive Income Fund	Prior to October 1, 2020
	Cavalier Stable Income Fund	Prior to August 3, 2016
	Cavalier Dynamic Total Return Fund	Prior to September 28, 2015
	Rx Dynamic Total Return Fund	Prior to August 4, 2015
	ISM Dynamic Total Return Fund	Prior to May 6, 2013
	FMX Total Return Fund	Prior to September 18, 2012
RH Tactical Outlook ETF	Adaptive Tactical Outlook ETF	Prior to September 2, 2021
	Adaptive Tactical Outlook Fund	Prior to July 20, 2021
	Adaptive Tactical Economic Fund	Prior to March 15, 2021
	Cavalier Tactical Economic Fund	Prior to October 1, 2020
	Cavalier Multi Strategy Fund	Prior to October 1, 2018
	Cavalier Multi Strategist Fund	Prior to April 11, 2018

	Predecessor Funds and	
Current Fund Name	Prior Predecessor Fund Names	Dates in Use
	Rx Premier Managers Fund	Prior to August 4, 2015
	ISM Premier Asset Management Fund	Prior to May 6, 2013
RH Tactical Rotation ETF	Adaptive Tactical Rotation ETF	Prior to September 2, 2021
	Adaptive Tactical Rotation Fund	Prior to July 20, 2021
	Cavalier Tactical Rotation Fund	Prior to October 1, 2020
	Cavalier Tactical Allocation Fund	Prior to September 28, 2015
	Rx Tactical Rotation Fund	Prior to August 5, 2015
	ISM Global Alpha Tactical Fund	Prior to May 6, 2013

This SAI describes the financial history, management and operation of the Funds, as well as each Fund's investment objective and policies. It should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus.

Investments in the Funds are not:

- Deposits or obligations of any bank;
- Guaranteed or endorsed by any bank; or
- Federally insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board, or any other federal agency.

The Funds will offer and issue Shares at net asset value ("NAV") only in aggregations of a specified number of Shares (each a "Creation Unit" or a "Creation Unit Aggregation"), generally in exchange for a basket of securities specified by the Fund (the "Deposit Securities"), together with the deposit of a specified cash payment (the "Cash Component").

The Funds' Shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE" or the "Exchange") under the trading symbols set out on the front cover.

Fund Shares will trade on the Exchange at market prices that may be below, at or above NAV. Shares are redeemable only in Creation Unit Aggregations and, generally, in exchange for portfolio securities and a specified cash payment. Creation Units are aggregations of 10,000 Shares. In the event of the liquidation of the Funds, the Trust may lower the number of Shares in a Creation Unit.

The Trust reserves the right to offer a "cash" option for creations and redemptions of Fund Shares. Fund Shares may be issued in advance of receipt of Deposit Securities subject to various conditions including a requirement to maintain on deposit with the Trust cash at least equal to 105% and up to 115% of the market value of the missing Deposit Securities. See the "Creation and Redemption of Creation Unit Aggregations" section. In each instance of such cash creations or redemptions, transaction fees may be imposed that will be higher than the transaction fees associated with in-kind creations or redemptions. In all cases, such fees will be limited in accordance with the requirements of the SEC applicable to management investment companies offering redeemable securities.

EXCHANGE LISTING AND TRADING

Shares of the Funds are listed for trading, and trade throughout the day, on the Exchange. There can be no assurance that the requirements of the Exchange necessary to maintain the listing of shares of the Funds will continue to be met. The Exchange may, but is not required to, remove the shares of the Funds from listing if (i) following the initial 12-month period beginning at the commencement of trading of the Funds, there are fewer than 50 beneficial owners of the Shares of the Funds for 30 or more consecutive trading days; or (ii) any other event shall occur or condition shall exist that, in the opinion of the Exchange, makes further dealings on the Exchange inadvisable. The Exchange will also remove the shares of a Fund from listing and trading upon termination of the Fund.

As in the case of other stocks traded on the Exchange, broker's commissions on transactions will be based on negotiated commission rates at customary levels.

The Trust reserves the right to adjust the share prices of the Funds in the future to help maintain convenient trading ranges for investors. Any adjustments would be accomplished through stock splits or reverse stock splits, which would have no effect on the net assets of the Funds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT INVESTMENT POLICIES

The Prospectus describes each Fund's investment objective and principal investment strategies, as well as the principal investment risks of each Fund. All investments in securities and other financial instruments involve a risk of financial loss. No assurance can be given that a Fund's investment program will be successful. Investors should carefully review the descriptions of a Fund's investments and their risks described in the Prospectus and this SAI.

The following descriptions and policies supplement the descriptions in the Prospectus and include descriptions of certain types of investments that may be made by a Fund but are not principal investment strategies of the Fund. Any investment type not also described in the Prospectus is not a principal investment strategy of the applicable Fund nor a principal investment risk of such Fund. Attached to this SAI is Appendix A, which contains descriptions of the rating symbols used by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations for securities in which a Fund may invest. Appendix B contains copies of the Advisor's Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures.

Common Stocks. The equity portion of a Fund's portfolio may include common stocks traded on domestic securities exchanges. Prices of common stocks in which that Fund invests may fluctuate in response to many factors, including, but not limited to, the activities of the individual companies whose securities the Fund owns, general market and economic conditions, interest rates, and specific industry changes. Such price fluctuations subject the Fund to potential losses. In addition, regardless of any one company's particular prospects, a declining stock market may produce a decline in prices for all common stocks, which could also result in losses for the Fund. Market declines may continue for an indefinite period of time, and investors should understand that during temporary or extended bear markets, the value of common stocks will decline.

Investment Companies. The Funds may invest in the securities of other investment companies (including money market funds). Under the 1940 Act, a Fund's investment in investment companies is limited to, subject to certain exceptions: (i) 3% of the total outstanding voting stock of any one investment company, (ii) 5% of a Fund's total assets with respect to any one investment company, and (iii) 10% of a Fund's total assets of investment companies in the aggregate. These risks include the following:

<u>Multiple Layers of Fees.</u> By investing in other investment companies indirectly through the Funds, prospective investors will directly bear the fees and expenses of the Funds' Advisor and indirectly bear the fees and expenses of other investment companies and other investment companies' managers as well. As such, this multiple or duplicative layer of fees will increase the cost of investments in the Funds.

Lack of Transparency. The Advisor will not be able to monitor the investment activities of the other investment companies on a continuous basis and the other investment companies may use investment strategies that differ from its past practices and are not fully disclosed to the Advisor and that involve risks that are not anticipated by the Advisor. The Funds have no control over the risks taken by the underlying investment companies in which they invest.

<u>Valuation of Investment Companies</u>. Although the Advisor will attempt to review the valuation procedures used by other investment companies' managers, the Advisor will have little or no means of independently verifying valuations of the Funds' investments in investment companies and valuations of the underlying securities held by other investment companies. As such, the Advisor will rely significantly on valuations of other investment companies and the securities underlying other investment companies that are reported by other investment companies' managers. In the event that such valuations prove to be inaccurate, the net asset value ("NAV") of the Funds could be adversely impacted and an investor could incur a loss of investment in the Funds.

<u>Illiquidity of Investments by and In Other Investment Companies.</u> The market prices, if any, for securities that are not registered, are subject to legal or other restrictions on transfer, or for which no liquid market exists tend to be volatile and restricted securities may sell at prices that are lower than similar securities that are not subject to legal restrictions on resale. Further, the Funds may not be able to redeem their interests in other investment companies' securities that they have purchased in a timely manner. If adverse market conditions were to develop during any period in which the Funds are unable to redeem interests in other investment companies, the Funds may suffer losses as a result of this illiquidity. As such, the lack of liquidity and volatility of restricted securities held by other investment companies could adversely affect the value of the other investment companies. Any such losses could adversely affect the value of the Funds' investments and an investor could incur a loss of investment in the Funds.

Lack of Control. Although the Funds and the Advisor will evaluate regularly each portfolio fund ("Portfolio Fund") to determine whether such Portfolio Fund's investment program is consistent with each respective Fund's investment objective, the Advisor will not have any control over the investments made by a Portfolio Fund. Even though each Portfolio Fund is subject to certain constraints, the investment advisor to each such Portfolio Fund may change aspects of their investment strategies at any time. The Advisor will not have the ability to control or influence the composition of the investment portfolio of any Portfolio Fund.

Lack of Diversification. There is no requirement that the underlying investments held by other investment companies be diversified. As such, other investment companies' managers may target or concentrate other investment companies' investments in specific markets, sectors, or types of securities. As a result, investments made by other investment companies are subject to greater volatility as a result of this concentration than if the other investment companies had non-concentrated and diversified portfolios of investments. Thus, the Funds' portfolios (and by extension the value of an investment in the Funds) may therefore be subject to greater risk than the portfolio of a similar fund with investments in diversified investment companies.

<u>Use of Leverage</u>. The other investment companies may utilize leverage (i.e., borrowing) to acquire their underlying portfolio investments. When other investment companies borrow money or otherwise leverage their portfolio of investments, doing so may exaggerate changes in the NAV of the shares of the other investment companies and in the return on the other investment companies' investments. Borrowing will also cost other investment companies interest expense and other fees. As such, the value of the Funds' investments in other investment companies may be more volatile and all other risks (including the risk of loss of an investment in other investment companies) tend to be compounded or magnified. As a result, any losses suffered by other investment companies as a result of their use of leverage could adversely affect the value of the Funds' investments and an investor could incur a loss of investment in the Funds.

Exchange Traded Funds. ETFs are traded on a securities exchange based on their market value. An investment in an ETF presents the same risks as an investment in a conventional registered investment company (i.e., one that is not exchange traded). In addition, all ETFs will have costs and expenses that will be passed on to the Funds, which will in turn increase the Funds' expenses. ETFs are also subject to the following risks that often do not apply to conventional investment companies: (i) the market price of the ETF's shares may trade at a discount to the ETF's NAV, and as a result, ETFs may experience more price volatility than other types of portfolio investments which could negatively impact the Funds' NAVs; (ii) an active trading market for an ETF's shares may not develop or be maintained at a sufficient volume; (iii) trading of an ETF's shares may be halted if the listing exchange deems such action appropriate; and (iv) ETF shares may be delisted from the exchange on which they trade, or "circuit breakers" (which are tied to large decreases in stock prices used by the exchange) may temporarily halt trading in the ETF's stock. ETFs are also subject to the risks of the underlying securities the ETF holds. Finally, there may be legal limitations and other conditions imposed by SEC rules on the amount of the ETF shares that the Funds may acquire.

Equity Securities. The equity portion of a Fund's portfolio may be comprised of common stocks traded on domestic securities exchanges or on the over-the-counter market. In addition to common stocks, the equity portion of each Fund's portfolio may also include preferred stocks, convertible preferred stocks, convertible bonds and warrants. Prices of equity securities in which the Funds invest may fluctuate in response to many factors, including the activities of the individual companies issuing the equity securities, general market and economic conditions, interest rates, and specific industry changes. Such price fluctuations subject the Funds to potential losses. In addition, regardless of any one company's prospects, a declining stock market may produce a decline in prices for all equity securities, which could also result in losses for the Funds. Market declines may continue for an indefinite period and investors should understand that during temporary or extended bear markets, the value of equity securities will decline.

Convertible securities entitle the holder to receive interest payments or a dividend preference until the security matures or is redeemed, or the conversion privilege is exercised. As a result of the conversion feature, the interest rate or dividend preference on a convertible security is generally less than would be the case if the securities were issued in non-convertible form. Warrants entitle the holder to purchase equity securities at specific prices for a certain period of time. The prices do not necessarily move parallel to the prices of the underlying securities and the warrants have no voting rights, receive no dividends, and have no rights with respect to the assets of the issuer.

Commodity Instruments. There are several additional risks associated with transactions in commodity futures contracts, swaps on commodity futures contracts, commodity forward contracts and other commodities instruments. In the commodity instruments markets, producers of the underlying commodity may decide to hedge the price risk of selling the commodity by selling commodity instruments today to lock in the price of the commodity at delivery

tomorrow. In order to induce speculators to purchase the other side of the same commodity instrument, the commodity producer generally must sell the commodity instrument at a lower price than the expected future spot price. Conversely, if most hedgers in the commodity instruments market are purchasing commodity instruments to hedge against a rise in prices, then speculators will only sell the other side of the commodity instrument at a higher future price than the expected future spot price of the commodity. The changing nature of the hedgers and speculators in the commodity markets will influence whether futures prices are above or below the expected future spot price, which can have significant implications for the Fund. If the nature of hedgers and speculators in commodity instruments markets has shifted when it is time for the Fund to reinvest the proceeds of a maturing contract in a new commodity instrument, the Fund might reinvest at a higher or lower future price, or choose to pursue other investments. The commodities which underlie commodity instruments may be subject to additional economic and non-economic variables, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs, and international economic, political and regulatory developments. These factors may have a larger impact on commodity prices and commodity-linked instruments than on traditional securities. Certain commodities are also subject to limited pricing flexibility because of supply and demand factors. Others are subject to broad price fluctuations as a result of the volatility of the prices for certain raw materials and the instability of supplies of other materials. These additional variables may create additional investment risks which subject the Fund's investments to greater volatility than investments in traditional securities. Also, unlike the financial instruments markets, in the commodity instruments markets there are costs of physical storage associated with purchasing the underlying commodity. The price of the commodity instruments contract will reflect the storage costs of purchasing the physical commodity, including the time value of money invested in the physical commodity. To the extent that the storage costs for an underlying commodity change while the Fund is invested in instruments on that commodity, the value of the commodity instrument may change proportionately.

Commodity-Linked Securities. The Fund may seek to provide exposure to the investment returns of real assets that trade in the commodity markets through investments in commodity-linked derivative securities, such as structured notes, discussed below which are designed to provide this exposure without direct investment in physical commodities or commodities futures contracts. The Fund may also seek to provide exposure to the investment returns of real assets that trade in the commodity markets through investments in a subsidiary. Real assets are assets such as oil, gas, industrial and precious metals, livestock, and agricultural or meat products, or other items that have tangible properties, as compared to stocks or bonds, which are financial instruments. In choosing investments, the Adviser seeks to provide exposure to various commodities and commodity sectors. The value of commodity-linked derivative securities held by the Fund and/or a subsidiary may be affected by a variety of factors, including, but not limited to, overall market movements and other factors affecting the value of particular industries or commodities, such as weather, disease, embargoes, acts of war or terrorism, or political and regulatory developments.

The prices of commodity-linked derivative securities may move in different directions than investments in traditional equity and debt securities when the value of those traditional securities is declining due to adverse economic conditions. As an example, during periods of rising inflation, debt securities have historically tended to decline in value due to the general increase in prevailing interest rates. Conversely, during those same periods of rising inflation, the prices of certain commodities, such as oil and metals, have historically tended to increase. Of course, there cannot be any guarantee that these investments will perform in that manner in the future, and at certain times the price movements of commodity-linked instruments have been parallel to those of debt and equity securities. Commodities have historically tended to increase and decrease in value during different parts of the business cycle than financial assets. Nevertheless, at various times, commodities prices may move in tandem with the prices of financial assets and thus may not provide overall portfolio diversification benefits. Under favorable economic conditions, the Fund's investments may be expected to underperform an investment in traditional securities. Over the long term, the returns on the Fund's investments are expected to exhibit low or negative correlation with stocks and bonds.

Foreign Investment Risk. Foreign securities and foreign currency contracts involve investment risks different from those associated with domestic securities. Changes in foreign economies and political climates are more likely to affect the Funds than a mutual fund that invests exclusively in domestic securities. The value of foreign currency denominated securities or foreign currency contracts is affected by the value of the local currency relative to the U.S. dollar. There may be less government supervision of foreign markets, resulting in non-uniform accounting practices and less publicly available information about issuers of foreign currency denominated securities. The value of foreign investments may be affected by changes in exchange control regulations, application of foreign tax laws (including withholding tax), changes in governmental administration or economic or monetary policy (in this country or abroad), or changed circumstances in dealings between nations. In addition, foreign brokerage commissions, custody fees, and

other costs of investing in foreign securities are often higher than in the United States. Investments in foreign issues could be affected by other factors not present in the United States, including expropriation, armed conflict, confiscatory taxation, and potential difficulties in enforcing contractual obligations.

Uncertainties surrounding the sovereign debt of a number of European Union (EU) countries and the viability of the EU have disrupted and may in the future disrupt markets in the United States and around the world. If one or more countries leave the EU or the EU dissolves, the world's securities markets likely will be significantly disrupted. In June 2016, the United Kingdom approved a referendum to leave the EU, commonly referred to as "Brexit." There is significant market uncertainty regarding Brexit's ramifications, and the range and potential implications of possible political, regulatory, economic, and market outcomes are difficult to predict. Political and military events, including the military crises in Ukraine and the Middle East, and nationalist unrest in Europe, also may cause market disruptions.

Fixed-Income Securities. Zero-coupon bonds are purchased at a discount from their face values and accrue interest at the applicable coupon rate over a period of time. Fixed-income securities purchased by the Funds or other investment companies in which the Funds invest may consist of obligations of any rating. Fixed-income securities in the lowest investment grade categories have speculative characteristics, with changes in the economy or other circumstances more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the bonds to make principal and interest payments than would occur with bonds rated in higher categories. High yield bonds are typically rated below "Baa" by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), or below "BBB" by S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") or below investment grade by other recognized rating agencies. The Funds may invest directly in unrated securities or indirectly through other investment companies that invest in unrated securities. Such bonds are subject to greater market fluctuations and risk of loss of income and principal than higher rated bonds for a variety of reasons, including:

Sensitivity to Interest Rate and Economic Change. The economy and interest rates affect high yield securities differently than other securities. The prices of high yield bonds have been found to be less sensitive to interest rate changes than higher-rated investments, but more sensitive to adverse economic changes or individual corporate developments. Also, during an economic downturn or substantial period of rising interest rates, highly leveraged issuers may experience financial stress which would adversely affect their ability to service their principal and interest obligations, to meet projected business goals, and to obtain additional financing. If the issuer of a bond defaults, an underlying mutual fund may incur additional expenses to seek recovery. In addition, periods of economic uncertainty and changes can be expected to result in increased volatility of market prices of high yield bonds and a Fund's asset values.

<u>Payment Expectations.</u> High yield bonds present certain risks based on payment expectations. For example, high yield bonds may contain redemption and call provisions. If an issuer exercises these provisions in a declining interest rate market, a Fund or an investment company in which a Fund invests, as applicable, would have to replace the security with a lower yielding security, resulting in a decreased return for investors. Conversely, a high yield bond's value will decrease in a rising interest rate market, as will the value of the other investment companies' assets. If a Fund or an investment company in which a Fund invests, as applicable, experiences unexpected net redemptions, it may be forced to sell its high yield bonds without regard to their investment merits, thereby decreasing the asset base upon which expenses can be spread and possibly reducing the rate of return.

Liquidity and Valuation. To the extent that there is no established retail secondary market, there may be thin trading of high yield bonds, and this may impact the ability of the Funds, or the investment companies in which the Funds, invest to accurately value high yield bonds and may hinder their ability to dispose of the bonds. Adverse publicity and investor perceptions, whether or not based on fundamental analysis, may decrease the values and liquidity of high yield bonds, especially in a thinly traded market.

<u>Credit Ratings.</u> Credit ratings evaluate the safety of principal and interest payments, not the market value risk of high yield bonds. Also, because credit rating agencies may fail to timely change the credit ratings to reflect subsequent events, a Fund, or an investment company in which a Fund invests must monitor the issuers of high yield bonds in their portfolios to determine if the issuers will have sufficient cash flow and profits to meet required principal and interest payments, and to assure the bonds' liquidity so a Fund or an investment company in which the Fund invests, as applicable, can meet redemption requests.

High-yield securities are deemed speculative with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal over a long period of time. Special tax considerations are associated with investing in high-yield securities structured as zero coupon or "pay-in-kind" securities. The Funds, or the investment companies in which the Funds invest, will report the interest on these securities as income even though it receives no cash interest until the security's maturity

or payment date. The payment of principal and interest on most fixed-income securities purchased by the Fund, or an investment company in which a Fund invests, will depend upon the ability of the issuers to meet their obligations. An issuer's obligations under its fixed-income securities are subject to the provisions of bankruptcy, insolvency, and other laws affecting the rights and remedies of creditors, including the Federal Bankruptcy Code, and laws, if any, which may be enacted by federal or state legislatures extending the time for payment of principal or interest, or both, or imposing other constraints upon enforcement of such obligations. The power or ability of an issuer to meet its obligations for the payment of interest on, and principal of, its fixed-income securities may be materially adversely affected by litigation or other conditions.

The ratings of S&P, Moody's, and other nationally recognized rating agencies represent their opinions as to the quality of fixed-income securities. It should be emphasized, however, that ratings are general and are not absolute standards of quality, and fixed-income securities with the same maturity, interest rate, and rating may have different yields while fixed-income securities of the same maturity and interest rate with different ratings may have the same yield. For a more detailed description of ratings, please see Appendix A.

Money Market Instruments. Money market instruments include U.S. Government obligations or corporate debt obligations (including those subject to repurchase agreements). Money market instruments also may include banker's acceptances and certificates of deposit of domestic branches of U.S. banks, commercial paper, and variable amount demand master notes ("Master Notes"). Banker's acceptances are time drafts drawn on and "accepted" by a bank. When a bank "accepts" such a time draft, it assumes liability for its payment. When the Funds or an investment company acquires a banker's acceptance, the bank that "accepted" the time draft is liable for payment of interest and principal when due. The banker's acceptance carries the full faith and credit of such bank. A certificate of deposit ("CD") is an unsecured, interest bearing debt obligation of a bank. Commercial paper is an unsecured, short-term debt obligation of a bank, corporation, or other borrower. Commercial paper maturity generally ranges from two to 270 days and is usually sold on a discounted basis rather than as an interest-bearing instrument. Master Notes are unsecured obligations which are redeemable upon demand of the holder and which permit the investment of fluctuating amounts at varying rates of interest.

U.S. Government Securities and U.S. Government Agency Securities. U.S. Government securities and U.S. Government Agency securities include (i) U.S. Treasury notes, U.S. Treasury bonds, U.S. Treasury bills, and other U.S. Government obligations; (ii) obligations of the Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA) and other U.S. Government sponsored entities that are guaranteed by the U.S. Government; and (iii) obligations of the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC), Federal Housing Administration (FHA), Federal Farm Credit Bank (FFCB), Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB), Student Loan Marketing Association (SLMA), The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), and other U.S. Government authorities, agencies, and instrumentalities. While obligations of some U.S. Government agencies and sponsored entities are supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government (e.g. GNMA), others are not. No assurance can be given that the U.S. Government will provide financial support to U.S. Government agencies or instrumentalities in the future since it is not obligated to do so by law. The guarantee of the U.S. Government does not extend to the yield or value of the Funds' shares.

Municipal Securities. Municipal securities share the attributes of debt obligations in general, but are generally issued by states, municipalities, and other political subdivisions, agencies, authorities, and instrumentalities of states and multi-state agencies or authorities. The municipal securities include general obligation bonds and limited obligation bonds (or revenue bonds), including industrial development bonds formerly issued pursuant to federal tax law. General obligation bonds are obligations involving the credit of an issuer possessing taxing power and are payable from such issuer's general revenues and not from any particular source. Limited obligation bonds are payable only from the revenues derived from a particular facility or class of facilities or, in some cases, from the proceeds of a special excise or other specific revenue source. Tax-exempt private activity bonds and industrial development bonds generally are also revenue bonds and thus are not payable from the issuer's general revenues. The credit and quality of private activity bonds and industrial development bonds are usually related to the credit of the user of the facilities. Payment of interest on and repayment of principal of such bonds is the responsibility of the user (and/or any guarantor).

Municipal securities are subject to credit and market risk. Prices of higher quality issues tend to fluctuate less with changes in market interest rates than prices of lower quality issues, and prices of longer maturity issues tend to fluctuate more than prices of shorter maturity issues. Prices and yields on municipal bonds are dependent on a variety of factors, including general money-market conditions, the financial condition of the issuer, general conditions of the municipal bond market, the size of a particular offering, the maturity of the obligation, and the rating of the issue. A number of

these factors, including the ratings of particular issues, are subject to change from time to time. Information about the financial condition of an issuer of municipal bonds may not be as extensive as that which is made available by corporations whose securities are publicly traded. Obligations of issuers of municipal bonds are subject to the provisions of bankruptcy, insolvency and other laws, including the Federal Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978, affecting the rights and remedies of creditors. Congress or state legislatures may seek to extend the time for payment of principal or interest, or both, or to impose other constraints upon enforcement of such obligations. There is also the possibility that as a result of litigation or other conditions, the power or ability of issuers to meet their obligations for the payment of interest and principal on their municipal bonds may be materially affected, or their obligations may be found to be invalid or unenforceable.

Debentures. A debenture is long-term, unsecured debt instrument backed only by the integrity of the borrower, not by collateral, and documented by an indenture. Governments often issue debentures, in part because they cannot guarantee debt with assets (government assets are public property). The principal risk with this type of investment is that the issuer will default or go into bankruptcy. As an unsecured creditor, in the event of default or bankruptcy, the holder of a debenture does not have a claim against any specific assets of the issuing firm, so the investor will only be paid from the issuer's assets after the secured creditors have been paid. While the Funds will not invest directly in debentures as a principal investment strategy, the Funds may invest in all types of debentures, including corporate and government debentures, directly or indirectly through investments in shares of other investment companies.

Mortgage-Backed and Asset-Backed Securities. Mortgage-backed securities are mortgage related securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies and instrumentalities, or issued by nongovernment entities. Mortgage-related securities represent ownership in pools of mortgage loans assembled for sale to investors by various government agencies and government-related organizations, as well as by nongovernment issuers such as commercial banks, savings and loan institutions, mortgage bankers, and private mortgage insurance companies. Although certain mortgage-related securities are guaranteed by a third party or otherwise similarly secured, the market value of the security, which may fluctuate, is not so secured. These securities differ from conventional bonds in that the principal is paid back to the investor as payments are made on the underlying mortgages in the pool. Accordingly, the Funds or investment companies in which the Funds invest, as applicable, will receive scheduled payments of principal and interest along with any unscheduled principal prepayments on the underlying mortgages. Because these scheduled and unscheduled principal payments must be reinvested at prevailing interest rates, mortgage-backed securities do not provide an effective means of locking in long-term interest rates for the investor.

Asset-backed securities are structured like mortgage-backed securities, but instead of mortgage loans or interests in mortgage loans, the underlying assets may include such items as motor vehicle installment sales contracts or installment loan contracts, leases of various types of real and personal property, and receivables from credit card agreements and from sales of personal property. Regular payments received on asset-backed securities include both interest and principal. Asset-backed securities typically have no U.S. Government backing, though they are usually guaranteed up to a certain amount and time period by a letter of credit issued by a financial institution. If the letter of credit is exhausted and the full amounts due on the underlying loans are not received because of unanticipated costs, depreciation, damage, or loss of the collateral securing the contracts, or other factors, certificate holders may experience delays in payment or losses on asset-backed securities. Additionally, the ability of an issuer of asset-backed securities to enforce its security interest in the underlying assets may be limited.

If the Fund or an investment company in which a Fund invests purchases a mortgage-backed or other asset-backed security at a premium, the premium may be lost if there is a decline in the market value of the security whether resulting from changes in interest rates or prepayments in the underlying collateral. As with other interest-bearing securities, the prices of such securities are inversely affected by changes in interest rates. Although the value of a mortgage-backed or other asset-backed security may decline when interest rates rise, the converse is not necessarily true, since in periods of declining interest rates the mortgages and loans underlying the securities are prone to prepayment, thereby shortening the average life of the security and shortening the period of time over which income at the higher rate is received. When the interest rates are rising, the rate of prepayment tends to decrease, thereby lengthening the period of time over which income at the lower rate is received. For these and other reasons, a mortgage-backed or other asset-backed security's average maturity may be shortened or lengthened as a result of interest rate fluctuations and, therefore it is not possible to predict accurately the security's return. In addition, while the trading market for short-term mortgages and asset-backed securities is ordinarily quite liquid, in times of financial stress the trading market for these securities may become restricted.

Mortgage-backed securities that are issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies, or instrumentalities, are not subject to the Funds' industry concentration restrictions because securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or any of its agencies or instrumentalities are excluded from the restriction. Privately-issued mortgage-backed securities are, however, subject to the Funds' industry concentration restrictions.

Real Estate Securities. The Funds or investment companies in which the Funds invest may invest in real estate investment trusts ("REITs") and real estate operating companies, as well as other types of real estate securities including publicly traded common stock, preferred stock, limited partnerships (including real estate master limited partnerships), rights or warrants to purchase common stock or convertible securities of corporations engaged in real estate development. A REIT is a pooled investment vehicle that is organized as a corporation or business trust which invests in income producing real estate or real estate loans or interests. Therefore, an investment in REITs or other real estate securities is subject to certain risks associated with the direct ownership of real estate and with the real estate industry in general. These risks include, among others: possible declines in the value of real estate; risks related to general and local economic conditions; possible lack of availability of mortgage funds; overbuilding; extended vacancies of properties; increases in competition, property taxes, and operating expenses; changes in zoning laws; costs resulting from the clean-up of, and liability to third parties for damages resulting from, environmental problems; casualty or condemnation losses; uninsured damages from floods, earthquakes, or other natural disasters; limitations on and variations in rents; and changes in interest rates. To the extent that assets underlying the REIT's investments are concentrated geographically, by property type, or in certain other respects, the REIT may be subject to certain of the foregoing risks to a greater extent. Equity REITs invest the majority of their assets directly in real property and derive income from the collection of rents. Equity REITs may be affected by changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the REITs. Mortgage REITs invest the majority of their assets in real estate mortgages and derive income from the collection of interest payments. Mortgage REITs may be affected by the quality of any credit extended. REITs are dependent upon management skills, are not diversified, and are subject to heavy cash flow dependency, default by borrowers, and self-liquidation. REITs are also subject to the possibilities of failing to qualify for tax-free pass-through of income under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and failing to maintain their exemptions from registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

REITs (especially mortgage REITs) are also subject to interest rate risks. When interest rates decline, the value of a REIT's investment in fixed rate obligations can be expected to rise. Conversely, when interest rates rise, the value of a REIT's investment in fixed rate obligations can be expected to decline. In contrast, as interest rates on adjustable rate mortgage loans are reset periodically, yields on a REIT's investment in such loans will gradually align themselves to reflect changes in market interest rates, causing the value of such investments to fluctuate less dramatically in response to interest rate fluctuations than would investments in fixed rate obligations. Investing in REITs involves risks similar to those associated with investing in small capitalization companies. REITs may have limited financial resources, may trade less frequently and in a limited volume, and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements than larger company securities.

Derivative Instruments. Options, futures, and other forms of financial derivatives specifically described below, the investments involve risks different from direct investments in the underlying securities. While transactions in derivatives may reduce certain risks, these transactions themselves entail certain other risks. Unanticipated changes in interest rates, securities prices, or currency exchange rates may result in a poorer overall performance of a Fund than if they had not entered into any derivatives transactions. Derivatives may magnify a Fund's gains or losses, causing it to make or lose substantially more than it invested.

A Fund may invest in derivative instruments for both speculative and hedging purposes. These investments can be made as a substitute for taking a direct position in the underlying asset or as part of a strategy that is intended to reduce the exposure of a Fund to various risks. To the extent that a Fund invests directly in financial derivatives, a Fund will comply with the applicable requirements of the 1940 Act.

When used for hedging purposes, increases in the value of the securities a Fund holds or intends to acquire should offset any losses incurred with a derivative. Purchasing derivatives for purposes other than hedging could expose a Fund to greater risks.

A Fund's ability to hedge securities through derivatives depends on the degree to which price movements in the underlying index or instrument correlate with price movements in the relevant securities. In the case of poor correlation, the price of the securities a Fund is hedging may not move in the same amount, or even in the same direction as the hedging instrument. The Advisor will try to minimize this risk by investing only in those contracts

whose behavior it expects to resemble with the portfolio securities it is trying to hedge. However, if a Fund's prediction of interest and currency rates, market value, volatility, or other economic factors is incorrect, a Fund may lose money, or may not make as much money as it expected.

Derivative prices can diverge from the prices of their underlying instruments, even if the characteristics of the underlying instruments are very similar to the derivative. Listed below are some of the factors that may cause such a divergence:

- current and anticipated short-term interest rates, changes in volatility of the underlying instrument, and the time remaining until expiration of the contract;
- a difference between the derivatives and securities markets, including different levels of demand, how the instruments are traded, the imposition of daily price fluctuation limits or trading of an instrument stops; and
- differences between the derivatives, including different margin requirements, different liquidity of such markets, and the participation of speculators in such markets.

Derivatives based upon a narrow index of securities may present greater risk than derivatives based on a broad index. Since narrower indices are made up of a smaller number of securities, they are more susceptible to rapid and extreme price fluctuations because of changes in the value of those securities.

While currency futures and options values are expected to correlate with exchange rates, they may not reflect other factors that affect the value of the investments of a Fund. A currency hedge should protect a yen-denominated security from a decline in the yen but will not protect a Fund against a price decline resulting from deterioration in the issuer's creditworthiness. Because the value of a Fund's foreign-denominated investments changes in response to many factors other than exchange rates, it may not be possible to match the amount of currency options and futures to the value of the Funds' investments precisely over time.

Before a futures contract or option is exercised or expires, a Fund can terminate it only by entering into a closing purchase or sale transaction. Moreover, a Fund may close out a futures contract only on the exchange the contract was initially traded. Even when there appears to be an active market for options and futures, there is no guarantee that such a liquid market will exist. If there is no secondary market for the contract, or the market is illiquid, a Fund may not be able to close out a position. In an illiquid market, a Fund may:

- have to sell securities to meet its daily margin requirements at a time when it is disadvantageous to do so;
- have to purchase or sell the instrument underlying the contract;
- not be able to hedge its investments; and
- not be able to realize profits or limit its losses.

Derivatives may become illiquid (i.e., difficult to sell at a desired time and price) under a variety of market conditions:

- an exchange may suspend or limit trading in a particular derivative instrument, an entire category of derivatives, or all derivatives, which sometimes occurs because of increased market volatility;
- unusual or unforeseen circumstances may interrupt normal operations of an exchange;
- the facilities of the exchange may not be adequate to handle current trading volume;
- equipment failures, government intervention, insolvency of a brokerage firm or clearing house, or other occurrences may disrupt normal trading activity; or
- investors may lose interest in a particular derivative or category of derivatives.

If a Fund incorrectly predicts securities market and interest rate trends, such Fund may lose money by investing in derivatives. For example, if a Fund were to write a call option based on the expectation that the price of the underlying security would fall, but the price were to rise instead, a Fund could be required to sell the security upon exercise at a price below the current market price. Similarly, if a Fund were to write a put option based on the expectation that the price of the underlying security would rise, but the price were to fall instead, a Fund could be required to purchase the security upon exercise at a price higher than the current market price.

Because of the low margin deposits required upon the opening of a derivative position, such transactions involve an extremely high degree of leverage. Consequently, a relatively small price movement in a derivative may result in an immediate and substantial loss (as well as gain) to the Funds and they may lose more than it originally invested in the derivative.

If the price of a futures contract changes adversely, a Fund may have to sell securities at a time when it is disadvantageous to do so to meet their minimum daily margin requirement. A Fund may lose margin deposits if a broker with whom they have an open futures contract or related option becomes insolvent or declares bankruptcy.

The prices of derivatives are volatile (i.e., they may change rapidly, substantially, and unpredictably) and are influenced by a variety of factors, including:

- actual and anticipated changes in interest rates;
- fiscal and monetary policies; and
- national and international political events.

Most exchanges limit the amount by which the price of a derivative can change during a single trading day. Daily trading limits establish the maximum amount that the price of a derivative may vary from the settlement price of that derivative at the end of trading on the previous day. Once the price of a derivative reaches this value, a Fund may not trade that derivative at a price beyond that limit. The daily limit governs only price movements during a given day and does not limit potential gains or losses. Derivative prices have occasionally moved to the daily limit for several consecutive trading days, preventing prompt liquidation of the derivative.

<u>Government Regulation of Derivatives.</u> It is possible that government regulation of various types of derivative instruments, including futures and swap agreements, may limit or prevent a Fund from using such instruments as a part of its investment strategy, and could ultimately prevent a Fund from being able to achieve its investment objective. It is impossible to predict fully the effects of legislation and regulation in this area, but the effects could be substantial and adverse.

The futures markets are subject to comprehensive statutes, regulations, and margin requirements. The SEC, the Commodities Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC"), and the exchanges are authorized to take extraordinary actions in the event of a market emergency, including, for example, the implementation or reduction of speculative position limits, the implementation of higher margin requirements, the establishment of daily price limits, and the suspension of trading.

The regulation of swaps and futures transactions in the U.S., the European Union, and other jurisdictions is a rapidly changing area of law and is subject to modification by government and judicial action. There is a possibility of future regulatory changes altering, perhaps to a material extent, the nature of an investment in a Fund or the ability of a Fund to continue to implement its investment strategies.

Under recently adopted rules and regulations, transactions in some types of swaps (including interest rate swaps and credit default swaps on North American and European indices) are required to be centrally cleared, and additional types of swaps may be required to be centrally cleared in the future. In a transaction involving those swaps ("cleared derivatives"), a Fund's counterparty is a clearing house, rather than a bank or broker. Since each Fund is not a member of clearing houses and only clearing members can participate directly in the clearing house, a Fund will hold cleared derivatives through accounts at clearing members. In cleared derivatives transactions, a Fund will make payments (including margin payments) to and receive payments from a clearing house through its accounts at clearing members. Clearing members to the clearing house.

In addition, U.S. regulators, the European Union, and certain other jurisdictions have adopted minimum margin and capital requirements for uncleared over-the-counter ("OTC") derivatives transactions. It is expected that these regulations will have a material impact on a Fund's use of uncleared derivatives. These rules will impose minimum margin requirements on derivatives transactions between a Fund and its swap counterparties and may increase the amount of margin a Fund is required to provide. They will impose regulatory requirements on the timing of transferring margin, which may accelerate a Fund's current margin process. They will also effectively require changes to typical derivatives margin documentation. Such requirements could increase the amount of margin a Fund needs to provide in connection with uncleared derivatives transactions and, therefore, make such transactions more expensive.

Funds investing in derivatives must comply with Rule 18f-4 under the 1940 Act, which provides for the regulation of a registered investment company's use of derivatives and certain related instruments. Among other things, Rule 18f-4 limits a fund's derivatives exposure through a value-at-risk test and requires the adoption and implementation of a derivatives risk management program for certain derivatives users. Subject to certain conditions, limited derivatives users (as defined in Rule 18f-4), however, would not be subject to the full requirements of Rule 18f-4. Rule 18f-4 could restrict the Fund's abilities to engage in certain derivatives transactions and/or increase the costs of such derivatives transactions.

Short Sales. A short sale is a transaction in which a party sells a security it does not own or have the right to acquire (or that it owns but does not wish to deliver) in anticipation that the market price of that security will decline. When a party makes a short sale, the broker-dealer through which the short sale is made must borrow the security sold short and deliver it to the party purchasing the security. The party is required to make a margin deposit in connection with such short sales; the party may have to pay a fee to borrow particular securities and will often be obligated to pay over any dividends and accrued interest on borrowed securities. If the price of the security sold short increases between the time of the short sale and the time the party covers the short position, the party will incur a loss; conversely, if the price declines, the party will realize a capital gain. Any gain will be decreased, and any loss increased, by the transaction costs described above.

Options. The purchase and writing of options involves certain risks. During the option period, a call writer that holds the underlying security has, in return for the premium on the option, given up the opportunity to profit from a price increase in the underlying securities above the exercise price, but, as long as its obligation as a writer continues, has retained the risk of loss should the price of the underlying security decline. The writer of an option has no control over the time when it may be required to fulfill its obligation as a writer of the option. Once an option writer has received an exercise notice, it cannot effect a closing purchase transaction in order to terminate its obligation under the option and must deliver the underlying securities at the exercise price. If a put or call option is not sold when it has remaining value, and if the market price of the underlying security, in the case of a put, remains equal to or greater than the exercise price or, in the case of a call, remains less than or equal to the exercise price, the entire investment in the option will be lost. Also, where a put or call option on a particular security is purchased to hedge against price movements in a related security, the price of the put or call option may move more or less than the price of the related security. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist when an option position is closed out. Furthermore, if trading restrictions or suspensions are imposed on the options market, it may not be possible to close out a position.

Options offer large amounts of leverage, which will result in a Fund's NAV being more sensitive to changes in the value of the related instrument. A Fund may purchase or write both exchange-traded and OTC options. Exchange-traded options in the United States are issued by a clearing organization affiliated with the exchange on which the option is listed that, in effect, guarantees completion of every exchange-traded option transaction. In contrast, OTC options are contracts between a Fund and its counterparty (usually a securities dealer or a bank) with no clearing organization guarantee. Thus, when a Fund purchases an OTC option, it relies on the counterparty from whom it purchased the option to make or take delivery of the underlying investment upon exercise of the option. Failure by the counterparty to do so would result in the loss of any premium paid by a Fund as well as the loss of any expected benefit of the transaction.

A Fund's ability to establish and close out positions in exchange-listed options depends on the existence of a liquid market. However, there can be no assurance that such a market will exist at any particular time. Closing transactions can be made for OTC options only by negotiating directly with the counterparty, or by a transaction in the secondary market if any such market exists. There can be no assurance that a Fund will in fact be able to close out an OTC option position at a favorable price prior to expiration. In the event of insolvency of the counterparty, a Fund might be unable to close out an OTC option position at any time prior to its expiration, if at all.

If a Fund were unable to effect a closing transaction for an option it had purchased, due to the absence of a counterparty or secondary market, the imposition of price limits or otherwise, it would have to exercise the option to realize any profit. The inability to enter into a closing purchase transaction for a covered call option written by a Fund could cause material losses because the Fund would be unable to sell the investment used as cover for the written option until the option expires or is exercised.

Options have varying expiration dates. The exercise price of the options may be below, equal to or above the current market value of the underlying security or instrument. Options purchased by a Fund that expire unexercised have no value, and the Fund will realize a loss in the amount of the premium paid and any transaction costs. If an option written by a Fund expires unexercised, the Fund realizes a gain equal to the premium received at the time the option was written. Transaction costs must be included in these calculations.

Investments in a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary. The Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF may invest in a wholly-owned subsidiary organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands and overseen by its own board of managers (the "Subsidiary"). Investments in the Subsidiary are expected to provide the Fund with exposure to the commodity markets within the limitations of Subchapter M of the Code and recent IRS private letter rulings, as discussed below under "Additional Tax Information." The Fund is currently the sole shareholder of its Subsidiary. The Subsidiary may invest without limitation in ETNs and ETFs that provide exposure to commodities. Although the Fund may invest in

certain ETNs and ETFs that provide exposure to commodities directly, the Fund expects to gain exposure to these securities indirectly by investing in its Subsidiary. To the extent that the Fund invests in its Subsidiary, it may be subject to the risks associated with those securities, which are discussed elsewhere in the Fund's prospectus and this SAI.

The Subsidiary is not an investment company registered under the 1940 Act and, unless otherwise noted in the Fund's prospectus and this SAI, is not subject to all of the investor protections of the 1940 Act and other U.S. regulations. Changes in the laws of the United States and/or the Cayman Islands could result in the inability of the Fund and/or the Subsidiary to operate as described in the Fund's prospectus and this SAI and could negatively affect the Fund and its shareholders.

Lending of Portfolio Securities. In order to generate additional income, the Funds may lend portfolio securities in an amount up to 33% of total Fund assets to broker-dealers, major banks, or other recognized domestic institutional borrowers of securities which the Advisor has determined are creditworthy under guidelines established by the Board. In determining whether the Fund will lend securities, the Advisor will consider all relevant facts and circumstances. The Fund may not lend securities to any company affiliated with the Advisor. Each loan of securities will be collateralized by cash, U.S. government securities, or standby letters of credit not issued by the Fund's bank lending agent. The Fund might experience a loss if the borrower defaults on the loan.

The borrower at all times during the loan must maintain with the Fund cash or cash equivalent collateral. While the loan is outstanding, the borrower will pay the Fund any interest paid on the loaned securities, and the Fund may invest the cash collateral to earn additional income. Alternatively, the Fund may receive an agreed-upon amount of interest income from the borrower who has delivered equivalent collateral. It is anticipated that the Fund may share with the borrower some of the income received on the collateral for the loan or the Fund will be paid a premium for the loan. Voting rights for loaned securities will typically pass to the borrower, but the Fund will retain the right to call any security in anticipation of a vote that the Advisor deems material to the security on loan. Loans are subject to termination at the option of the Fund or the borrower at any time. The Fund may pay reasonable administrative and custodial fees in connection with a loan, and may pay a negotiated portion of the income earned on the cash to the borrower or placing broker. As with other extensions of credit, there are risks of delay in recovery or even loss of rights in the collateral should the borrower fail financially.

Securities lending involves counterparty risk, including the risk that the loaned securities may not be returned or returned in a timely manner and/or a loss of rights in the collateral if the borrower or the lending agent defaults or fails financially. This risk will be increased if a continuation of the current downturn in the economic conditions in the United States and around the world, particularly the recent failures of several major financial services firms, causes further declines in the securities markets and/or causes further financial instability in the borrowers or lending agents. This risk is increased when the Fund's loans are concentrated with a single or limited number of borrowers. There are no limits on the number of borrowers the Fund may use, and the Fund may lend securities to only one or a small group of borrowers. Mutual funds participating in securities lending bear the risk of loss in connection with investments of the cash collateral received from the borrowers, which do not trigger additional collateral requirements from the borrower.

Borrowing. The Funds may borrow money for investment purposes, which is a form of leveraging. Leveraging investments, by purchasing securities with borrowed money, is a speculative technique that increases investment risk while increasing investment opportunity. Such borrowing may make the Fund's NAV more volatile than funds that do not borrow for investment purposes because leverage magnifies changes in the Fund's NAV and on the Fund's investments. Although the principal of borrowings will be fixed, the Fund's assets may change in value during the time the borrowing is outstanding. Leverage also creates interest expenses for the Fund. To the extent the income derived from securities purchased with borrowed funds exceeds the interest the Fund will have to pay, the Fund's net income will be greater than it would be if leverage were not used. Conversely, if the income from the assets obtained with borrowed funds is not sufficient to cover the cost of leveraging, the net income of the Fund will be less than it would be if leverage were not used, and therefore the amount available for distribution to shareholders as dividends will be reduced. The use of derivatives in connection with leverage creates the potential for significant loss. The Fund does not intend to use leverage in excess of 5% of total assets. Any leveraging will comply with the applicable requirements of the 1940 Act, the rules thereunder, and the guidance of no-action letters issued by the SEC.

The Fund may also borrow money to meet redemptions or for other emergency purposes. Such borrowings may be on a secured or unsecured basis at fixed or variable rates of interest. The 1940 Act requires the Fund to maintain

continuous asset coverage of not less than 300% with respect to all borrowings. If such asset coverage should decline to less than 300% due to market fluctuations or other reasons, the Fund will be required to reduce the amount of its borrowings within three days (not including Sundays and holidays), and may be required to dispose of some portfolio holdings in order to reduce the Fund's debt and restore the 300% asset coverage, even though it may be disadvantageous from an investment standpoint to dispose of assets at that time. The Fund also may be required to maintain minimum average balances in connection with such borrowing or to pay a commitment or other fee to maintain a line of credit. Either of these requirements would increase the cost of borrowing over the stated interest rate.

Futures Contracts. A futures contract is a bilateral agreement to buy or sell a security (or deliver a cash settlement price, in the case of a contract relating to an index or otherwise not calling for physical delivery at the end of trading in the contracts) for a set price in the future. Futures contracts are designated by boards of trade which have been designated "contracts markets" by the Commodities Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). No purchase price is paid or received when the contract is entered into. Instead, the Funds, or investment companies in which the Funds invest, upon entering into a futures contract (and to maintain the open positions in futures contracts), would be required to deposit with their custodian in a segregated account in the name of the futures broker an amount of cash, U.S. Government securities, suitable money market instruments, or liquid, high-grade debt securities, known as "initial margin." The margin required for a particular futures contract is set by the exchange on which the contract. Futures contracts are customarily purchased and sold on margin that may range upward from less than 5% of the value of the contract being traded. By using futures contracts as a risk management technique, given the greater liquidity in the futures market than in the cash market, it may be possible to accomplish certain results more quickly and with lower transaction costs.

If the price of an open futures contract changes (by increase in the case of a sale or by decrease in the case of a purchase) such that the loss on the futures contract reaches a point at which the margin on deposit does not satisfy margin requirements, the broker will require an increase in the margin. However, if the value of a position increases because of favorable price changes in the futures contract such that the margin deposit exceeds the required margin, the broker will pay the excess to the Funds or investment companies in which the Funds invest. These subsequent payments, called "variation margin," to and from the futures broker, are made on a daily basis as the price of the underlying assets fluctuates, making the long and short positions in the futures contract more or less valuable, a process known as "marking to the market." The Funds are expected to earn interest income on initial and variation margin

The Funds and investment companies in which the Funds invest will incur brokerage fees when they purchase and sell futures contracts. Positions taken in the futures markets are not normally held until delivery or cash settlement is required but are instead liquidated through offsetting transactions that may result in a gain or a loss. While futures positions taken by the Funds and investment companies in which the Funds invest will usually be liquidated in this manner, the Funds and investment companies in which the Funds invest may instead make or take delivery of underlying securities whenever it appears economically advantageous to do so. A clearing organization associated with the exchange on which futures are traded assumes responsibility for closing out transactions and guarantees that as between the clearing members of an exchange, the sale and purchase obligations will be performed with regard to all positions that remain open at the termination of the contract.

Swaps. A swap is an agreement between two parties (known as counterparties) where one stream of payments is exchanged for another. The parties agree to exchange to exchange payments at specified dates (periodic payment dates) on the basis of a specified amount (the notional value of the agreement) with the payments calculated with reference to a specified asset, reference rate, or index. Swaps allow for a wide variety of transactions. For example, fixed rate payments denominated in a different currency; and payments tied to the price of one asset, reference rate, or index may be exchanged for payments tied to the price of another asset, reference rate, or index. For purposes of calculating the NAV, the Funds will price swaps at their market value based on prices supplied by an independent pricing service, if available, or quotations obtained from broker-dealers.

The Funds may use swaps for both speculative and hedging purposes. Swaps can be used as part of a strategy that is intended to reduce a Fund's exposure to various risks or as a substitute for taking a direct position in the underlying asset. The Funds may use swaps to limit or manage exposure to fluctuations in interest rates, currency exchange rates, or potential defaults by credit issuers. The Funds may also attempt to enhance returns by investing in total return

swaps. A total return swap provides a Fund with a return based on the performance of an underlying asset, in exchange for fee payments to a counterparty based on a specific rate. If the underlying asset declines in value over the term of the swap, the Fund would be required to pay the dollar value of that decline to the counterparty. For example, the Fund may agree to pay a counterparty the total return earned or realized on the notional amount of a particular stock and any dividends declared with respect to that stock. In return, the Fund would make payments based on the notional amount calculated at the specified rate and would be required to pay amounts resulting from a decline in the value of the stock.

Most swaps provide that when the periodic payment dates for both parties are the same, payments are netted, and only the net amount is paid to the counterparty entitled to receive the net payment. Consequently, a Fund's current obligations (or rights) under a swap will generally be equal only to the net amount to be paid or received under the agreement, based on the relative values of the positions held by the Fund and the counterparty. During the term of a swap, the Fund is usually required to pledge to the counterparty, from time to time, an amount of cash or other assets equal to the total net amount (if any) that would be payable by the Fund to the counterparty if the swap were terminated on the date in question, including any early termination payments.

The use of swaps subjects the Funds to the risk of default by the counterparty. A loss may be sustained as a result of the insolvency or bankruptcy of the counterparty or the failure of the counterparty to make required payments or otherwise comply with the terms of the agreement. If there is a default by the counterparty to such a transaction, there may be contractual remedies pursuant to the agreements related to the transaction, although bankruptcy and insolvency laws could affect a Fund's rights as a creditor. Additionally, the use of credit default swaps can result in losses if the Advisor does not correctly evaluate the creditworthiness of the issuer on which the credit default swap is based.

Because swaps are two-party contracts, they may subject the Funds to liquidity risk. If a swap is particularly large or if the relevant market is illiquid, a Fund may not be able to establish or liquidate a position at an advantageous time or price, which may result in significant losses. Participants in the swap markets are not required to make continuous markets in the swaps they trade. Participants could refuse to quote prices for swaps or quote prices with an unusually wide spread between the price at which they are prepared to buy and the price at which they are prepared to sell.

Swaps are highly specialized instruments, and their use involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with other traditional investments. The use of swaps requires an understanding not only of the referenced asset, reference rate, or index but also of the swap itself, without the benefit of observing the performance of the swap under all possible market conditions. Whether the Funds will be successful in using swaps to achieve its investment goals depends on the ability of the Advisor to correctly forecast future market trends or the values of assets, reference rates, indexes, or other economic factors when establishing swap positions.

Portfolio Turnover. Portfolio turnover is a ratio that indicates how often the securities in a mutual fund's portfolio change during a year's time. Higher numbers indicate a greater number of changes, and lower numbers indicate a smaller number of changes. The Funds may sell portfolio securities without regard to the length of time they have been held in order to take advantage of new investment opportunities or changing market conditions. Since portfolio turnover may involve paying brokerage commissions and other transaction costs, there could be additional expenses for the Funds. High rates of portfolio turnover could lower performance of the Funds due to increased costs and may also result in the realization of capital gains. If the Funds realize capital gains when they sell portfolio investments, they must generally distribute those gains to shareholders, increasing their taxable distributions.

Temporary Defensive Positions. The Funds may, from time to time, take temporary defensive positions that are inconsistent with the Funds' principal investment strategies in an attempt to respond to adverse market, economic, political, or other conditions. During such an unusual set of circumstances, the Funds may hold up to 100% of their portfolios in cash or cash equivalent positions (e.g., money market securities, U.S. Government securities, and/or similar securities). When the Funds take a temporary defensive position, the Funds may not be able to achieve their investment objectives.

INVESTMENT LIMITATIONS

Fundamental Investment Restrictions. The following investment restrictions have been adopted by the Board with respect to each Fund. Except as otherwise stated, these investment restrictions are fundamental policies, which cannot be changed without the approval of the holders of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund. A vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of a Fund is defined by the 1940 Act as the lesser of (i) 67% or more of the voting securities present at a shareholder meeting if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding voting

securities of a Fund are present or represented by proxy; or (ii) more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund.

As a matter of fundamental policy, each Fund may not:

- (1) Issue senior securities, except as permitted by the 1940 Act;
- (2) Borrow money, except to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act (including, without limitation, borrowing to meet redemptions). For purposes of this investment restriction, the entry into options, forward contracts, futures contracts, including those relating to indices, and options on futures contracts or indices shall not constitute borrowing;
- (3) Pledge, mortgage, or hypothecate its assets, except to the extent necessary to secure permitted borrowings and to the extent related to the deposit of assets in escrow in connection with writing covered put and call options and the purchase of securities on a when-issued or forward commitment basis and collateral and initial or variation margin arrangements with respect to options, forward contracts, futures contracts, including those relating to indices, and options on futures contracts or indices;
- (4) Act as an underwriter except to the extent that, in connection with the disposition of portfolio securities, each Fund may be deemed to be an underwriter under certain federal securities laws;
- (5) Purchase or sell real estate or direct interests in real estate; provided, however, that each Fund may purchase and sell securities which are secured by real estate and securities of companies which invest or deal in real estate (including, without limitation, investments in REITs, mortgage-backed securities, and privately-held real estate funds);
- (6) Invest in commodities, except that each Fund may purchase and sell options, forward contracts, futures contracts, including those relating to indices, and options on futures contracts or indices;
- (7) Make investments for the purpose of exercising control or management over a portfolio company;
- (8) Make loans, provided that each Fund may lend its portfolio securities in an amount up to 33% of total Fund assets, and provided further that, for purposes of this restriction, investment in U.S. Government obligations, short-term commercial paper, certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances, and repurchase agreements shall not be deemed to be the making of a loan;
- (9) With respect to 75% of its total assets: (i) purchase 10% or more of the outstanding voting securities of any one issuer; or (ii) purchase securities of any issuer if, as a result, 5% or more of the Fund's total assets would be invested in that issuer's securities. This limitation does not apply to investments in (i) cash and cash items; (ii) securities of other registered investment companies; and (iii) obligations of the United States Government, its agencies, or instrumentalities; or
- (10) Concentrate its investments. Each Fund's concentration policy limits the aggregate value of holdings of a single industry or group of industries (except U.S. Government and cash items) to less than 25% of each Fund's total assets.

Senior securities may include any obligation or instrument issued by a fund evidencing indebtedness. The 1940 Act and the rules thereunder generally prohibits funds from issuing senior securities, although it does not treat certain transactions as senior securities, such as certain borrowings, short sales, reverse repurchase agreements, firm commitment agreements and standby commitments, if the Fund complies with the requirements of the 1940 Act with respect to such securities.

The Funds are allowed to pledge, mortgage, or hypothecate assets up to the amounts allowable under the 1940 Act, and the rules thereunder, which presently allows an investment company to borrow from any bank (including pledging, mortgaging or hypothecating assets) in an amount up to 33 1/3% of its total assets (not including temporary borrowings not in excess of 5% of its total assets).

For purposes of each Fund's concentration policy, if the Fund invests in one or more investment companies, the Fund will examine the holdings of such investment companies to ensure that the Fund is not indirectly concentrating its investments in a particular industry or group of industries. In determining the exposure of each Fund to a particular industry or group of industries for purposes of the fundamental investment restriction on concentration, the Funds currently use Standard & Poor's Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) in order to classify industries.

With respect to the fundamental investment restrictions above (other than those involving senior securities and borrowings), if a percentage limitation is adhered to at the time of investment, a later increase or decrease in percentage resulting from any change in value or net assets will not result in a violation of such restriction (i.e., percentage limitations are determined at the time of purchase).

With respect to the Funds that principally invest in unaffiliated investment companies, neither the Funds nor the Advisor will have control or influence over the activities of the unaffiliated investment companies. While other investment companies are subject to certain constraints of the 1940 Act, and the rules thereunder, the investment limitations of the other investment companies in which each Fund invests may differ from those of the Fund.

Non-Fundamental Policies. The following investment policies are not fundamental and may be changed without shareholder approval.

The Fund will not invest more than 15% of its net assets in securities for which there are legal or contractual restrictions on resale, securities that are not readily marketable, and repurchase agreements with more than seven days to maturity.

CONTINUOUS OFFERING

The method by which Creation Units are created and traded may raise certain issues under applicable securities laws. Because new Creation Units are issued and sold by the Fund on an ongoing basis, at any point a "distribution," as such term is used in the Securities Act, may occur. Broker-dealers and other persons are cautioned that some activities on their part may, depending on the circumstances, result in their being deemed participants in a distribution in a manner which could render them statutory underwriters and subject them to the prospectus delivery and liability provisions of the Securities Act. For example, a broker-dealer firm or its client may be deemed a statutory underwriter if it takes Creation Units after placing an order with the distributor, breaks them down into constituent shares, and sells such shares directly to customers, or if it chooses to couple the creation of a supply of new shares with an active selling effort involving solicitation of secondary market demand for shares. A determination of whether one is an underwriter for purposes of the Securities Act must take into account all the facts and circumstances pertaining to the activities of the broker-dealer or its client in the particular case, and the examples mentioned above should not be considered a complete description of all the activities that could lead to a categorization as an underwriter.

Broker-dealer firms should also note that dealers who are not "underwriters" but are effecting transactions in shares, whether or not participating in the distribution of shares, are generally required to deliver a prospectus. This is because the prospectus delivery exemption in Section 4(3) of the Securities Act is not available in respect of such transactions as a result of Section 24(d) of the 1940 Act. Firms that incur a prospectus-delivery obligation with respect to shares of the Fund are reminded that under Securities Act Rule 153, a prospectus-delivery obligation under Section 5(b)(2) of the Securities Act owed to an exchange member in connection with a sale on the Exchange is satisfied by the fact that the Fund's prospectus is available at the Exchange upon request. The prospectus delivery mechanism provided in Rule 153 is only available with respect to transactions on an exchange.

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

Subject to the policies established by the Board, the Advisor makes decisions with respect to, and places orders for all purchases and sales of portfolio securities for the Funds. The Advisor shall manage the Funds' portfolios in accordance with the terms of the investment advisory agreement by and between the Advisor and the Trust on behalf of the Funds (the "Investment Advisory Agreement"), which is described in detail under "Management and Other Service Providers – Investment Advisor." The Advisor serves as investment advisor for a number of client accounts, including the Funds. Investment decisions for each Fund are made independently from those for any other series of the Trust, if any, and for any other investment companies and accounts advised or managed by the Advisor.

Brokerage Selection. The Board has adopted, and the Trustees have approved, policies and procedures relating to the direction of mutual fund portfolio securities transactions to broker-dealers. The Advisor may not give consideration to sales of shares of the Funds as a factor in selecting broker-dealers to execute portfolio securities transactions. The Advisor may, however, place portfolio transactions with broker-dealers that promote or sell the Funds' shares so long as such transactions are done in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the Trustees that are designed to ensure that the selection is based on the quality of the broker's execution and not on its sales efforts. In selecting brokers to be used in portfolio transactions, the Advisor's general guiding principle is to obtain the best overall execution for each trade, which is a combination of price and execution. With respect to execution, the Advisor considers a number of discretionary factors, including, without limitation, the actual handling of the order, the ability of the broker to settle the trade promptly and accurately, the financial standing of the broker, the ability of the broker

to position stock to facilitate execution, the Advisor's past experience with similar trades, and other factors that may be unique to a particular order. Recognizing the value of these discretionary factors, the Advisor may select brokers who charge a brokerage commission that is higher than the lowest commission that might otherwise be available for any given trade.

Under Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Advisory Agreement, the Advisor is authorized to pay a brokerage commission in excess of that which another broker might have charged for effecting the same transaction, in recognition of the value of brokerage and/or research services provided by the broker. The research received by the Advisor may include, without limitation: information on the United States and other world economies; information on specific industries, groups of securities, individual companies, and political and other relevant news developments affecting markets and specific securities; technical and quantitative information about markets; analysis of proxy proposals affecting specific companies; accounting and performance systems that allow the Advisor to determine and track investment results; and trading systems that allow the Advisor to interface electronically with brokerage firms, custodians, and other providers. Research is received in the form of written reports, telephone contacts, personal meetings, research seminars, software programs, and access to computer databases. In some instances, research products or services received by the Advisor may also be used by the Advisor for functions that are not research related (i.e. not related to the making of investment decisions). Where a research product or service has a mixed use, the Advisor will make a reasonable allocation according to the use and will pay for the non-research function in cash using its own funds.

The research and investment information services described above make available to the Advisor for its analysis and consideration the views and information of individuals and research staffs of other securities firms. These services may be useful to the Advisor in connection with advisory clients other than the Funds and not all such services may be useful to the Advisor in connection with the Funds. Although such information may be a useful supplement to the Advisor's own investment information in rendering services to the Funds, the value of such research and services is not expected to reduce materially the expenses of the Advisor in the performance of its services under the Investment Advisory Agreement and will not reduce the management fees payable to the Advisor by the Funds.

The Funds may invest in securities traded in the over-the-counter market. In these cases, the Funds may initiate trades through brokers on an agency basis and pay a commission in connection with the transaction. The Funds may also effect these transactions by dealing directly with the dealers who make a market in the securities involved, in which case the costs of such transactions would involve dealer spreads rather than brokerage commissions. With respect to securities traded only in the over-the-counter market, orders will be executed on a principal basis with primary market makers in such securities except where better prices or executions may be obtained on an agency basis or by dealing with those other than a primary market maker.

The Funds' fixed income portfolio transactions may be executed through broker-dealers on an agency basis or be principal transactions executed in over-the-counter markets on a "net" basis, which may include a dealer mark up. Where possible, the Advisor will deal directly with the broker-dealers who make a market in the securities involved except in those circumstances where better prices and execution are available elsewhere. Such broker-dealers usually act as principal for their own account.

The Funds may participate, if and when practicable, in bidding for the purchase of Fund securities directly from an issuer in order to take advantage of the lower purchase price available to members of a bidding group. The Funds will engage in this practice, however, only when the Advisor, in its sole discretion, believes such practice to be otherwise in the Funds' interest.

The following shows the aggregate amount of brokerage commissions paid by each Fund during its three most recent fiscal years, as applicable.

Fund	2024	2023	2022
Adaptive Alpha Opportunities ETF	\$1,132,942.96	\$42,582.92	\$23,938
Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF	\$156,449.53	\$97,802.01	\$45,989
RH Tactical Outlook ETF	\$19,081.16	\$33,801.14	\$8,350
RH Tactical Rotation ETF	\$41,620.16	\$48,025.87	\$26,981

The increase in brokerage commissions for the Adaptive Alpha Opportunities ETF for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2024 from the prior fiscal year ended May 31, 2023 was primarily due to the implementation of a soft dollars program where brokerage commissions were utilized for the benefit of investors through purchasing research as part of the

Advisor's investment process and more frequent option trades regarding the portfolio's hedging activity. The increase in brokerage commission for the Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2024 from the prior fiscal year ended May 31, 2023 was primarily due to the implementation of a soft dollars program where brokerage commissions are utilized for the benefit of investors through purchasing research as part of the advisor investment process. The decrease in brokerage commissions for the RH Tactical Outlook ETF and RH Tactical Rotation ETF for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2024 from the prior fiscal year ended May 31, 2023 was primarily due to a decrease in trading activity through a lower equity volatility environment.

Aggregated Trades. While investment decisions for the Funds are made independently of the Advisor's other client accounts, the Advisor's other client accounts may invest in the same securities as the Funds. To the extent permitted by law, the Advisor may aggregate the securities to be sold or purchased for a Fund with those to be sold or purchased for other investment companies or accounts in executing transactions. When a purchase or sale of the same security is made at substantially the same time on behalf of a Fund and another investment company or account, the transaction will be averaged as to price and available investments allocated as to amount in a manner which the Advisor believes to be equitable to the Fund and such other investment company or account. In some instances, this investment procedure may adversely affect the price paid or received by a Fund or the size of the position obtained or sold by a Fund.

Portfolio Turnover. The annualized portfolio turnover rate for the Funds is calculated by dividing the lesser of purchases or sales of portfolio securities for the fiscal year by the monthly average value of the portfolio securities owned during the fiscal year. The calculation excludes all securities whose maturities or expiration dates at the time of acquisition are one year or less. Portfolio turnover of the Funds may vary greatly from year to year as well as within a particular year and may be affected by cash requirements for redemption of shares and by requirements that enable the Funds to receive favorable tax treatment. Portfolio turnover will not be a limiting factor in making Fund decisions, and the Funds may engage in short-term trading to achieve its investment objectives. High rates of portfolio turnover could lower performance of the Funds due to increased transaction costs and may also result in the realization of short-term capital gains taxed at ordinary income tax rates.

Fund	2024	2023
Adaptive Alpha Opportunities ETF	368.05%	22.32%
Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF	596.01%	155.15%
RH Tactical Outlook ETF	88.96%	164.54%
RH Tactical Rotation ETF	243.76%	78.83%

The portfolio turnover rate for each Fund over the last two fiscal years is set forth below.

The increase in the portfolio turnover rate for the Adaptive Alpha Opportunities ETF was primarily due to the fund strategy rebalancing equity allocations more frequently and coinciding with more frequent portfolio hedging of equity allocations. The increase in the portfolio turnover rate for the Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2024, from the prior fiscal year was primarily due to using "buy-write" investment strategy for purchases of equity and fixed income allocations where positions may get called away and subsequently repurchased. The decrease in the portfolio turnover rate for the RH Tactical Outlook ETF for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2024, from the prior fiscal year was primarily due to less frequent portfolio rebalancing due to the Fund having less frequent tactical allocations. The increase in the portfolio turnover rate for the RH Tactical Rotation ETF for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2024, from the prior fiscal year was primarily due to increase in portfolio rebalancing due to the Fund having less frequent tactical allocations. The increase in the portfolio turnover rate for the RH Tactical Rotation ETF for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2024, from the prior fiscal year was primarily due to increase in portfolio rebalancing due to the fund having more frequent sector tactical allocations.

Additional Payments to Financial Firms. The Advisor, and/or its Affiliates ("Advisor Entities") pay certain brokerdealers, registered investment advisers, banks and other financial intermediaries ("Intermediaries") for certain activities related to the Funds, other funds or exchange-traded products in general. Advisor Entities make these payments from their own assets and not from the assets of the Funds. Although a portion of Advisor Entities' revenue comes directly or indirectly in part from fees paid by the Funds and other funds, these payments do not increase the price paid by investors for the purchase of shares of, or the cost of owning, the Funds or other funds. Advisor Entities make payments for Intermediaries' participation in activities that are designed to make registered representatives, other professionals, and individual investors more knowledgeable about exchange-traded products, including the Funds, or for other activities, such as participation in marketing activities and presentations, educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms, and reporting systems ("Education Costs"). Advisor Entities also make payments to Intermediaries for certain printing, publishing, and mailing costs associated with the Funds or materials relating to exchange-traded products in general ("Publishing Costs"). In addition, Advisor Entities make payments to Intermediaries that make shares of the Funds and certain other funds available to their clients, develop new products that feature the Funds, or otherwise promote the Funds and other funds. Advisor Entities may also reimburse expenses or make payments from their own assets to Intermediaries or other persons in consideration of services or other activities that the Advisor Entities believe may benefit the Funds' business or facilitate investment in the Funds. Payments of the type described above are sometimes referred to as revenue-sharing payments.

Payments to an Intermediary may be significant to the Intermediary, and amounts that Intermediaries pay to your salesperson or other investment professional may also be significant for your salesperson or other investment professional. Because an Intermediary may make decisions about which investment options it will recommend or make available to its clients or what services to provide for various products based on payments it receives or is eligible to receive, such payments may create conflicts of interest between the Intermediary and its clients and these financial incentives may cause the Intermediary to recommend the Funds and other funds over other investments. The same conflicts of interest and financial incentives exist with respect to your salesperson or other investment professional if he or she receives similar payments from his or her Intermediary firm.

Any additions, modifications, or deletions to Intermediaries listed above that have occurred since the date noted above are not included in the list. Further, Advisor Entities make Education Costs and Publishing Costs payments to other Intermediaries that are not listed above. Advisor Entities may determine to make such payments based on any number of metrics. For example, Advisor Entities may make payments at year-end or other intervals in a fixed amount, an amount based upon an Intermediary's services at defined levels or an amount based on the Intermediary's net sales of one or more funds in a year or other period, any of which arrangements may include an agreed-upon minimum or maximum payment, or any combination of the foregoing. As of the date of this SAI, the Advisor anticipates that the payments paid by Advisor Entities in connection with the Funds and exchange-traded products in general will be immaterial to Advisor Entities in the aggregate for the next year. Please contact your salesperson or other investment professional for more information regarding any such payments his or her Intermediary firm may receive. Any payments made by the Advisor Entities to an Intermediary may create the incentive for an Intermediary to encourage customers to buy shares of the Funds.

The Funds may participate in certain maker incentive programs of a national securities exchange in which an affiliate of the Funds would pay a fee to the exchange used for incentivizing one or more market makers in the securities of the Funds to enhance the liquidity and quality of the secondary market of securities of the Funds. The fee would then be credited by the exchange to one or more market makers that meet or exceed liquidity and market quality standards with respect to the securities of the Funds. Each market maker incentive program is subject to approval from the SEC. Any such fee payments made to an exchange will be made by an affiliate of the Funds solely for the benefit of the Funds and will not be paid from any Fund assets. Certain funds managed by the Advisor may also participate in such programs.

DESCRIPTION OF THE TRUST

The Trust, which is a statutory trust organized under Delaware law on May 13, 2009, is an open-end management investment company. The Trust's Declaration of Trust ("Trust Instrument") authorizes the Trustees to divide shares into series, each series relating to a separate portfolio of investments, and to classify and reclassify any unissued shares into one or more classes of shares of each such series. The Trust currently consists of 8 series. The shares of some series are divided into classes, which are described in the Prospectus of each such series. Additional series and/or classes may be created from time to time. The number of shares of each series in the Trust shall be unlimited. When issued for payment as described in the Prospectus and this SAI, shares of the Funds will be fully paid and non-assessable and shall have no preemptive rights. The Trust does not issue share certificates.

In the event of a liquidation or dissolution of the Trust or an individual series, such as a Fund, shareholders of a particular series would be entitled to receive the assets available for distribution belonging to such series. Shareholders of a series are entitled to participate equally in the net distributable assets of the particular series involved on liquidation, based on the number of shares of the series that are held by each shareholder. If there are any assets, income, earnings, proceeds, funds, or payments that are not readily identifiable as belonging to any particular series, the Trustees shall allocate them among any one or more of the series as they, in their sole discretion, deem fair and equitable.

Shareholders of all of the series of the Trust, including the Funds, will vote together and not separately on a series-by-series basis, except as otherwise required by law or when the Trustees determine that the matter to be voted

upon affects only the interests of the shareholders of a particular series or class. Rule 18f-2 under the 1940 Act provides that any matter required to be submitted to the holders of the outstanding voting securities of an investment company such as the Trust shall not be deemed to have been effectively acted upon unless approved by the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of each series affected by the matter. A series is affected by a matter unless it is clear that the interests of each series in the matter are substantially identical or that the matter does not affect any interest of the series. Under Rule 18f-2, the approval of an investment advisory agreement or any change in a fundamental investment policy would be effectively acted upon with respect to a series only if approved by a majority of the outstanding shares of such series. However, the rule also provides that the ratification of the appointment of independent accountants, the approval of principal underwriting contracts, and the election of Trustees may be effectively acted upon by shareholders of the Trust voting together, without regard to a particular series. Rights of shareholders can only be modified by a majority vote.

When used in the Prospectus or this SAI, a "majority" of shareholders means the vote of the lesser of (i) 67% of the shares of the Trust or the applicable series or class present at a meeting if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares are present in person or by proxy or (ii) more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Trust or the applicable series or class.

Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each full share and a fractional vote for each fractional share held. Shares have non-cumulative voting rights, which means that the holders of more than 50% of the shares voting for the election of Trustees can elect 100% of the Trustees, and in this event, the holders of the remaining shares voting will not be able to elect any Trustees.

The Trustees will hold office indefinitely, except that: (i) any Trustee may resign or retire, and (ii) any Trustee may be removed: (a) any time by written instrument signed by at least two-thirds of the number of Trustees prior to such removal; (b) at any meeting of shareholders of the Trust by a vote of two-thirds of the outstanding shares of the Trust; or (c) by a written declaration signed by shareholders holding not less than two-thirds of the outstanding shares of the Trust. In case a vacancy on the Board shall for any reason exist, the vacancy shall be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Trustees, subject to certain restrictions under the 1940 Act. Otherwise, there will normally be no meeting of shareholders for the purpose of electing Trustees, and the Trust does not expect to have an annual meeting of shareholders.

The Trust Instrument provides that the Trustees will not be liable in any event in connection with the affairs of the Trust, except as such liability may arise from a Trustee's bad faith, willful misfeasance, gross negligence, or reckless disregard of duties. It also provides that all third parties shall look solely to the Trust's property for satisfaction of claims arising in connection with the affairs of the Trust. With the exceptions stated, the Trust Instrument provides that a Trustee or officer is entitled to be indemnified against all liability in connection with the affairs of the Trust.

The Trust does not have information concerning the beneficial ownership of shares held by DTC Participants (as defined below).

<u>Book Entry Only System</u>. DTC Acts as Securities Depository for Fund shares. Shares of the Funds are represented by securities registered in the name of DTC or its nominee and deposited with, or on behalf of, DTC.

DTC, a limited-purpose trust company, was created to hold securities of its participants (the "DTC Participants") and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions among the DTC Participants in such securities through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of the DTC Participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. DTC Participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations, some of whom (and/or their representatives) own DTC. More specifically, DTC is owned by a number of its DTC Participants and by the NYSE Arca and FINRA. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as banks, brokers, dealers, and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a DTC Participant, either directly or indirectly (the "Indirect Participants").

Beneficial ownership of shares is limited to DTC Participants, Indirect Participants, and persons holding interests through DTC Participants and Indirect Participants. Ownership of beneficial interests in Shares (owners of such beneficial interests are referred to herein as "Beneficial Owners") is shown on, and the transfer of ownership is effected only through, records maintained by DTC (with respect to DTC Participants) and on the records of DTC Participants (with respect to Indirect Participants and Beneficial Owners that are not DTC Participants). Beneficial Owners will receive from or through the DTC Participant a written confirmation relating to their purchase and sale of shares.

Conveyance of all notices, statements, and other communications to Beneficial Owners is affected as follows. Pursuant to the Depositary Agreement between the Trust and DTC, DTC is required to make available to the Trust upon request and for a fee to be charged to the Trust a listing of the shares of the Funds held by each DTC Participant. The Trust shall inquire of each such DTC Participant as to the number of Beneficial Owners holding shares, directly or indirectly, through such DTC Participant. The Trust shall provide each such DTC Participant with copies of such notice, statement, or other communication, in such form, number and at such place as such DTC Participant may reasonably request, in order that such notice, statement or communication may be transmitted by such DTC Participant, directly or indirectly, to such Beneficial Owners. In addition, the Trust shall pay to each such DTC Participant a fair and reasonable amount as reimbursement for the expenses attendant to such transmittal, all subject to applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

Fund distributions shall be made to DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., as the registered holder of all Fund shares. DTC or its nominee, upon receipt of any such distributions, shall immediately credit DTC Participants' accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in shares of the Funds as shown on the records of DTC or its nominee. Payments by DTC Participants to Indirect Participants and Beneficial Owners of Shares held through such DTC Participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in a "street name," and will be the responsibility of such DTC Participants.

The Trust has no responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or notices to Beneficial Owners, or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in such shares, or for maintaining, supervising, or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests, or for any other aspect of the relationship between DTC and the DTC Participants or the relationship between such DTC Participants and the Indirect Participants and Beneficial Owners owning through such DTC Participants.

DTC may decide to discontinue providing its service with respect to shares at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Trust and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law. Under such circumstances, the Trust shall take action to find a replacement for DTC to perform its functions at a comparable cost.

MANAGEMENT AND OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS

The Trustees are governed by the Board, which is responsible for the management and supervision of the Funds. The Trustees meet periodically throughout the year to review contractual arrangements with companies that furnish services to the Funds, review performance of the Advisor and the Funds, and oversee activities of the Funds. This section of the SAI provides information about the persons who serve as Trustees and officers to the Trust and Funds, respectively, as well as the entities that provide services to the Funds.

Trustees and Officers. Following are the Trustees and officers of the Trust, their age and address, their present position with the Trust or the Funds, and their principal occupation during the past five years. The Trustees in the following table who are not "interested" persons of the Trust within the meaning of the 1940 Act ("Independent Trustees") are indicted as such. The address of each Trustee and officer of the Trust, unless otherwise indicated, is 116 South Franklin Street, Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27804.

Name and Date of Birth	Position held with Funds or Trust	Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years Independent Trustees	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee	Other Directorships Held by Trustee During Past 5 Years
James H. Speed, Jr. (06/1953)	Chairman and Independent Trustee	Trustee since 7/09, Chair since 5/12	Retired Executive/Private Investor	8	Independent Trustee of the Brown Capital Management Mutual Funds for all its series from 2001 to present, Centaur Mutual Funds Trust for all its series from 2009 to present, WST Investment Trust for all its series from 2013 to present, and Chesapeake Investment Trust for all its series from 2016 to present (all registered investment companies). Member of Board of Directors of Communities in Schools of N.C. from 2001 to present. Member of Board of Directors of Investors Title Company from 2010 to present. Member of Board of Directors of AAA Carolinas/Auto Club Group from 2011 to present. Previously, Independent Trustee of the Hillman Capital Management Trust from 2009 to 2021. Previously, Independent Trustee of the Leeward Investment Trust from 2018 to 2020.
Theo H. Pitt, Jr. (04/1936)	Independent Trustee	Since 9/10	Senior Partner, Community Financial Institutions Consulting (financial consulting) since 1999.	8	Independent Trustee of Hillman Capital Management Investment Trust for all its series from 2000 to present, Chesapeake Investment Trust for all its series from 2002 to present, World Funds Trust for all its series from 2013 to present, ETF Opportunities Trust for all its series from 2019 to present, and Kingsbarn Parallel Income Trust from 2022 to present (all registered investment companies). Senior Partner of Community Financial Institutions Consulting from 1997 to present. Previously, Independent Trustee of the Leeward Investment Trust from 2011 to 2021.
J. Buckley Strandberg (03/1960)	Independent Trustee	Since 7/09	President of Standard Insurance and Realty since 1982.	8	None.

Name and Date of Birth	Position held with Funds or Trust	Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years
		Officers	
Katherine M. Honey (09/1973)	President and Principal Executive Officer	Since 05/15	President of The Nottingham Company since 2018.
Pete McCabe (09/1972)	Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Principal Accounting Officer, and Principal Financial Officer	Since 05/23	Chief Operating Officer, The Nottingham Company since 2018.
Tracie A. Coop (12/1976)	Secretary	Since 12/19	General Counsel, The Nottingham Company since 2019.
Andrea M. Knoth (09/1983)	Chief Compliance Officer	Since 06/22	Director of Compliance, The Nottingham Company since 2022. Formerly, Senior Fund Compliance Administrator, Ultimus Fund Solutions from 2019 to 2022. Formerly, Associate Director of Operational Compliance, Barings from 2018 to 2019.

Qualification of Trustees. The Board believes that each Trustee's experience, qualifications, attributes, or skills on an individual basis and in combination with those of the other Trustees on the Board lead to the conclusion that the

Board possesses the requisite skills and attributes to carry out its oversight responsibilities with respect to the Trust. The Board believes that its Trustees' ability to review, critically evaluate, question, and discuss information provided to them, to interact effectively with the Advisor, other service providers, counsel and independent auditors, and to exercise effective business judgment in the performance of its duties, support this conclusion. The Board also has considered the following experience, qualifications, attributes and/or skills, among others, of its members, as applicable, in reaching its conclusion: (i) such person's business and professional experience and accomplishments, including prior experience in the financial services and investment management fields or on other boards; (ii) such person's ability to work effectively with the other members of the Board; (iii) how the individual's skills, experiences, and attributes would contribute to an appropriate mix of relevant skills and experience on the Board; (iv) such person's character and integrity; (v) such person's willingness to serve and willingness and ability to commit the time necessary to perform the duties of a Trustee; and (vi) as to each Trustee his status as an Independent Trustee.

In addition, the following specific experience, qualifications, attributes and/or skills were considered in respect of the listed Trustee. Mr. Pitt has experience as an investor, including his role as trustee of several other investment companies and business experience as senior partner of a financial consulting company, as a partner of a real estate partnership and as an account administrator for a money management firm. Mr. Speed also has experience as an investor as trustee of several other investment companies and business experience as president and CEO of an insurance company and as president of a company in the business of consulting and private investing. Mr. Strandberg also has investment experience as a former trustee of another investment company and business experience as president of an insurance and property management company.

The Board has determined that each of the Trustees' careers and background, combined with their interpersonal skills and general understanding of financial and other matters, enable the Trustees to effectively participate in and contribute to the Board's functions and oversight of the Trust.

Board Structure. The Board currently consists of four Trustees, all of whom are Independent. Mr. Speed, Jr. serves as the Independent Chairman of the Board. The Board has established several standing committees: Audit Committee, Nominating Committee, Fair Valuation Committee, Governance Committee, and Qualified Legal Compliance Committee. These standing committees are comprised entirely of the Independent Trustees. Other information about these standing committees is set forth below. The Board has determined that the Board's structure is appropriate given the characteristics, size, and operations of the Trust. The Board also believes that its leadership structure, including its committees, helps facilitate effective oversight of Trust management. The Board reviews its structure annually.

With respect to risk oversight, the Board considers risk management issues as part of its general oversight responsibilities throughout the year. The Board holds four regular board meetings each year during which the Board receives risk management reports and/or assessments from Trust management, the Advisor, administrator, transfer agent, and distributor, and receives an annual report from the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO"). The Audit Committee also meets with the Trust's independent registered public accounting firm on an annual basis, to discuss among other things, the internal control structure of the Trust's financial reporting function. When appropriate, the Board may hold special meetings or communicate directly with Trust management, the CCO, the Trust's third-party service providers, legal counsel, or independent public accountants to address matters arising between regular board meeting or needing special attention. In addition, the Board has adopted policies and procedures for the Trust to help detect and prevent and, if necessary, correct violations of federal securities laws.

The Board met five times during the fiscal year ended May 31, 2024.

Trustee Standing Committees. The Trustees have established the following standing committees:

<u>Audit Committee</u>. All of the Independent Trustees are members of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee oversees the Fund's accounting and financial reporting policies and practices, reviews the results of the annual audits of the Fund's financial statements, and interacts with the Fund's independent auditors on behalf of all the Trustees. The Audit Committee operates pursuant to an Audit Committee Charter and meets periodically as necessary. The Audit Committee met ten times during the fiscal year ended May 31, 2024.

<u>Fair Valuation Committee</u>. An Independent Trustee and a representative of the advisor are members of the Fair Valuation Committee. The Fair Valuation Committee oversees the valuation designee who has the authority to determine the fair value of specific securities under the methods established by the adopted Guidelines for Valuing Portfolio Securities. The Fair Valuation Committee meets only as necessary. The Fair Valuation Committee did not meet during the fiscal year ended May 31, 2024.

<u>Governance Committee</u>. The Independent Trustees are the current members of the Governance Committee. The Governance Committee assists the Board in adopting fund governance practices and meeting certain fund governance standards. The Governance Committee also nominates, selects, and appoints Independent Trustees to fill vacancies on the Board of Trustees and to stand for election at meetings of the shareholders of the Trust. The Governance Committee generally will not consider nominees recommended by shareholders of the Trust. The Governance Committee operates pursuant to a Governance Committee Charter and normally meets annually but may also meet as often as necessary to carry out its purpose. The Governance Committee met once during the fiscal year ended May 31, 2024.

<u>Qualified Legal Compliance Committee.</u> The Independent Trustees are the current members of the Qualified Legal Compliance Committee. The Qualified Legal Compliance Committee receives, investigates, and makes recommendations as to appropriate remedial action in connection with any report of evidence of a material violation of securities laws or breach of fiduciary duty or similar violation by the Trust, its officers, Trustees, or agents. The Qualified Legal Compliance Committee met four times during the fiscal year ended May 31, 2024.

Beneficial Equity Ownership Information. The table below sets forth, as of December 31, 2023, the dollar range of equity securities beneficially owned by each Trustee in the Funds, and the aggregate dollar range of equity securities in the Funds' family of investment companies.

Name of Trustee	Fund	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in All Funds Overseen or to be Overseen by Trustee in Family of Investment Companies
James H. Speed, Jr.	Adaptive Alpha Opportunities ETF	А	
	Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF	А	
	RH Tactical Outlook ETF	А	
	RH Tactical Rotation ETF	А	
			А
Theo H. Pitt, Jr.	Adaptive Alpha Opportunities ETF	А	
	Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF	А	
	RH Tactical Outlook ETF	А	
	RH Tactical Rotation ETF	А	
			А
J. Buckley Strandberg	Adaptive Alpha Opportunities ETF	А	
	Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF	А	
	RH Tactical Outlook ETF	А	
	RH Tactical Rotation ETF	А	
			А

A = None; B = 1-10,000; C = 10,001-50,000; D = 50,001-100,000; and E = over 100,000.

Ownership of Securities of Advisor, Distributor, or Related Entities. As of December 31, 2023, none of the Independent Trustees and/or their immediate family members own securities of the Advisor, Capital Investment Group, Inc. (the "Distributor"), or any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Advisor or Distributor.

Compensation. Officers of the Trust and Trustees who are interested persons of the Trust or the Advisor will receive no salary or fees from the Trust. The Independent Trustees receive \$2,400 per series of the Trust each year plus \$400 for each quarterly meeting, \$200 for each Committee meeting held outside of the quarterly Board meetings, and \$1,000 per special meeting. This amount may be paid pro rata in the event that a Fund closes during the fiscal year. The Trust reimburses each Trustee and officers of the Trust for his or her travel and other expenses relating to attendance at such meetings. Each of the Trustees serves as a Trustee to all series of the Trust, including the Funds. During the fiscal year ended May 31, 2024, the Trustees received the amounts set forth in the following table for services to the Funds and the Fund Complex.

Name of Trustee	Aggregate Compensation from Adaptive Alpha Opportunities ETF	Aggregate Compensation from Adaptive Hedged Multi- Asset Income ETF	Aggregate Compensation from RH Tactical Outlook ETF	Aggregate Compensation from RH Tactical Rotation ETF	Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued as Part of Fund Expenses	Estimated Annual Benefits Upon Retirement	Total Compensation from Funds and Fund Complex Paid to Trustees
		Iı	ndependent Trus	tees			
Theo H. Pitt, Jr.	\$2,865	\$2,865	\$2,865	\$2,865	None	None	\$26,200
James H. Speed, Jr.	\$2,865	\$2,865	\$2,865	\$2,865	None	None	\$26,200
J. Buckley Strandberg	\$2,865	\$2,865	\$2,865	\$2,865	None	None	\$26,200

Codes of Ethics. The Trust, Advisor, and Distributor each have adopted a code of ethics, as required under Rule 17j-1 of the 1940 Act, which is designed to prevent affiliated persons of the Trust, Advisor, and Distributor from engaging in deceptive, manipulative, or fraudulent activities in connection with securities held or to be acquired by the Funds (which securities may also be held by persons subject to each such code of ethics). There can be no assurance that the codes will be effective in preventing such activities. The codes permit employees and officers of the Trust, Advisor, and Distributor to invest in securities held by the Funds, subject to certain restrictions and pre-approval requirements. In addition, the Advisor's code requires that portfolio managers and other investment personnel of the Advisor report their personal securities transactions and holdings, which are reviewed for compliance with the Trust's and Advisor's code of ethics.

Anti-Money Laundering Program. The Trust has adopted an anti-money laundering program, as required by applicable law, that is designed to prevent the Funds from being used for money laundering or the financing of terrorist activities. The Trust's CCO is responsible for implementing and monitoring the operations and internal controls of the program. Compliance officers at certain of the Funds' service providers are also responsible for monitoring the program. The anti-money laundering program is subject to the continuing oversight of the Trustees.

Proxy Voting Policies. The Trust has adopted a proxy voting and disclosure policy that delegates to the Advisor the authority to vote proxies for the Funds, subject to oversight by the Board. A copy of the Advisor's Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures is included as Appendix B to this SAI. No later than August 3^{1s}t of each year, the Funds will file Form N-PX stating how each Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30th. Information regarding how the Funds voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling the Funds at 1-800-773-3863 or on the Funds' website at www.adaptiveetfs.com; and (ii) on the SEC's website at <u>http://www.sec.go</u>v.

Principal Holders of Voting Securities. As of August 31, 2024, the Trustees and officers of the Trust as a group owned beneficially (i.e., had direct or indirect voting and/or investment power) none of the then outstanding shares of the Funds. As of August 31, 2024, to the Trust's knowledge, the following shareholders owned of record or beneficially 5% or more of the outstanding shares of the Funds. Shareholders owning 25% or more of outstanding shares may be in control and may be able to affect the outcome of certain matters presented for a vote of Shareholders.

Adaptive A	lpha Op	portunities	ETF
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Name and Address of <u>Owner</u>	Percentage of <u>Ownership</u>	Type of <u>Ownership</u>
National Financial Services, LLC 245 Summer Street Mail Zone L10C Boston, MA 02210	32.41%	Record ¹
Charles Schwab & Co. 101 Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94104-4122	33.01%	Record ¹
LPL Financial 4707 Executive Drive San Diego, CA 92121 3091	13.64%	Record ¹

Pershing, LLC		
1 Pershing Plaza	8.77%	Record ¹
Jersey City, NJ 07399		

Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF

Name and Address of <u>Owner</u>	Percentage of <u>Ownership</u>	Type of <u>Ownership</u>
National Financial Services, LLC 245 Summer Street Mail Zone L10C Boston, MA 02210	38.34%	Record ¹
Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 101 Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94104	29.77%	Record ¹
Axos Clearing LLC 15950 W Dodge Road, Suite 300 Omaha, NE 681118	12.47%	Record ¹
LPL Financial 4707 Executive Drive San Diego, CA 92121 3091	9.77%	Record ¹
Pershing, LLC 1 Pershing Plaza Jersey City, NJ 07399	7.59%	Record ¹

RH Tactical Outlook ETF

Name and Address of <u>Owner</u>	Percentage of <u>Ownership</u>	Type of <u>Ownership</u>
Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 101 Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94104	36.74%	Record ¹
Pershing, LLC 1 Pershing Plaza Jersey City, NJ 07399	29.64%	Record ¹
LPL Financial 4707 Executive Drive San Diego, CA 92121 3091	20.64%	Record ¹

RH Tactical Rotation ETF

Name and Address of <u>Owner</u>	Percentage of <u>Ownership</u>	Type of <u>Ownership</u>
Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 101 Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94104	30.65%	Record ¹
Pershing, LLC 1 Pershing Plaza Jersey City, NJ 07399	27.47%	Record ¹
National Financial Services, LLC 245 Summer Street Mail Zone L10C Boston, MA 02210	21.63%	Record ¹

LPL Financial	11.43%	
4707 Executive Drive		Record ¹
San Diego, CA 92121 3091		

¹ The Fund believes that such entity does not have a beneficial ownership interest in such shares.

Investment Advisor. Cavalier Investments, LLC d/b/a Adaptive Investments, located at 12600 Deerfield Parkway, Suite 100, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004, serves as the investment advisor to the Funds pursuant to an investment advisory agreement between the Trust, on behalf of the Funds, and Adaptive Investments. The Advisor is controlled by Cavalier 16, Inc., a company controlled by Gregory Rutherford. The Advisor supervises the Funds' investments pursuant to an Investment Advisory Agreement. The Investment Advisory Agreement is effective for an initial two-year period and will be renewed thereafter only so long as such renewal and continuance is specifically approved at least annually: (i) by the Board or by vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Funds; and (ii) by vote of a majority of the Independent Trustees, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. The Investment Advisory Agreement is terminable without penalty by the Trust by a vote of the Board or by vote of a majority of calendar days' written notice or by the Advisor upon 60 calendar days' written notice. The Investment Advisory Agreement provides that it will terminate automatically in the event of its "assignment," as such term is defined in the 1940 Act.

The Advisor manages the Funds' investments in accordance with the stated policies of each Fund, subject to oversight by the Board. The Advisor is responsible for investment decisions and provides the Funds with portfolio managers who are authorized to execute purchases and sales of securities.

Under the Investment Advisory Agreement, the Advisor is not liable for any error of judgment or mistake of law or for any loss suffered by the Funds in connection with the performance of such agreement, except a loss resulting from a breach of fiduciary duty with respect to the receipt of compensation for services, or a loss resulting from willful misfeasance, bad faith, or gross negligence on the part of the Advisor in the performance of its duties, or from its reckless disregard of its duties and obligations under the Investment Advisory Agreement.

As full compensation for the investment advisory services provided to the Funds, the Advisor receives monthly compensation based on each Fund's average daily net assets calculated at the annual rate set forth below:

Fund	Advisory Fee
Adaptive Alpha Opportunities ETF	1.00%
Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF	0.80%
RH Tactical Outlook ETF	1.00%
RH Tactical Rotation ETF	1.00%

Expense Limitation Agreement. In the interest of limiting expenses of the Funds, the Advisor has entered into an Expense Limitation Agreement with the Trust with respect to the Adaptive Alpha Opportunities ETF and the Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF under which it has agreed to waive or reduce its fees and to assume other expenses of the Funds, if necessary, in an amount that limits the Funds' annual operating expenses (exclusive of (i) any frontend or contingent deferred loads; (ii) brokerage fees and commissions, (iii) acquired fund fees and expenses; (iv) fees and expenses associated with investments in other collective investment vehicles or derivative instruments (including for example option and swap fees and expenses); (v) borrowing costs (such as interest and dividend expense on securities sold short); (vi) taxes; and (vii) extraordinary expenses, such as litigation expenses (which may include indemnification of Fund officers and Trustees and contractual indemnification of Fund service providers (other than the Adviser)) to not more than the percentage of the average daily net assets of the Funds set forth below:

Fund	Expense Limitation
Adaptive Alpha Opportunities ETF	1.25%
Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF	1.15%
RH Tactical Outlook ETF	1.40%
RH Tactical Rotation ETF	1.25%

Net annual operating expenses for the Funds may exceed these limits to the extent that they incur expenses enumerated above as exclusions. The Expense Limitation Agreements run through September 30, 2025, and may be terminated by the Board at any time. It is expected that the Expense Limitation Agreements will continue from year-to-year thereafter, provided such continuance is specifically approved by a majority of the Trustees who (i) are not "interested

persons" of the Trust or any other party to the Expense Limitation Agreements, as such term is defined in the 1940 Act, and (ii) have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Expense Limitation Agreements. These fee waivers and expense reimbursements are subject to possible recoupment from the Fund in future years (within the three years from the date the fees had been waived or reimbursed), if such recoupment can be achieved within the lesser of the foregoing expense limit or those in place at the time of recoupment.

The following chart shows the total dollar amounts that each Fund paid to Cavalier Investments, LLC d/b/a Adaptive Investments over the past three fiscal years.

Net Amount Paid for the fiscal years ended May 31, (Paid to Adaptive Investments)					
Fund <u>2024</u> <u>2023</u> <u>2022¹</u>					
Adaptive Alpha Opportunities ETF	\$2,290,706 ²	\$1,810,488 ³	\$2,078,144		
Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF	\$440,656 ⁴	\$172,6905	\$106,849		
RH Tactical Outlook ETF	\$267,332 ⁶	\$111,983	\$48,152		
RH Tactical Rotation ETF	\$295,777	\$100,716	\$146,535		

¹ For the period of June 1, 2021, through July 20, 2021, the advisory fee was 1.00% and the expense limitation was 1.25% of the average daily net assets of each of the ETFs.

². Prior to October 1, 2024, the expense limitation was 1.39% and included acquired fund fees and expenses.

^{3.} Prior to October 1, 2023, the expense limitation was 1.25% and excluded acquired fund fees and expenses.

⁴ Prior to October 1, 2024, the expense limitation was 1.29% and included acquired fund fees and expenses.

⁵. Prior to October 1, 2023, the expense limitation was 0.85% and excluded acquired fund fees and expenses.

⁶. Prior to October 1, 2024, the expense limitation was 1.25%.

Investment Sub-Advisor.

Information about the Sub-Advisor and its duties as Sub-Advisors to the Adaptive Funds is contained in the Prospectus. The Sub-Advisor assists the Advisor in supervising the Fund's investments pursuant to an Investment Sub-Advisory Agreement. The Investment Sub-Advisory Agreement is effective for an initial two-year period and will be renewed for a period of one year only so long as such renewal and continuance is specifically approved at least annually by the Trustees, provided the continuance is also approved by a majority of the Trustees who are neither parties to the Investment Sub-Advisory Agreement nor interested persons of any such party, or by vote of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities. The Investment Sub-Advisory Agreement will be terminable without penalty on 60-days' notice by the Trustees, by the Advisor or Sub-Advisor, or by vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the applicable Fund. The Investment Sub-Advisory Agreement provides that it will terminate automatically in the event of its "assignment," as such term is defined in the 1940 Act.

Under the Investment Sub-Advisory Agreement, the Sub-Advisor is not liable for any error of judgment or mistake of law or for any loss suffered by the Fund in connection with the performance of the Investment Sub-Advisory Agreement, except: a loss resulting from a breach of fiduciary duty with respect to the receipt of compensation for services; a loss resulting from willful misfeasance, bad faith, or gross negligence on the part of the Sub-Advisor in the performance of its duties; or a loss resulting from the Sub-Advisor's reckless disregard of its duties and obligations under the Agreement.

The current sub-advisor for the Adaptive Alpha Opportunities ETF as of the date of this SAI is listed below. The Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF, RH Tactical Outlook ETF, and RH Tactical Rotation ETF do not have sub-advisors.

Fund	Sub-Advisor
Adaptive Alpha Opportunities ETF	Bluestone Capital Management, LLC

Bluestone Capital Management, LLC (the "Sub-Advisor"), located at 37 West Avenue, Suite 301, Wayne, Pennsylvania 19087, serves as the investment sub-advisor to the Fund pursuant to an investment sub-advisory agreement between the Advisor and the Sub-Advisor.

The Fund does not pay a direct fee to the Sub-Advisor. The following charts show the aggregate fees paid to the Sub-Advisor by the Advisor over the past three fiscal years:

Amount Paid for the fiscal years ended May 31, (Paid to Bluestone Capital Management, LLC)			
Fund	2024	2023	2022
Adaptive Alpha Opportunities ETF	\$573,092	\$525,462	\$621,533

<u>Compensation</u>. The portfolio manager's compensation varies with the general success of the Advisor, as a firm. Mr. Wetherington receives a fixed annual salary plus a quarterly bonus based on the Advisor's assets under management. The portfolio manager's compensation is not directly linked to the Funds' performance, although positive performance and growth in managed assets are factors that may contribute to the Advisor's distributable profits and assets under management.

<u>Ownership of Fund Shares.</u> The following table shows the amount of each Fund's equity securities beneficially owned by the portfolio manager as of May 31, 2024 (unless otherwise indicated) and stated as one of the following ranges: A = None; B = \$1-\$10,000; C = \$10,001-\$50,000; D = \$50,001-\$100,000; E = \$100,001-\$500,000; F = \$500,001-\$1,000,000; and G = over \$1,000,000.

Portfolio Manager	Fund	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund		
Brian Shevland	evland Adaptive Alpha Opportunities ETF			
Scott Wetherington	Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF	А		
	RH Tactical Outlook ETF	А		
	RH Tactical Rotation ETF	А		

<u>Other Accounts.</u> In addition to the Funds, the portfolio manager is responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts. The table below shows the number of, and total assets in, such other accounts as of the end of the Funds' fiscal year ended May 31, 2024, (unless otherwise indicated).

	8	ed Investment <u>npanies</u>	Other Pooled Investment <u>Vehicles</u>		Other Accounts				
Portfolio Manager	Number of Accounts	Total Assets	Number of Accounts	Total Assets	Number of Accounts	Total Assets			
	All Accounts								
Brian Shevland	0	\$0	2	\$43,500,000	0	\$0			
Scott Wetherington	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0			
	Accounts with Performance-Based Advisory Fee								
Brian Shevland	0	\$0	2	\$43,500,000	0	\$0			
Scott Wetherington	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0			

<u>Conflicts of Interests.</u> The portfolio manager's management of "other accounts" may give rise to potential conflicts of interest in connection with their management of the Funds' investments, on the one hand, and the investments of the other accounts, on the other. The other accounts consist of separately managed private clients ("Other Accounts"). The Other Accounts might have similar investment objectives as the Funds, be compared to the same index as the Funds, or otherwise hold, purchase, or sell securities that are eligible to be held, purchased, or sold by the Funds.

<u>Knowledge of the Timing and Size of Fund Trades:</u> A potential conflict of interest may arise as a result of the portfolio manager's day-to-day management of the Funds. The portfolio manager knows the size and timing of trades for the Funds and the Other Accounts and may be able to predict the market impact of Fund trades. It is theoretically possible that the portfolio manager could use this information to the advantage of Other Accounts it manages and to the possible detriment of the Funds, or vice versa.

<u>Investment Opportunities:</u> The Advisor provides investment supervisory services for a number of investment products that have varying investment guidelines. The portfolio manager works across different investment products. Differences in the compensation structures of the Advisor's investment products may give rise to a conflict of interest by creating an incentive for the Advisor to allocate the investment opportunities it believes might be the most profitable to the client accounts where it might benefit the most from the investment gains.

Administrator. The Trust has entered into a Fund Accounting and Administration Agreement with The Nottingham Company ("Administrator"), located at 116 South Franklin Street, Post Office Box 69, Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27802-0069. The Administrator performs the following services for the Funds: (i) procures on behalf of the Trust, and coordinates with the custodian and monitors the services it provides to the Funds; (ii) coordinates with and monitors any other third parties furnishing services to the Funds; (iii) provides the Funds with necessary office space, telephones, and other communications facilities and personnel competent to perform administrative and clerical functions for the Funds; (iv) assists or supervises the maintenance by third parties of such books and records of the Funds as may be required by applicable federal or state law; (v) assists in the preparation of all federal, state, and local tax returns and reports of the Funds required by applicable law; (vi) assists in the preparation of and, after approval by the Trust, files and arranges for the distribution of proxy materials and periodic reports to shareholders of the Funds as required by applicable law; (vii) assists in the preparation of and, after approval by the Trust, arranges for the filing of such registration statements and other documents with the SEC and other federal and state regulatory authorities as may be required by applicable law; (viii) reviews and submits to the officers of the Trust for their approval invoices or other requests for payment of Funds expenses and instructs the custodian to issue checks in payment thereof; and (ix) takes such other action with respect to the Funds as may be necessary in the opinion of the Administrator to perform its duties under the agreement. The Administrator will also provide certain accounting and pricing services for the Funds.

The following shows the total dollar amounts that each Fund paid to the Administrator for the last three fiscal years:

Fund	2024	2023	2022
Adaptive Alpha Opportunities ETF	\$227,024	\$170,226	\$182,929
Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF	\$45,342	\$59,669	\$44,532
RH Tactical Outlook ETF	\$24,523	\$59,168	\$44,662
RH Tactical Rotation ETF	\$26,800	\$59,187	\$43,310

Distributor. Under the Distribution Agreement between the Trust and Capital Investment Group, Inc. (the "Distributor"), the Distributor serves as the principal distributor and underwriter for the Funds. The Distributor is located at 100 E. Six Forks Road, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27609. Shares are continuously offered for sale by the Funds through the Distributor or its agent only in Creation Units, as described in the applicable Prospectus and below in the Creation and Redemption of Creation Units section of this SAI. Fund shares in amounts less than Creation Units are generally not distributed by the Distributor or its agent. The Distributor or its agent will arrange for the delivery of the applicable Prospectus and, upon request, this SAI to persons purchasing Creation Units and will maintain records of both orders placed with it or its agents and confirmations of acceptance furnished by it or its agents. The Distributor is a broker-dealer registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"), and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"). The Distributor is also licensed as a broker-dealer in all 50 U.S. states, as well as in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia.

The Distribution Agreement for the Funds provides that it may be terminated at any time, without the payment of any penalty, on at least 60 day'' prior written notice to the other party following (i) the vote of a majority of the Independent Trustees, or (ii) the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Funds. The Distribution Agreement will terminate automatically in the event of its assignment (as defined in the 1940 Act).

The Distributor may also enter into agreements with securities dealers ("Soliciting Dealers") who will solicit purchases of Creation Units of Fund shares. Such Soliciting Dealers may also be Authorized Participants (as described below), Depository Trust Company ("DTC") participants and/or investor services organizations. The Advisor, or their Affiliates may, from time to time and from their own resources, pay, defray, or absorb costs relating to distribution, including payments out of their own resources to the Distributor, or to otherwise promote the sale of shares.

Under the Distribution Agreement, the Distributor is paid \$6,500 per annum for its services.

Transfer Agent. The Trust has entered into a Dividend Disbursing and Transfer Agent Agreement with Nottingham Shareholder Services, LLC ("Transfer Agent"), a North Carolina limited liability company, to serve as transfer, dividend paying, and shareholder servicing agent for the Funds. The address of the Transfer Agent is 116 South Franklin Street, Post Office Box 4365, Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27803-0365.

Custodians. Clear Street, LLC ("Clear Street"), located at 55 Broadway, New York, NY 10006, serves as the custodian for the Adaptive Alpha Opportunities ETF, Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF, RH Tactical Outlook ETF, and RH Tactical Rotation ETF. Clear Street is responsible for holding all cash assets and all portfolio securities of the Funds listed above (except Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF, for which it holds equity securities and options), releasing and delivering such securities as directed by the Funds listed above, maintaining bank accounts in the names of the Funds listed above, receiving for deposit into such accounts payments for shares of the Funds listed above, collecting income and other payments due the Funds listed above with respect to portfolio securities, paying out monies of the Funds listed above, and making available a list of the names and the amounts of the Deposit Securities through the facilities of the NSCC.

UMB Bank, n.a., ("UMB") located at 1010 Grand Blvd, Kansas City, Missouri 64106 serves as a custodian for the Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF. UMB is responsible for holding all cash assets and fixed income securities of the Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF, releasing and delivering such securities as directed by the Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF, maintaining bank accounts in the names of the Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF, receiving for deposit into such accounts payments for Shares, collecting income and other payments due the Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF with respect to portfolio securities, and paying out monies of the Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF.

The custodians are authorized to deposit securities in securities depositories or to use the services of sub-custodians, including foreign sub-custodians, to the extent permitted by and subject to the regulations of the SEC.

Compliance Services Administrator. The Trust has entered into a compliance services arrangement with The Nottingham Company, Inc., located at 116 S Franklin Street, Rocky Mount, NC 27802. The Trust's CCO will prepare and update the Trust's compliance manual and monitor and test compliance with the policies and procedures under the Trust's compliance manual.

Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm. Tait, Weller & Baker, LLP located at 50 S 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19102 serves as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Funds. The independent registered public accounting firm conducts an annual audit of the Funds' financial statements, and prepares the Funds' federal, state, and excise tax returns. Shareholders will receive annual audited and semi-annual (unaudited) reports when published and written confirmation of all transactions in their account. A copy of the most recent annual report will accompany the SAI whenever a shareholder or a prospective investor requests it.

Legal Counsel. DLA Piper LLP serves as legal counsel to the Trust and the Funds.

ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY

The Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF may invest up to 25% of its total assets in the Subsidiary. Generally, the Subsidiary will invest primarily in ETNs and ETFs that provide exposure to commodities.

The Subsidiary is a company organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands, whose registered office is located at the offices of Harneys Fiduciary (Cayman) Limited. The Subsidiary's affairs are overseen by a board of managers.

Managers. Each Independent Trustee also serves on the Board of Managers of the Subsidiary.

The Subsidiary has entered into separate contracts with the Advisor for the management of the Subsidiary's portfolio, without compensation. The Subsidiary has also entered into arrangements with Clear Street to serve as the Subsidiary's custodian and with the Fund's administrator to serve as the Subsidiary's transfer agent, fund accountant and administrator. The Subsidiary has adopted compliance policies and procedures that are substantially similar to the policies and procedures adopted by the Fund. The Trust's Chief Compliance Officer oversees implementation of the Subsidiary's policies and procedures and makes periodic reports to the Trust's Board regarding the Subsidiary's compliance with its policies and procedures.

The Subsidiary pays no fee to the Advisor for its services. The Advisor will bear all of the fees and expenses of providing its services to the Subsidiary. It is therefore expected that the Fund's investment in the Subsidiary will not result in the Fund paying duplicative fees for similar services provided to the Fund and Subsidiary.

CREATION AND REDEMPTION OF CREATION UNITS

<u>General</u>. The Funds issue and sell shares of the Funds only in Creation Units on a continuous basis through the Distributor or its agent, without a sales load, at a price based on the NAV next determined after receipt, on any Business Day (as defined below), of an order received by the Distributor or its agent in proper form. A Creation Unit is an aggregation of 10,000 Shares for the Funds. On days when the Listing Exchange closes earlier than normal, the Funds may require orders to be placed earlier in the day. In its discretion, the Advisor reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of the Funds' shares that constitute a Creation Unit. The Board reserves the right to declare a split or a consolidation in the number of shares outstanding of the Funds, and to make a corresponding change in the number of shares constituting a Creation Unit, in the event that the per share price in the secondary market rises (or declines) to an amount that falls outside the range deemed desirable by the Board.

A "Business Day" with respect to the Funds is any day on which the Exchange on which the Funds are listed for trading is open for business. As of the date of this SAI, each Listing Exchange observes the following holidays, as observed: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Washington's Birthday, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

<u>Fund Deposit</u>. The consideration for purchase of Creation Units of the Funds generally consists of the in-kind deposit of a designated portfolio of securities (Deposit Securities) and the Cash Component computed as described below. Together, the Deposit Securities and the Cash Component constitute the "Fund Deposit," which will be applicable (subject to possible amendment or correction) to creation requests received in proper form. The Fund Deposit represents the minimum initial and subsequent investment amount for a Creation Unit of the Funds.

The "Cash Component" is an amount equal to the difference between the NAV of the shares (per Creation Unit) and the "Deposit Amount," which is an amount equal to the market value of the Deposit Securities and serves to compensate for any differences between the NAV per Creation Unit and the Deposit Amount. Payment of any stamp duty or other similar fees and expenses payable upon transfer of beneficial ownership of the Deposit Securities are the sole responsibility of the Authorized Participant purchasing the Creation Unit. The Funds generally offer Creation Units partially for cash, but may, in certain circumstances, offer Creation Units solely for cash.

The Funds make available through the NSCC on each Business Day prior to the opening of business on the Listing Exchange, the list of names and the required number of shares of each Deposit Security and the amount of the Cash Component to be included in the current Fund Deposit (based on information as of the end of the previous Business Day for the Funds). Such Fund Deposit is applicable, subject to any adjustments as described below, to purchases of Creation Units of shares of a given Funds until such time as the next-announced Fund Deposit is made available.

The identity and number of shares of the Deposit Securities change pursuant to changes in the composition of the Funds' portfolio and as rebalancing adjustments and corporate action events are reflected from time to time by the with a view to the investment objective of the Funds. The composition of the Deposit Securities may also change in response to adjustments to the weighting or composition of the component securities constituting the Funds' portfolio.

The Funds reserve the right to permit or require the substitution of a "cash in lieu" amount to be added to the Cash Component to replace any Deposit Security that may not be available in sufficient quantity for delivery or that may not be eligible for transfer through DTC or the clearing process (as discussed below) or that the Authorized Participant is not able to trade due to a trading restriction. The Funds also reserve the right to permit or require a "cash in lieu" amount in certain circumstances, including circumstances in which (i) the delivery of the Deposit Security by the Authorized Participant (as described below) would be restricted under applicable securities or other local laws or (ii) the delivery of the Deposit Security to the Authorized Participant would result in the disposition of the Deposit Security by the Authorized Participant becoming restricted under applicable securities or other local laws, or in certain other situations.

<u>Cash Purchase Method</u>. Although the Funds do not ordinarily permit partial or full cash purchases of Creation Units of the Funds, when partial or full cash purchases of Creation Units are available or specified (Creation Units of the Funds are generally offered partially for cash), they will be effected in essentially the same manner as in-kind purchases thereof. In the case of a partial or full cash purchase, the Authorized Participant must pay the cash equivalent of the Deposit Securities it would otherwise be required to provide through an in-kind purchase, plus the same Cash Component required to be paid by an in-kind purchaser.

<u>Role of the Authorized Participant</u>. Creation Units may be purchased only by or through a DTC Participant that has entered into an authorized participant agreement with the Distributor (an "Authorized Participant"). Such Authorized

Participant will agree, pursuant to the terms of such authorized participant agreement and on behalf of itself or any investor on whose behalf it will act, to certain conditions, including that such Authorized Participant will make available in advance of each purchase of shares an amount of cash sufficient to pay the Cash Component, once the NAV of a Creation Unit is next determined after receipt of the purchase order in proper form, together with the transaction fees described below. An Authorized Participant, acting on behalf of an investor, may require the investor to enter into an agreement with such Authorized Participant with respect to certain matters, including payment of the Cash Component. Investors who are not Authorized Participants must make appropriate arrangements with an Authorized Participant. Investors should be aware that their particular broker may not be a DTC Participant or may not have executed an authorized participant agreement and that orders to purchase Creation Units may have to be placed by the investor's broker through an Authorized Participant. As a result, purchase orders placed through an Authorized Participant may result in additional charges to such investor. The Funds do not expect to enter into an authorized participant agreement with more than a small number of DTC Participants. A list of current Authorized Participants may be obtained from the Distributor. The Distributor has adopted guidelines regarding Authorized Participants' transactions in Creation Units that are made available to all Authorized Participants. These guidelines set forth the processes and standards for Authorized Participants to transact with the Distributor and its agents in connection with creation and redemption transactions. In addition, the Distributor may be appointed as the proxy of the Authorized Participant and may be granted a power of attorney under its authorized participation agreement.

<u>Purchase Orders</u>. To initiate an order for a Creation Unit, an Authorized Participant must submit to the Distributor or its agent an irrevocable order to purchase shares of the Funds, in proper form, generally before 4:00 p.m., Eastern time on any Business Day to receive that day's NAV. The Distributor or its agent will notify the sub-adviser and the custodian of such order. The custodian will then provide such information to any appropriate sub-custodian. Procedures and requirements governing the delivery of the Fund Deposit are set forth in the procedures handbook for Authorized Participants and may change from time to time. Investors, other than Authorized Participants, are responsible for making arrangements for a creation request to be made through an Authorized Participant. The Distributor or its agent will provide a list of current Authorized Participants upon request. Those placing orders to purchase Creation Units through an Authorized Participant should allow sufficient time to permit proper submission of the purchase order to the Distributor or its agent by the Cutoff Time (as defined below) on such Business Day.

The Authorized Participant must also make available on or before the contractual settlement date, by means satisfactory to the Funds, immediately available or same day funds estimated by the Funds to be sufficient to pay the Cash Component next determined after acceptance of the purchase order, together with the applicable purchase transaction fees. Any excess funds will be returned following settlement of the issue of the Creation Unit. Those placing orders should ascertain the applicable deadline for cash transfers by contacting the operations department of the broker or depositary institution effectuating the transfer of the Cash Component. This deadline is likely to be significantly earlier than the Cutoff Time of the Funds. Investors should be aware that an Authorized Participant may require orders for purchases of shares placed with it to be in the particular form required by the individual Authorized Participant.

The Authorized Participant is responsible for any and all expenses and costs incurred by the Funds, including any applicable cash amounts, in connection with any purchase order.

<u>Timing of Submission of Purchase Orders</u>. An Authorized Participant must submit an irrevocable order to purchase shares of the Funds generally before 4:00 p.m., Eastern time on any Business Day in order to receive that day's NAV. Creation Orders must be transmitted by an Authorized Participant by telephone or other transmission method acceptable to the Distributor or its agent pursuant to procedures set forth in the authorized participant agreement, as described below. Economic or market disruptions or changes, or telephone or other communication failure, may impede the ability to reach the Distributor or its agent or an Authorized Participant. The Funds' deadline specified above for the submission of purchase orders is referred to as the Funds' "Cutoff Time." The Distributor or its agent, in their discretion, may permit the submission of such orders and requests by or through an Authorized Participant at any time (including on days on which the Exchange is not open for business) via communication through the facilities of the Distributor's or its agent's proprietary website maintained for this purpose. Purchase orders and redemption requests, if accepted by the Funds, will be processed based on the NAV next determined after such acceptance in accordance with the Funds' Cutoff Times as provided in the authorized participant agreement and disclosed in this SAI.

Acceptance of Orders for Creation Units. Subject to the conditions that (i) an irrevocable purchase order has been submitted by the Authorized Participant (either on its own or another investor's behalf) and (ii) arrangements

satisfactory to the Funds are in place for payment of the Cash Component and any other cash amounts which may be due, the Funds will accept the order, subject to the Funds' right (and the right of the Distributor) to reject any order until acceptance, as set forth below.

Once the Funds have accepted an order, upon the next determination of the NAV of the shares, such Funds will confirm the issuance of a Creation Unit, against receipt of payment, at such NAV. The Distributor or its agent will then transmit a confirmation of acceptance to the Authorized Participant that placed the order.

Provided that such action does not result in a suspension of sales of Creation Units in contravention of Rule 6c-11 and the SEC's position thereunder, the Funds reserve the right to reject or revoke a creation order transmitted to it by the Distributor or its agent if: (i) the order is not in proper form; (ii) the investor(s), upon obtaining the shares ordered, would own 80% or more of the currently outstanding shares of the Funds; (iii) the Deposit Securities delivered do not conform to the identity and number of shares specified, as described above; (iv) acceptance of the Fund Deposit would, in the opinion of counsel, be unlawful; or (v) circumstances outside the control of the Funds, the Distributor or its agent make it impracticable to process purchase orders. The Distributor or its agent shall notify a prospective purchaser of a Creation Unit and/or the Authorized Participant acting on behalf of such purchaser of its rejection of such order. The Funds, the custodians, and the Distributor or its agent are under no duty, however, to give notification of any defects or irregularities in the delivery of Fund Deposits nor shall any of them incur any liability for failure to give such notification.

<u>Issuance of a Creation Unit</u>. Except as provided herein, a Creation Unit will not be issued until the transfer of good title to the Funds of the Deposit Securities and the payment of the Cash Component have been completed. When the sub-custodian has confirmed to the custodian that the securities included in the Fund Deposit (or the cash value thereof) have been delivered to the account of the relevant sub-custodian or sub-custodians, the Distributor or its agent, shall be notified of such delivery and the Funds will issue and cause the delivery of the Creation Unit. Creation Units are generally issued on a "T+2 basis" (i.e., two Business Days after trade date). The Funds reserve the right to settle Creation Unit transactions on a basis other than T+2, including a shorter settlement period, if necessary or appropriate under the circumstances and compliant with applicable law. For example, each Funds reserve the right to settle Creation Unit transactions on a basis other than T+2 in order to accommodate non-U.S. market holiday schedules, to account for different treatment among non-U.S. and U.S. markets of dividend record dates and ex-dividend dates (i.e., the last day the holder of a security can sell the security and still receive dividends payable on the security) and in certain other circumstances.

To the extent contemplated by an Authorized Participant's agreement with the Distributor, the Funds will issue Creation Units to such Authorized Participant, notwithstanding the fact that the corresponding Fund Deposits have not been received in part or in whole, in reliance on the undertaking of the Authorized Participant to deliver the missing Deposit Securities as soon as possible, which undertaking shall be secured by such Authorized Participant's delivery and maintenance of collateral having a value at least equal to 105% and up to 115%, which percentage the Funds may change at any time, in its sole discretion, of the value of the missing Deposit Securities in accordance with the Funds' then-effective procedures. The Funds may use such cash deposit at any time to buy Deposit Securities for the Funds. The only collateral that is acceptable to the Funds is cash in U.S. dollars. Such cash collateral must be delivered no later than 2:00 p.m., Eastern time on the contractual settlement date. The cash collateral posted by the Authorized Participant may be invested at the risk of the Authorized Participant, and income, if any, on invested cash collateral will be paid to that Authorized Participant. Information concerning the Funds' current procedures for collateralization of missing Deposit Securities is available from the Distributor or its agent. The authorized participant agreement will permit the Funds to buy the missing Deposit Securities at any time and will subject the Authorized Participant to liability for any shortfall between the cost to the Funds of purchasing such securities and the cash collateral including, without limitation, liability for related brokerage, borrowings, and other charges.

In certain cases, Authorized Participants may create and redeem Creation Units on the same trade date and in these instances, the Funds reserve the right to settle these transactions on a net basis or require a representation from the Authorized Participants that the creation and redemption transactions are for separate beneficial owners. All questions as to the number of shares of each security in the Deposit Securities and the validity, form, eligibility, and acceptance for deposit of any securities to be delivered shall be determined by the Funds and the Funds' determination shall be final and binding.

<u>Costs Associated with Creation Transactions</u>. A standard creation transaction fee is imposed to offset the transfer and other transaction costs associated with the issuance of Creation Units. The standard creation transaction fee is charged to the Authorized Participant on the day such Authorized Participant creates a Creation Unit, and is the same,

regardless of the number of Creation Units purchased by the Authorized Participant on the applicable Business Day. The Authorized Participant may also be required to cover certain brokerage, tax, foreign exchange, execution, market impact, and other costs and expenses related to the execution of trades resulting from such transaction. Authorized Participants will also bear the costs of transferring the Deposit Securities to the Funds. Investors who use the services of a broker or other financial intermediary to acquire Fund shares may be charged a fee for such services.

In addition to the standard transaction fee discussed above, the Funds may charge an additional variable fee ("Variable Fee") for creations in whole or partial cash to offset brokerage and impact expenses associated with the cash portion of the transaction. The amount of the Variable Fee payable to the Fund by the Authorized Participant is determined by the Advisor based on analysis of historical transaction cost data and the Advisor's views of current market conditions, among other factors. The actual Variable Fee charged for a given transaction may be lower or higher than the trading expenses incurred by the Funds with respect to the transaction. The total transaction fees charged (i.e., the standard transaction fee plus the Variable Fee) will not exceed the maximum amounts reflected in the table below. From time to time, the Advisor, in its sole discretion, may adjust a Fund's transaction fees or reimburse an Authorized Participant for all or a portion of the transaction fees. The Advisor may waive the standard creation transaction fee when a Variable Fee is charged.

The following table sets forth the Funds' standard creation transaction fees (as described above):

Standard Creation Transaction Fee \$250 minimum

<u>Redemption of Creation Units</u>. Shares of the Funds may be redeemed by Authorized Participants only in Creation Units at their NAV next determined after receipt of a redemption request in proper form by the Distributor or its agent and only on a Business Day. The Funds will not redeem shares in amounts less than Creation Units. There can be no assurance, however, that there will be sufficient liquidity in the secondary market at any time to permit assembly of a Creation Unit. Investors should expect to incur brokerage and other costs in connection with assembling a sufficient number of shares to constitute a Creation Unit that could be redeemed by an Authorized Participant. Beneficial owners also may sell shares in the secondary market.

The Funds generally redeems Creation Units partially for cash. Please see the Cash Redemption Method section below and the following discussion summarizing the in-kind method for further information on redeeming Creation Units of the Funds.

The Funds make available through the NSCC, prior to the opening of business on the Listing Exchange on each Business Day, the designated portfolio of securities (including any portion of such securities for which cash may be substituted) that will be applicable (subject to possible amendment or correction) to redemption requests received in proper form (as defined below) on that day ("Fund Securities"), and an amount of cash (the "Cash Amount," as described below). Such Fund Securities and the corresponding Cash Amount (each subject to possible amendment or correction) are applicable, in order to effect redemptions of Creation Units of the Funds until such time as the next announced composition of the Fund Securities that are applicable to creations of Creation Units. Procedures and requirements governing redemption transactions are set forth in the handbook for Authorized Participants and may change from time to time.

If redemptions are not paid in cash, the redemption proceeds for a Creation Unit generally consist of Fund Securities, plus the Cash Amount, which is an amount equal to the difference between the NAV of the shares being redeemed, as next determined after the receipt of a redemption request in proper form, and the value of Fund Securities, less a redemption transaction fee (as described below).

The Funds may, in its sole discretion, substitute a "cash in lieu" amount to replace any Fund Security. The Funds also reserve the right to permit or require a "cash in lieu" amount in certain circumstances, including circumstances in which: (i) the delivery of the Fund Security to the Authorized Participant would be restricted under applicable securities or other local laws; or (ii) the delivery of the Fund Security to the Authorized Participant would result in the disposition of the Fund Security by the Authorized Participant due to restrictions under applicable securities or other local laws, or in certain other situations. The amount of cash paid out in such cases will be equivalent to the value of the substituted security listed as the Fund Security. If the Fund Securities have a value greater than the NAV of the

shares, a compensating cash payment equal to the difference is required to be made by or through an Authorized Participant by the redeeming shareholder. The Funds generally redeem Creation Units partially for cash.

<u>Cash Redemption Method</u>. Although the Funds do not ordinarily permit partial or full cash redemptions of Creation Units of the Funds, when partial or full cash redemptions of Creation Units are available or specified (Creation Units of the Funds are generally redeemed partially for cash), they will be affected in essentially the same manner as in-kind redemptions thereof. In the case of partial or full cash redemption, the Authorized Participant receives the cash equivalent of the Fund Securities it would otherwise receive through an in-kind redemption, plus the same Cash Amount to be paid to an in-kind redeemer.

<u>Costs Associated with Redemption Transactions</u>. A redemption transaction fee is imposed to offset transfer and other transaction costs that may be incurred by the Funds. The standard redemption transaction fee is charged to the Authorized Participant on the day such Authorized Participant redeems a Creation Unit and is the same regardless of the number of Creation Units redeemed by an Authorized Participant on the applicable Business Day. The Authorized Participant may also be required to cover certain brokerage, tax, foreign exchange, execution, market impact, and other costs and expenses related to the execution of trades resulting from such transaction. Authorized Participants will also bear the costs of transferring the Fund Securities from the Funds to their account on their order. Investors who use the services of a broker or other financial intermediary to dispose of Fund shares may be charged a fee for such services.

In addition to the standard transaction fee discussed above, the Funds may charge an additional variable fee ("Variable Fee") for redemptions in whole or partial cash to offset brokerage and impact expenses associated with the cash portion of the transaction. The amount of the Variable Fee payable to the Fund by the Authorized Participant is determined by the Advisor based on analysis of historical transaction cost data and the Advisor's views of current market conditions, among other factors. The actual Variable Fee charged for a given transaction may be lower or higher than the trading expenses incurred by the Funds with respect to the transaction. The total transaction fees charged (i.e., the standard transaction fee plus the Variable Fee) will not exceed the maximum amounts reflected in the table below. From time to time, the Advisor, in its sole discretion, may adjust a Fund's transaction fees or reimburse an Authorized Participant for all or a portion of the transaction fees. The Advisor may waive the standard redemption transaction fee when a Variable Fee is charged.

The following table sets forth the Funds' standard redemption transaction fees (as described above):

Standard Redemption Transaction Fee \$250 minimum

<u>Placement of Redemption Orders</u>. Redemption requests for Creation Units of the Funds must be submitted to the Distributor by or through an Authorized Participant. An Authorized Participant must submit an irrevocable request to redeem shares of the Funds generally before 4:00 p.m., Eastern time on any Business Day in order to receive that day's NAV. On days when the Exchange closes earlier than normal, the Funds may require orders to redeem Creation Units to be placed earlier that day. Investors, other than Authorized Participants, are responsible for making arrangements for a redemption request to be made through an Authorized Participant. The Distributor or its agent will provide a list of current Authorized Participants upon request.

The Authorized Participant must transmit the request for redemption in the form required by the Funds to the Distributor or its agent in accordance with procedures set forth in the authorized participant agreement. Investors should be aware that their particular broker may not have executed an authorized participant agreement and that, therefore, requests to redeem Creation Units may have to be placed by the investor's broker through an Authorized Participant who has executed an authorized participant agreement. At any time, only a limited number of broker-dealers will have an authorized participant agreement in effect. Investors making a redemption request should be aware that such request must be in the form specified by such Authorized Participant. Investors making a request to redeem Creation Units should allow sufficient time to permit proper submission of the request by an Authorized Participant and transfer of the shares to the transfer agent; such investors should allow for the additional time that may be required to effect redemptions through their banks, brokers, or other financial intermediaries if such intermediaries are not Authorized Participants.

A redemption request is considered to be in "proper form" if: (i) an Authorized Participant has transferred or caused to be transferred to the transfer agent the Creation Unit redeemed through the book-entry system of DTC so as to be

effective by the Exchange closing time on any Business Day; (ii) a request in form satisfactory to the Funds is received by the Distributor or its agent from the Authorized Participant on behalf of itself or another redeeming investor within the time periods specified above; and (iii) all other procedures set forth in the authorized participant agreement are properly followed. If the transfer agent does not receive the investor's shares through DTC's facilities by 10:00 a.m., Eastern time on the Business Day next following the day that the redemption request is received, the redemption request shall be rejected. Investors should be aware that the deadline for such transfers of shares through the DTC system may be significantly earlier than the close of business on the Exchange. Those making redemption requests should ascertain the deadline applicable to transfers of shares through the DTC system by contacting the operations department of the broker or depositary institution effecting the transfer of the shares.

Upon receiving a redemption request, the Distributor or its agent shall notify the Funds and the transfer agent of such redemption request. The tender of an investor's shares for redemption and the distribution of the securities and/or cash included in the redemption payment made in respect of Creation Units redeemed will be made through DTC and the relevant Authorized Participant to the Beneficial Owner thereof as recorded on the book-entry system of DTC or the DTC Participant through which such investor holds, as the case may be, or by such other means specified by the Authorized Participant submitting the redemption request.

A redeeming Authorized Participant, whether on its own account or acting on behalf of a Beneficial Owner, must maintain appropriate security arrangements with a qualified broker-dealer, bank or other custody providers in each jurisdiction in which any of the portfolio securities are customarily traded, to which account such portfolio securities will be delivered.

Deliveries of redemption proceeds by the Funds generally will be made within two Business Days (i.e., "T+2"). The Funds reserve the right to settle redemption transactions on a basis other than T+2, including a shorter settlement period, if necessary or appropriate under the circumstances and compliant with applicable law. For example, the Funds reserve the right to settle redemption transactions on a basis other than T+2 to accommodate non-U.S. market holiday schedules (as discussed in the Regular Holidays section of this SAI), to account for different treatment among non-U.S. and U.S. markets of dividend record dates and dividend ex-dates (i.e., the last date the holder of a security can sell the security and still receive dividends payable on the security sold) and in certain other circumstances. The Regular Holidays section of this SAI hereto identifies the instances, if any, where more than seven days would be needed to deliver redemption proceeds. Pursuant to an order of the SEC, the Funds will make delivery of redemption proceeds within the number of days stated in the Regular Holidays section of this SAI, up to a maximum of 14 days.

If neither the Authorized Participant nor the Beneficial Owner on whose behalf the Authorized Participant is acting has appropriate arrangements to take delivery of Fund Securities in the applicable non-U.S. jurisdiction and it is not possible to make other such arrangements, or if it is not possible to effect deliveries of Fund Securities in such jurisdiction, the Funds may in their discretion exercise its option to redeem such shares in cash, and the redeeming Beneficial Owner will be required to receive its redemption proceeds in cash. In such case, the investor will receive a cash payment equal to the NAV of its shares based on the NAV of the Funds next determined after the redemption request is received in proper form (minus a redemption transaction fee and additional charges specified above to offset the Funds' brokerage and other transaction costs associated with the disposition of Fund Securities). Redemptions of shares for Fund Securities will be subject to compliance with applicable U.S. federal and state securities laws and the Funds (whether or not it otherwise permits cash redemptions) reserves the right to redeem Creation Units for cash to the extent that the Funds cannot lawfully deliver specific Fund Securities upon redemptions or cannot do so without first registering the Fund Securities under such laws.

Although the Funds do not ordinarily permit cash redemptions of Creation Units (except that, as noted above, Creation Units of the Funds generally will be redeemed partially for cash), in the event that cash redemptions are permitted or required by the Funds, proceeds will be paid to the Authorized Participant redeeming shares as soon as practicable after the date of redemption (within seven calendar days thereafter, except for the instances listed in the section Regular Holidays below, in which more than seven calendar days would be needed).

To the extent contemplated by an Authorized Participant's agreement with the Distributor or its agent, in the event an Authorized Participant has submitted a redemption request in proper form but is unable to transfer all or part of the Creation Unit to be redeemed to the Funds, at or prior to 10:00 a.m., Eastern time on the Exchange business day after the date of submission of such redemption request, the Distributor or its agent will accept the redemption request in reliance on the undertaking by the Authorized Participant to deliver the missing shares as soon as possible. Such undertaking shall be secured by the Authorized Participant's delivery and maintenance of collateral consisting of cash, in U.S. dollars in immediately available funds, having a value at least equal to 105% and up to 115%, which percentage

the Funds may change at any time, in its sole discretion, of the value of the missing shares. Such cash collateral must be delivered no later than 10:00 a.m., Eastern time on the day after the date of submission of such redemption request and shall be held by a custodian and marked-to-market daily. The fees of the custodians in respect of the delivery, maintenance, and redelivery of the cash collateral shall be payable by the Authorized Participant. The cash collateral posted by the Authorized Participant may be invested at the risk of the Authorized Participant, and income, if any, on invested cash collateral will be paid to that Authorized Participant. The authorized participant agreement permits the Funds to acquire shares of the Funds at any time and subjects the Authorized Participant to liability for any shortfall between the aggregate of the cost to the Funds of purchasing such shares, plus the value of the Cash Amount, and the value of the cash collateral together with liability for related brokerage and other charges.

The right of redemption may be suspended or the date of payment postponed with respect to the Funds: (i) for any period during which the Exchange is closed (other than customary weekend and holiday closings); (ii) for any period during which trading on the Exchange is suspended or restricted; (iii) for any period during which an emergency exists as a result of which disposal of the shares of the Funds' portfolio securities or determination of its NAV is not reasonably practicable; or (iv) in such other circumstance as is permitted by the SEC.

<u>Taxation on Creations and Redemptions of Creation Units</u>. An Authorized Participant generally will recognize either gain or loss upon the exchange of Deposit Securities for Creation Units. This gain or loss is calculated by taking the market value of the Creation Units purchased over the Authorized Participant's aggregate basis in the Deposit Securities exchanged therefor. However, the IRS may apply the wash sales rules to determine that any loss realized upon the exchange of Deposit Securities for Creation Units is not currently deductible. Authorized Participants should consult their own tax advisors.

Current U.S. federal income tax laws dictate that capital gain or loss realized from the redemption of Creation Units will generally create long-term capital gain or loss if the Authorized Participant holds the Creation Units for more than one year, or short-term capital gain or loss if the Creation Units were held for one year or less, if the Creation Units are held as capital assets.

<u>Regular Holidays</u>. For every occurrence of one or more intervening holidays in the applicable foreign market that are not holidays observed in the U.S. equity market, the redemption settlement cycle will be extended by the number of such intervening holidays. In addition to holidays, other unforeseeable closings in a foreign market due to emergencies may also prevent the Trust from delivering securities within normal settlement period.

The securities delivery cycles currently practicable for transferring Portfolio Securities to redeeming investors, coupled with foreign market holiday schedules, will require a delivery process longer than seven calendar days for each such Fund, in certain circumstances. The holidays applicable to the Funds during such periods are listed below, as are instances where more than seven days will be needed to deliver redemption proceeds. Although certain holidays may occur on different dates in subsequent years, the number of days required to deliver redemption proceeds in any given year is not expected to exceed the maximum number of days listed below for the Funds. The proclamation of new holidays, the treatment by market participants of certain days as "informal holidays" (e.g., days on which no or limited securities transactions occur, as a result of substantially shortened trading hours), the elimination of existing holidays, or changes in local securities delivery practices, could affect the information set forth herein at some time in the future.

Canada						
2024						
January 1	May 20	September 2	December 26			
February 19	July 1	October 14				
March 29	August 5	December 25				

For the calendar years 2024 and 2025, the dates of regular holidays affecting the relevant securities markets of the below listed countries are as follows:

2025						
January 1	May 19	September 30	December 25			
April 18	July 1	October 13	December 26			
April 21	September 1	November 11				
United States						
2024						
January 1	March 29	July 4	December 25			
January 15	May 27	September 2				
February 19	June 19	November 28				
2025						
January 1	April 18	July 4	December 25			
January 20	May 26	September 1				
February 17	June 19	November 27				

DISCLOSURE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

The Trust has adopted a policy regarding the disclosure of information about the Trust's portfolio holdings. The Funds and their service providers may not receive compensation or any other consideration (which includes any agreement to maintain assets in the Funds or in other investment companies or accounts managed by the Advisor, or any affiliated person of the Advisor) in connection with the disclosure of portfolio holdings information of the Trust. The Trust's policy is implemented and overseen by the chief compliance officer of the Funds, subject to the oversight of the Board. Periodic reports regarding these procedures will be provided to the Board. The Board must approve all material amendments to this policy. The Funds' complete portfolio holdings are publicly disseminated each day the Funds are open for business through financial reporting and news services, including publicly accessible Internet web sites. In addition, a basket composition file, which includes the security names and share quantities to deliver in exchange for Fund shares, together with estimates and actual cash components, is publicly disseminated daily prior to the opening of the NYSE Arca via the National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC"). The basket represents one Creation Unit of the Funds. The Trust, the Advisor, and the Distributor will not disseminate non-public information concerning the Trust.

NET ASSET VALUE

The NAV and NAV per share of the Funds is determined at the close of regular trading on the NYSE (normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The Funds' NAV is not calculated on the days on which the NYSE is closed. The New York Stock Exchange generally recognizes the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. The days on which these holidays are observed and any other holiday recognized by the NYSE will be deemed a business holiday on which the NAV of the Funds will not be calculated.

The NAV per share of the Funds is calculated separately by adding the value of the Funds' securities and other assets belonging to the Funds, subtracting the liabilities charged to the Funds, and dividing the result by the number of outstanding shares of the Funds. "Assets belonging to" the Funds consist of the consideration received upon the issuance of shares of the Fund, together with all net investment income, realized gains/losses and proceeds derived from the investment thereof, including any proceeds from the sale of such investments, any funds or payments derived from any reinvestment of such proceeds, and a portion of any general assets of the Funds and with a share of the general liabilities of the Trust, which are normally allocated in proportion to the number of or the relative NAVs of all of the Trust's series at the time of allocation or in accordance with other allocation methods approved by the Trustees. Subject to the provisions of the Trust Instrument, determinations by the Trustees as to the direct and allocable liabilities, and the allocable portion of any general assets, with respect to the Funds are conclusive.

The pricing and valuation of portfolio securities is determined in good faith in accordance with procedures established by, and under the direction of, the Trustees. Values are determined according to generally accepted accounting practices and all laws and regulations that apply. Using methods approved by the Trustees, the assets of the Funds are valued as follows:

- Securities that are listed on a securities exchange are valued at the last quoted sales price provided by a thirdparty pricing service at the time the valuation is made. Price information on listed securities is taken from the exchange where the security is primarily traded by the Funds.
- Securities that are listed on an exchange and which are not traded on the valuation date are valued at the bid price.
- Unlisted securities for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the latest quoted sales price, if available, at the time of valuation, otherwise, at the latest quoted bid price.
- Options are valued at the mean of the last quoted bid and ask prices provided by a third-party pricing service from the primary exchange or the board of trade on which such options are traded.
- Foreign securities listed on foreign exchanges are valued with quotations from the primary market in which they are traded and are translated from the local currency into U.S. dollars using current exchange rates.
- Temporary cash investments with maturities of 60 days or less will be valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value.

Securities for which no current quotations are readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith using methods approved by the Trustees. Securities may be valued on the basis of prices provided by a pricing service when such prices are believed to reflect the fair market value of such securities.

ADDITIONAL TAX INFORMATION

The Funds intend to qualify for and has elected or intends to elect to be treated as a separate regulated investment company (a "RIC") under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended (the "Code"). As a RIC, the Funds will not be subject to U.S. Federal income tax on the portion of its taxable investment income and capital gains that it distributes to its shareholders. To qualify for treatment as a RIC, the Funds must annually distribute at least 90% of its net investment company taxable income (which includes dividends, interest, and net short-term capital gains) and meet several other requirements relating to the nature of its income and the diversification of its assets. If the Funds fail to qualify for any taxable year as a RIC, all of its taxable income will be subject to tax at regular corporate income tax rates without any deduction for distributions to shareholders, and such distributions generally will be taxable to shareholders as ordinary dividends to the extent of the relevant Funds' current and accumulated earnings and profits. The Funds are treated as a separate corporation for federal income tax purposes. The Funds therefore is considered to be a separate entity in determining its treatment under the rules for RICs described herein and in the Prospectus.

The Funds will be subject to a 4% excise tax on certain undistributed income if it does not distribute to its shareholders in each calendar year at least 98.2% of its ordinary income (taking into account certain deferrals and elections) for the calendar year plus 98.2% of its net capital gains for twelve months ended October 31 of such year. The Funds intend to declare and distribute dividends and distributions in the amounts and at the times necessary to avoid the application of this 4% excise tax.

As a result of tax requirements, the Trust on behalf of the Funds has the right to reject an order to purchase Shares if the purchaser (or group of purchasers) would, upon obtaining the Shares so ordered, own 80% or more of the outstanding Shares of such Funds and if, pursuant to section 351 of the Code, that Funds would have a basis in the Deposit Securities different from the market value of such securities on the date of deposit. The Trust also has the right to require information necessary to determine beneficial Share ownership for purposes of the 80% determination.

The Funds may make investments that are subject to special federal income tax rules, such as investments in repurchase agreements, money market instruments, convertible securities, and structured notes. Those special tax rules can, among other things, affect the timing of income or gain, the treatment of income as capital or ordinary and the treatment of capital gain or loss as long-term or short-term. The application of these special rules would therefore also affect the character of distributions made by the Funds. The Funds may need to borrow money or dispose of some of its investments earlier than anticipated in order to meet its distribution requirements.

Certain of the Funds' investments may be subject to special U.S. federal income tax provisions that may, among other things, (i) disallow, suspend or otherwise limit the allowance of certain losses or deductions, (ii) convert lower-taxed long-term capital gain into higher-taxed short-term capital gain or ordinary income, (iii) convert an ordinary loss or a

deduction into a capital loss, the deductibility of which is more limited, (iv) adversely affect when a purchase or sale of stock or securities is deemed to occur, (v) adversely alter the intended characterization of certain complex financial transactions (vi) cause the Funds to recognize income or gain without a corresponding receipt of cash, and (vii) produce non-qualifying income for purposes of the income test required to be satisfied by a RIC. The application of these rules could cause the Funds to be subject to U.S. federal income tax or the nondeductible 4% excise tax and, under certain circumstances, could affect the Funds' status as a RIC. The Funds will monitor its investments and may make certain tax elections in order to mitigate the effect of these provisions.

The Funds may invest a portion of its net assets in below investment grade instruments. Investments in these types of instruments may present special tax issues for the Funds. U.S. federal income tax rules are not entirely clear about issues such as when the Funds may cease to accrue interest, original issue discount (OID) or market discount, when and to what extent deductions may be taken for bad debts or worthless instruments, how payments received on obligations in default should be allocated between principal and income, and whether exchanges of debt obligations in a bankruptcy or workout context are taxable. These and other issues will be addressed by the Funds to the extent necessary in order to seek to ensure that it distributes sufficient income that it does not become subject to U.S. federal income or excise tax.

Under Section 988 of the Code, special rules are provided for certain transactions in a foreign currency other than the taxpayer's functional currency (i.e., unless certain special rules apply, currencies other than the U.S. dollar). In general, foreign currency gains or losses from forward contracts, from futures contracts that are not "regulated futures contracts," and from unlisted options will be treated as ordinary income or loss under Section 988 of the Code. Also, certain foreign exchange gains or losses derived with respect to foreign fixed income securities are also subject to Section 988 treatment. In general, therefore, Section 988 gains or losses will increase or decrease the amount of the Funds' investment company taxable income available to be distributed to shareholders as ordinary income, rather than increasing or decreasing the amount of the Funds' net capital gain.

Income received by the Funds from sources within foreign countries may be subject to withholding and other taxes imposed by such countries. Tax conventions between certain countries and the U.S. may reduce or eliminate such taxes. If more than 50% of the value of the Funds' total assets at the close of its taxable year consists of stock or securities of foreign corporations, or if at least 50% of the value of the Funds' total assets at the close of each quarter of its taxable year is represented by interests in other RICs, that Funds may elect to "pass through" to its shareholders the amount of foreign taxes paid or deemed paid by that Funds. If this election is made, a shareholder generally subject to tax will be required to include in gross income (in addition to taxable dividends actually received) its pro rata share of the foreign taxes in computing his taxable income or to use it (subject to limitations) as a foreign tax credit against his or her U.S. federal income tax liability. No deduction for foreign taxes may be claimed by a shareholder who does not itemize deductions. Each shareholder will be notified after the close of the Funds' taxable year whether the foreign taxes paid by the Funds will "pass-through" for that year. Various other limitations, including a minimum holding period requirement, apply to limit the credit and/or deduction for foreign taxes for purposes of regular federal tax and/or alternative minimum tax.

The Funds may gain commodity exposure through investment in exchange traded funds that are treated as RICs or "qualified publicly traded partnerships" or grantor trusts for U.S. federal income tax purposes. An exchange traded fund that seeks to qualify as a RIC may gain commodity exposure through investment in commodity- linked notes and in subsidiaries that invest in commodity-linked instruments. Although the IRS has issued numerous favorable private letter rulings to certain RICs that gain commodity exposure in this manner, such rulings can be relied on only by the taxpayers to whom they are issued. Moreover, the IRS currently is reconsidering whether and how a RIC should be permitted to gain commodity exposure. Future IRS guidance (or possibly legislation, other regulatory guidance or court decisions) could limit the ability of an exchange traded fund that qualifies as a RIC to gain commodity exposure regardless of whether that exchange traded fund previously received a favorable IRS private letter ruling with respect to such investment activity. Investments by the Funds in "qualified publicly traded partnerships" and grantor trusts that engage in commodity trading must be monitored and limited to enable the Funds to satisfy certain asset diversification and qualifying income tests for qualification as a RIC. Failure to satisfy either test would jeopardize the Funds' status as a RIC. Loss of such status could materially adversely affect the Funds.

The Funds or some of the REITs in which the Funds may invest may be permitted to hold residual interests in real estate mortgage investment conduits ("REMIC"s). Under Treasury Regulations not yet issued, but that may apply retroactively, a portion of the Funds' income from a REIT that is attributable to the REIT's residual interest in a

REMIC (referred to in the Code as an "excess inclusion") will be subject to federal income tax in all events. These regulations are expected to provide that excess inclusion income of a RIC, such as the Funds, will be allocated to shareholders of the RIC in proportion to the dividends received by shareholders, with the same consequences as if shareholders held the related REMIC residual interest directly.

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 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 unrelated business income, thereby potentially requiring such an entity that is allocated excess inclusion income, and that otherwise might not be required to file a tax return, to file 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.

If at any time during any taxable year a "disqualified organization" (as defined in the Code) is a record holder of a share in a RIC, then the RIC will be subject to a tax equal to that portion of its excess inclusion income for the taxable year that is allocable to the disqualified organization, multiplied by the highest federal income tax rate imposed on corporations. It is not expected that a substantial portion of the Funds' assets will be residual interests in REMICs. Additionally, the Funds do not intend to invest in REITs in which a substantial portion of the assets will consist of residual interests in REMICs.

Distributions from the Funds' net investment income, including net short-term capital gains, if any, and distributions of income from securities lending, are taxable as ordinary income. Distributions reinvested in additional Shares of the Funds through the means of a dividend reinvestment service will be taxable dividends to Shareholders acquiring such additional Shares to the same extent as if such dividends had been received in cash. Distributions of net long-term capital gains, if any, in excess of net short-term capital losses are taxable as long-term capital gains, regardless of how long shareholders have held the Shares.

Dividends declared by the Funds in October, November, or December and paid to shareholders of record of such months during the following January may be treated as having been received by such shareholders in the year the distributions were declared.

Long-term capital gains tax of non-corporate taxpayers are generally taxed at a maximum rate of either 15% or 20%, depending on whether the taxpayer's income exceeds certain threshold amounts. In addition, some ordinary dividends declared and paid by the Funds to non-corporate shareholders may qualify for taxation at the lower reduced tax rates applicable to long-term capital gains, provided that holding period and other requirements are met by the Funds and the shareholder. The Funds will report to shareholders annually the amounts of dividends received from ordinary income, the amount of distributions received from capital gains and the portion of dividends which may qualify for the dividends received deduction. In addition, the Funds will report the amount of dividends to non-corporate shareholders eligible for taxation at the lower reduced tax rates applicable to long-term capital gains.

	Adaptive Alpha Opportunities ETF	Adaptive Hedged Multi- Asset Income ETF	RH Tactical Outlook ETF	RH Tactical Rotation ETF
Short-Term	\$0	\$2,347,761	\$3,695,229	\$6,629,655
Long-Term	\$15,196,100	\$6,021,754	\$726,743	\$680,977
Total Capital Loss Carryforward	\$15,196,100	\$8,369,515	\$4,421,972	\$7,310,632

As of May 31, 2024, the following funds have capital loss carryforwards as shown below and have no expiration:

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

The sale, exchange, or redemption of Shares may give rise to a gain or loss. In general, any gain or loss realized upon a taxable disposition of Shares will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the Shares have been held for more than one year. Otherwise, the gain or loss on the taxable disposition of Shares will be treated as short-term capital gain or loss. A loss realized on a sale or exchange of Shares of the Funds may be disallowed if other substantially identical Shares are acquired (whether through the automatic reinvestment of dividends or otherwise) within a sixty-one (61) day period beginning thirty (30) days before and ending thirty (30) days after the date on which the Shares are disposed. In such a case, the basis of the Shares acquired must be adjusted to reflect the disallowed loss. Any loss upon the sale or exchange of Shares held for six (6) months or less is treated as long-term capital loss to the extent of any capital gain dividends received by the shareholders (including undistributed capital gain included in income). Distribution of ordinary income and capital gains may also be subject to state and local taxes.

Legislation passed by Congress requires reporting to you and the IRS annually on Form 1099-B not only the gross proceeds of Fund shares you sell or redeem but also their cost basis. Shareholders should contact their intermediaries with respect to reporting of cost basis and available elections with respect to their accounts.

If, for any calendar year, the total distributions made exceed the Funds' current and accumulated earnings and profits, the excess will, for federal income tax purposes, be treated as a tax-free return of capital to each shareholder up to the amount of the shareholder's basis in his or her shares, and thereafter as gain from the sale of shares. The amount treated as a tax-free return of capital will reduce the shareholder's adjusted basis in his or her shares, thereby increasing his or her potential gain or reducing his or her potential loss on the subsequent sale of his or her shares.

Distributions of ordinary income paid to shareholders who are nonresident aliens or foreign entities ("Foreign Shareholders") that are not effectively connected to the conduct of a trade or business within the U.S. will generally be subject to a 30% U.S. withholding tax unless a reduced rate of withholding or a withholding exemption is provided under applicable treaty law. However, Foreign Shareholders will generally not be subject to U.S. withholding or income tax on gains realized on the sale of Shares or on dividends from capital gains unless (i) such gain or capital gain dividend is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the U.S., or (ii) in the case of a non-corporate shareholder, the shareholder is present in the U.S. for a period or periods aggregating 183 days or more during the year of the sale or capital gain dividend and certain other conditions are met. Gains on the sale of Shares and dividends that are effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the U.S. will generally be subject to U.S. federal net income taxation at regular income tax rates.

Under an exemption recently made permanent by Congress, the Funds are not required to withhold any amounts with respect to distributions to foreign shareholders that are properly designated by the Funds as "interest-related dividends" or "short-term capital gain dividends," provided that the income would not be subject to federal income tax if earned directly by the foreign shareholder. However, the Funds may withhold tax on these amounts regardless of the fact that it is not required to do so. Nonresident shareholders are urged to consult their own tax advisors concerning the applicability of the U.S. withholding tax.

Under the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act of 1980 ("FIRPTA"), a Foreign Shareholder is subject to withholding tax in respect of a disposition of a U.S. real property interest and any gain from such disposition is subject to U.S. federal income tax as if such person were a U.S. person. Such gain is sometimes referred to as "FIRPTA gain." If the Funds are a "U.S. real property holding corporation" and is not domestically controlled, any gain realized on the sale or exchange of Fund shares by a Foreign Shareholder that owns at any time during the five-year period ending on the date of disposition more than 5% of a class of Fund shares would be FIRPTA gain. The Funds will be a "U.S. real property holding corporation" if, in general, 50% or more of the fair market value of its assets consists of U.S. real property interests, including stock of certain U.S. REITs.

The Code provides a look-through rule for distributions of FIRPTA gain by a RIC if all of the following requirements are met: (i) the RIC is classified as a "qualified investment entity" (which includes a RIC if, in general more than 50% of the RIC's assets consists of interest in REITs and U.S. real property holding corporations); and (ii) you are a Foreign Shareholder that owns more than 5% of the Funds' shares at any time during the one-year period ending on the date of the distribution. If these conditions are met, Fund distributions to you to the extent derived from gain from the disposition of a U.S. real property interest, may also be treated as FIRPTA gain and therefore subject to U.S. federal income tax, and requiring that you file a nonresident U.S. income tax return. Also, such gain may be subject to a 30% branch profits tax in the hands of a Foreign Shareholder that is a corporation. Even if a Foreign Shareholder does not own more than 5% of the Funds' shares, Fund distributions that are attributable to gain from the sale or disposition of a U.S. real property interest will be taxable as ordinary dividends subject to withholding at a 30% or lower treaty rate.

Withholding is required (at a 30% rate) with respect to payments of taxable dividends and (effective January 1, 2019) redemption proceeds and certain capital gain dividends made to certain non-U.S. entities that fail to comply (or be deemed compliant) with extensive new reporting and withholding requirements designed to inform the U.S. Department of the Treasury of U.S.-owned foreign investment accounts. Shareholders may be requested to provide additional information to the Funds to enable the applicable withholding agent to determine whether withholding is required.

Non-U.S. Shareholders may also be subject to U.S. estate tax with respect to their shares of the Funds.

Some shareholders may be subject to a withholding tax on distributions of ordinary income, capital gains and any cash received on redemption of Creation Units ("backup withholding"). Generally, shareholders subject to backup withholding will be those for whom no certified taxpayer identification number is on file with the Funds or who, to the Funds' knowledge, have furnished an incorrect number. When establishing an account, an investor must certify under penalty of perjury that such number is correct and that such investor is not otherwise subject to backup withholding.

The foregoing discussion is a summary only and is not intended as a substitute for careful tax planning. Purchasers of Shares should consult their own tax advisors as to the tax consequences of investing in such Shares, including under federal, state, local, and other tax laws. Finally, the foregoing discussion is based on applicable provisions of the Code, regulations, judicial authority, and administrative interpretations in effect on the date hereof. Changes in applicable authority could materially affect the conclusions discussed above, possibly retroactively.

The Funds are required for federal income tax purposes to mark to market and recognize as income for each taxable year its net unrealized gains and losses on certain futures contracts as of the end of the year as well as those actually realized during the year. Gain or loss from futures and options contracts on broad-based indexes required to be marked to market will be 60% long-term and 40% short-term capital gain or loss. Application of this rule may alter the timing and character of distributions to shareholders. The Funds may be required to defer the recognition of losses on futures contracts, options contracts and swaps to the extent of any unrecognized gains on offsetting positions held by the Funds.

In order for the Funds to continue to qualify for federal income tax treatment as a RIC, at least 90% of its gross income for a taxable year must be derived from qualifying income, i.e., dividends, interest, income derived from loans or securities, gains from the sale of securities or of foreign currencies, or other income derived with respect to the relevant Funds' business of investing in securities (including net income derived from an interest in certain "qualified publicly traded partnerships"). It is anticipated that any net gain realized from the closing out of futures or options contracts will be considered gain from the sale of securities or derived with respect to the Funds' business of investing in securities or derived with respect to the Funds' business of investing in securities or derived with respect to the Funds' business of investing in securities or derived of the securities or derived with respect to the Funds' business of investing in securities or derived of the securities or derived with respect to the Funds' business of investing in securities and therefore will be qualifying income for purposes of the 90% gross income requirement.

DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

<u>General Policies</u>. Dividends from net investment income, if any, are declared and paid on a monthly basis for the Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF and on an annual basis for the other Funds. Distributions of net realized securities gains, if any, generally are declared and paid once a year, but the Trust may make distributions on a more frequent basis. The Trust reserves the right to declare special distributions if, in its reasonable discretion, such action is necessary or advisable to preserve the status of the Funds as a RIC or to avoid imposition of income or excise taxes on undistributed income.

Dividends and other distributions on Fund Shares are distributed, as described below, on a pro rata basis to Beneficial Owners of such Shares. Dividend payments are made through DTC Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners then of record with proceeds received from the relevant Funds.

<u>Dividend Reinvestment Service</u>. No reinvestment service is provided by the Trust. Broker-dealers may make available the DTC book-entry Dividend Reinvestment Service for use by Beneficial Owners of the Funds for reinvestment of their dividend distributions. Beneficial Owners should contact their broker to determine the availability and costs of the service and the details of participation therein. Brokers may require Beneficial Owners to adhere to specific procedures and timetables.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited financial statements of the Funds for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2024, including the financial highlights appearing in the Annual Report to shareholders are incorporated by reference and made a part of this document. You may request a copy of the Fund' annual and semi-annual reports at no charge by calling the Funds at 1-800-773-3863.

APPENDIX A – DESCRIPTION OF RATINGS

The Fund may acquire from time to time certain securities that meet the following minimum rating criteria ("Investment-Grade Debt Securities") (or if not rated, of equivalent quality as determined by the Advisor). The various ratings used by the nationally recognized securities rating services are described below.

A rating by a rating service represents the service's opinion as to the credit quality of the security being rated. However, the ratings are general and are not absolute standards of quality or guarantees as to the creditworthiness of an issuer. Consequently, the Advisor believes that the quality of Investment-Grade Debt Securities in which the Fund may invest should be continuously reviewed and that individual analysts give different weightings to the various factors involved in credit analysis. A rating is not a recommendation to purchase, sell, or hold a security, because it does not take into account market value or suitability for a particular investor. When a security has received a rating from more than one service, each rating is evaluated independently. Ratings are based on current information furnished by the issuer or obtained by the rating services from other sources that they consider reliable. Ratings may be changed, suspended, or withdrawn as a result of changes in or unavailability of such information, or for other reasons.

S&P Global Ratings. The following summarizes the highest four ratings used by S&P Global Ratings, a division of McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., for bonds which are deemed to be Investment-Grade Debt Securities by the Advisor:

AAA – An obligation rated 'AAA' has the highest rating assigned by S&P Global Ratings. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is extremely strong.

AA – An obligation rated 'AA' differs from the highest-rated obligations only to a small degree. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is very strong.

A - An obligation rated 'A' is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher-rated categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is still strong.

BBB – An obligation rated 'BBB' exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

To provide more detailed indications of credit quality, the AA, A, and BBB ratings may be modified by the addition of a plus or minus sign to show relative standing within these major rating categories.

Bonds rated BB, B, CCC, CC, and C are not considered by the Advisor to be Investment-Grade Debt Securities and are regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. BB indicates the least degree of speculation and C the highest. While such obligations will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposures to adverse conditions.

Commercial paper rated A-1 by S&P Global Ratings indicates that the degree of safety regarding timely payment is strong. Those issues determined to possess extremely strong safety characteristics are denoted A-1+. Capacity for timely payment on commercial paper rated A-2 is satisfactory, but the relative degree of safety is not as high as for issues designated A-1.

The rating SP-1 is the highest rating assigned by S&P Global Ratings to short term notes and indicates strong capacity to pay principal and interest. An issue determined to possess a very strong capacity to pay debt service is given a plus (+) designation. The rating SP-2 indicates a satisfactory capacity to pay principal and interest, with some vulnerability to adverse financial and economic changes over the term of the notes. The rating SP-3 indicates a speculative capacity to pay principal and interest.

Moody's Investor Service, Inc. The following summarizes the highest four ratings used by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), for fixed-income obligations with an original maturity of one year or more, which are deemed to be Investment-Grade Debt Securities by the Advisor:

Aaa – Bond obligations rated Aaa are judged to be of the highest quality, subject to the lowest level of credit risk.

Aa – Bond obligations rated Aa are judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk.

A – Bond obligations rated A are considered upper-medium grade and are subject to low credit risk.

Baa – Bond obligations rated Baa are judged to be medium-grade and subject to moderate credit risk and as such may possess certain speculative characteristics.

Obligations that are rated Ba, B, Caa, Ca, or C by Moody's are not considered "Investment-Grade Debt Securities" by the Advisor. Obligations rated Ba are judged to have speculative elements and are subject to substantial credit risk. Obligations rated B are considered speculative and are subject to high credit risk. Obligations rated Caa are judged to be of poor standing and are subject to very high credit risk.

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

Short-Term Ratings.

Moody's short-term ratings are opinions of the ability of issuers to honor short-term financial obligations. Ratings may be assigned to issuers, short-term programs, or individual short-term debt instruments. Such obligations generally have an original maturity not exceeding thirteen months, unless explicitly noted.

Moody's employs the following designations to indicate the relative repayment ability of rated issuers:

P-1 – Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-1 have a superior ability to repay short-term debt obligations.

P-2 – Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-2 have a strong ability to repay short-term debt obligations.

P-3 – Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-3 have an acceptable ability to repay short-term debt obligations.

NP – Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Not Prime do not fall within any of the Prime rating categories.

Note: Canadian issuers rated P-1 or P-2 have their short-term ratings enhanced by the senior-most long-term rating of the issuer, its guarantor, or support-provider.

US Municipal Short-Term Debt And Demand Obligation Ratings.

Short-Term Debt Ratings. There are three rating categories for short-term municipal obligations that are considered investment grade. These ratings are designated as Municipal Investment Grade (MIG) and are divided into three levels – MIG 1 through MIG 3. In addition, those short-term obligations that are of speculative quality are designated SG, or speculative grade. MIG ratings expire at the maturity of the obligation.

MIG 1 – This designation denotes superior credit quality. Excellent protection is afforded by established cash flows, highly reliable liquidity support, or demonstrated broad-based access to the market for refinancing.

MIG 2 – This designation denotes strong credit quality. Margins of protection are ample, although not as large as in the preceding group.

MIG 3 – This designation denotes acceptable credit quality. Liquidity and cash-flow protection may be narrow, and market access for refinancing is likely to be less well-established.

SG – This designation denotes speculative-grade credit quality. Debt instruments in this category may lack sufficient margins of protection.

Demand Obligation Ratings. In the case of variable rate demand obligations (VRDOs), a two-component rating is assigned; a long or short-term debt rating and a demand obligation rating. The first element represents Moody's evaluation of the degree of risk associated with scheduled principal and interest payments. The second element represents Moody's evaluation of the degree of risk associated with the ability to receive purchase price upon demand ("demand feature"), using a variation of the MIG rating scale, the Variable Municipal Investment Grade or VMIG rating.

When either the long- or short-term aspect of a VRDO is not rated, that piece is designated NR, e.g., Aaa/NR or NR/VMIG 1.

VMIG rating expirations are a function of each issue's specific structural or credit features.

VMIG 1 – This designation denotes superior credit quality. Excellent protection is afforded by the superior short-term credit strength of the liquidity provider and structural and legal protections that ensure the timely payment of purchase price upon demand.

VMIG 2 – This designation denotes strong credit quality. Good protection is afforded by the strong shortterm credit strength of the liquidity provider and structural and legal protections that ensure the timely payment of purchase price upon demand.

VMIG 3 – This designation denotes acceptable credit quality. Adequate protection is afforded by the satisfactory short-term credit strength of the liquidity provider and structural and legal protections that ensure the timely payment of purchase price upon demand.

SG – This designation denotes speculative-grade credit quality. Demand features rated in this category may be supported by a liquidity provider that does not have an investment grade short-term rating or may lack the structural and/or legal protections necessary to ensure the timely payment of purchase price upon demand.

Fitch Ratings. The following summarizes the highest four ratings used by Fitch, Inc. ("Fitch"):

Long-Term Ratings.

AAA – Highest credit quality. 'AAA' ratings denote the lowest expectation of credit risk. They are assigned only in cases of exceptionally strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. This capacity is highly unlikely to be adversely affected by foreseeable events.

AA – Very high credit quality. 'AA' ratings denote expectations of very low default risk. They indicate very strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.

A - High credit quality. 'A' ratings denote expectations of low default risk. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings.

BBB – Good credit quality. 'BBB' ratings indicate that expectations of default risk are currently low. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered adequate, but adverse business or economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity.

Long-term securities rated below BBB by Fitch are not considered by the Advisor to be Investment-Grade Debt Securities. Securities rated BB and B are regarded as speculative with regard to a possible credit risk developing. BB is considered speculative and B is considered highly speculative. Securities rated CCC, CC, and C are regarded as a high default risk. A rating CC indicates that default of some kind appears probable, while a rating C signals imminent default. Securities rated DDD, D, and D indicate a default has occurred.

Short-Term Ratings.

F1 – Highest short-term credit quality. The rating F1 indicates the strongest intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments; may have an added "+" to denote any exceptionally strong credit feature.

F2 – Good short-term credit quality. The rating F2 indicates good intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments.

F3 – Fair short-term credit quality. The rating F3 indicates the intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is adequate.

B – Speculative short-term credit quality. The rating B indicates minimal capacity for timely payment of financial commitments, plus heightened vulnerability to near term adverse changes in financial and economic conditions.

Short-term rates B, C, and D by Fitch are considered by the Advisor to be below investment-grade securities. Short-term securities rated B are considered speculative, securities rated C have a high default risk, and securities rated D denote actual or imminent payment default.

(+) or (-) suffixes may be appended to a rating to denote relative status within major rating categories. Such suffixes are not added to long-term ratings "AAA" category, categories below "CCC", or short-term ratings other than "F1". The suffix "NR" indicates that Fitch does not publicly rate the issuer or issue in question.

APPENDIX B – PROXY VOTING POLICIES

The following proxy voting policies are provided:

- (1) The Advisor's Proxy Voting and Disclosure Policy, including a detailed description of the Advisor's specific proxy voting guidelines.
- (2) The Sub-Advisor's Proxy Voting Disclosure Policy, including a detailed description of the Sub-Advisor's specific proxy voting guidelines.

Cavalier Investments, LLC d/b/a Adaptive Investments Proxy Voting Policy

Policy

With respect to accounts over which Adaptive performs proxy voting, it maintains written policies and procedures as to the handling, research, voting and reporting of proxy voting and makes appropriate disclosures about Adviser's proxy policies and practices. Our policy and practice include the responsibility to receive and vote Client proxies where authorized and disclose any potential conflicts of interest as well as making information available to Clients about the voting of proxies for their portfolio securities and maintaining relevant and required records. Adviser's Advisory Agreements evidence whether voting authority has been retained by the Client.

As a fiduciary, Adaptive always seeks to act in Clients' best interests with good faith, loyalty, and due care. Adaptive's standard advisory contract authorizes the Company to direct Client participation in class actions and corporate actions.

Background & Description

Proxy voting is an important right of shareholders and reasonable care and diligence must be undertaken to ensure that such rights are properly and timely exercised. The purpose of these proxy voting policies and procedures are to set forth the principles, guidelines and procedures by which Adaptive votes the securities owned by its Clients for which Adviser exercises voting authority and discretion (the "Proxies").

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

Responsibility for voting the Proxies is established by investment management agreements or comparable documents with our Clients, and our proxy voting guidelines have been tailored to reflect these specific obligations. These policies and procedures do not apply to any Client that has retained authority and discretion to vote its own proxies or delegated such authority and discretion to a third party; Adviser takes no responsibility for the voting of any proxies on behalf of any such Client. For those Clients that have delegated such authority and discretion to Adviser, these policies and procedures apply equally to registered investment companies, institutional and retail accounts. These proxy voting policies and procedures are available to all Clients of Adviser upon request, subject to the provision that these policies and procedures are subject to change at any time without notice.

Responsibility

The Investment Management Team is responsible for the implementation and monitoring of Adviser's Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures, including associated practices, disclosures and recordkeeping, as well as oversight of a third-party voting agent, if one exists. In addition, it is the responsibility of the Investment Management Team to communicate directly with the third-party voting agent when there are changes to its clients to ensure that proxy voting is conducted for the appropriate clients. The Investment Management Team may delegate responsibility for the performance of these activities (provided that it maintains records evidencing individuals to whom authority has been delegated) but oversight and ultimate responsibility remain with the Investment Management Team.

Procedures

Adaptive has delegated to Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ("Broadridge"), an independent service provider for the administration of proxy voting for the Funds' portfolio securities, subject to oversight by the Investment Management Team. Adaptive has a adopted the Broadridge Voting Guidelines ("Guidelines"), and absent a conflict, will vote the proxies consistent with the Guidelines. Additionally, Adaptive has adopted the Broadridge mirror voting process.

Broadridge Proxy Service: Adaptive Alpha Opportunities ETF (AGOX), RH Tactical Outlook ETF (RHTX), and RH Tactical Rotation ETF (RHRX), and Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF (AMAX).

If Adaptive detects a material conflict of interest in connection with a proxy solicitation, it will abide by the following procedures:

- With respect to clients that are registered investment companies, the Advisor will notify the client of the conflict and will vote the client's shares in accordance with the client's instructions; and
- With respect to other clients, the Advisor will vote the proxy in accordance with the specifics of the Voting Guidelines (if addressed in the Voting Guidelines) or may abstain (if not addressed in the Voting Guidelines).

Adaptive will not neglect its proxy voting responsibilities, but it may abstain from voting if it deems that abstaining is in its Clients' best interests. For example, Adaptive may be unable to vote securities that have been lent by the custodian. Also, proxy voting in certain countries involves "share blocking," which limits Adaptive's ability to sell the affected security during a blocking period that can last for several weeks. Adaptive believes that the potential consequences of being unable to sell a security usually outweigh the benefits of participating in a proxy vote, so Adaptive generally abstains from voting when share blocking is required. A member of the Investment Management Team will prepare and maintain memoranda describing the rationale for any instance in which Adaptive does not vote a Client's proxy.

Adaptive will retain the following information in connection with each proxy vote:

- The Issuer's name;
- The security's ticker symbol or CUSIP, as applicable;
- The shareholder meeting date;
- The number of shares that Adaptive voted;
- A brief identification of the matter voted on;
- Whether the matter was proposed by the Issuer or a security-holder;
- Whether Adaptive casts a vote;
- How Adaptive casts its vote (for the proposal, against the proposal, or abstain); and
- Whether Adaptive casts its vote with or against management.

Any attempt to influence the proxy voting process by Issuers or others not identified in these policies and procedures should be promptly reported to the CCO. Similarly, any Client's attempt to influence proxy voting with respect to other Clients' securities should be promptly reported to the CCO.

PROXY VOTING GUIDELINES: GENERAL

Adaptive believes the best financial interest of its clients is consistent with management's recommendations. Therefore, Adaptive will generally vote consistent with management's recommendations absent a compelling documented basis to vote otherwise. This will mean voting "for" proposals that are determined to improve the management of a company, increase the rights or preferences of the voted securities, and/or increase the chance that a premium offer would be made for the company or for the voted securities.

Adaptive's decision to vote in support or opposition of a proposal will be based on the specific circumstances described in the proxy statement and other available information.

Adaptive will also consider any voting guidelines issued by clients, so long as these guidelines are consistent with Adaptive's duties under applicable law, including ERISA.

VOTING GUIDELINES: ROUTINE MATTERS

Adaptive expects to vote proxies in favor of routine proposals, unless there is specific information that approval of the proposal would adversely affect the value of the investment or would not be in the best interest of clients. Such routine matters generally include, among others: election of directors, appointment of independent auditors, increase in the outstanding common stock or other equity classes, date and place of the annual meeting, ratification of directors' actions on routine matters, and indemnification of directors and/or officers.

VOTING PROCEDURES: SOCIAL CONSCIENCE/MORAL ISSUES

Adaptive will generally vote against proxies requiring management action on a moral or social issue unless such issue has escalated to the point where the company may be adversely affected by protests, governmental actions, or other serious economic consequences if no action is taken. Where the economic impact of a proposal is not clear, a vote to "abstain" may be appropriate.

VOTING PROCEDURES: FINANCIAL OR CORPORATE GOVERNANCE QUESTIONS

Financial and corporate governance issues take more time to consider and may be complicated by activities such as hostile takeovers and mergers. Adaptive will generally vote in favor of the following types of proposals: incentive compensation plans for certain key employees and directors, mandatory retirement age for directors, confidential voting, cumulative voting, proposals to lower barriers to shareholder action, proposals to restore shareholder ability to remove directors with or without cause.

Adaptive will generally vote against the following types of financial and corporate governance proposals: board entrenchment proposals and anti-takeover measures, such as "poison pill" and "golden parachute" provisions, limitations on shareholder ability to act, blank check preferred stock authorizations, eliminating cumulative voting rights, and proposals to adopt classified boards.

VOTING GUIDELINES: CLIENT GUIDELINES

Some Adaptive clients may have their own set of proxy voting guidelines. These may conflict with the proxy guidelines discussed above or the voting guidelines of another client. If such a situation arises, Adaptive will comply with client guidelines by voting the proxies attributable to that client on a proportionate basis (based on the number of shares held by the client).

CLASS ACTIONS

The Investment Management Team will determine whether Clients will (a) participate in a recovery achieved through a class actions, or (b) opt out of the class action and separately pursue their own remedy. The Investment Management Team oversees the completion of Proof of Claim forms and any associated documentation, the submission of such documents to the claim administrator, and the receipt of any recovered monies.

Employees must notify the CCO if they are aware of any material conflict of interest associated with Clients' participation in class actions. The Investment Management Team will evaluate any such conflicts and determine an appropriate course of action for Adaptive.

Adaptive generally does not serve as the lead plaintiff in class actions because the costs of such participation typically exceed any extra benefits that accrue to lead plaintiffs.

CORPORATE ACTIONS

When the Advisor becomes aware of a corporate action involving a security held by one of its Client(s), it will consult with the sub-advisor, if applicable, to determine an election that is in the best interest of its Client(s). In deciding whether to participate in the corporate action, the Advisor will consider, among other things, whether the corporate action impacts the value of the security being converted. The Advisor may also consider the liquidity of the security being impacted, the amounts outstanding if the election is not made to convert the security, and the pool of available buyers for the non-converted security if the election is not made.

DISCLOSURES TO CLIENTS

Adaptive includes a description of its policies and procedures regarding proxy voting in Part 2 of Form ADV, along with a statement that Clients can contact the CCO to obtain a copy of these policies and procedures and information about how Adaptive voted with respect to the Client's securities.

Any request for information about proxy voting or class actions should be promptly forwarded to the CCO, who will respond to any such requests.

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

INVESTMENTS IN REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Section 12(d)(1)(F) of the Act provides a conditional exemption from the 5% and 10% limits in Section 12(d)(1)(A). Section 12(d)(1)(F) permits an acquiring fund to purchase or otherwise acquire shares of an underlying fund if, immediately after the purchase or acquisition, the acquiring fund and all of its affiliated persons would not own more than 3% of the underlying fund's total outstanding stock, and if certain sales load restrictions are met. In addition, Section 12(d)(1)(F) provides that the acquiring fund "shall exercise voting rights by proxy or otherwise with respect to any security purchased or acquired pursuant to Section 12(d)(1)(F) in the manner prescribed by Section 12(d)(1)(E)."

In the event that there is a proxy vote with respect to shares of another investment company purchased and held by the Funds under Section 12(d)(1)(F), then the Funds will either (i) vote such shares in the same proportion as the vote of all other holders of such securities; or (ii) contact its shareholders for instructions regarding how to vote the proxy.

ADVISER TO A RIC

Adaptive has agreed to be responsible for voting proxies of issuers of securities held in the Adaptive Funds, a series of funds within the Starboard Investment Trust, in accordance with its proxy voting policies and procedures, outlined above. The purpose of this procedure is to ensure that the Investment Manager complies with other obligations for disclosure and filing requirements that is required to be performed as the RIC's Proxy Administrator. Each RIC is required to describe the policies and procedures that each adviser uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities. As such, Adaptive will provide its Proxy Voting Policy, and if requested by the Starboard Investment Trust, a summary of such Proxy Voting Policy for inclusion in the RIC's Registration Statement and will promptly provide the Starboard Investment Trust with any material amendments to the Proxy Voting Policy within a reasonable time after such amendment has taken effect.

Annually, through the review of the RIC's registration statement, Adaptive's CCO, or his designee, will review the disclosures in the registration statement and identify whether the appendix to the SAI with Adaptive's Proxy Voting Policy is current.

Securities on Loan

The RIC may lend portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and other financial organizations that meet capital and other credit requirements or other criteria established by the RIC's Board of Trustees. Voting rights on the loaned securities may pass to the borrower. However, the RIC's policy states that the RIC must be entitled to exercise voting rights over the loaned securities in the event of a material event affecting its portfolio securities on loan. Adaptive will determine if a vote is material enough to warrant calling back the security out on loan, and will vote the securities in accordance with its proxy voting policies and procedures.

Quarterly Certification

On a quarterly basis, Adaptive will certify to the RICs' Board that:

1. Adaptive has followed the Trust's and the Advisor's Proxy Voting and Disclosure Policies in voting proxies on behalf of the Funds.

2. If there have been any material issues or other items to report with respect to the Trust's and Advisor's Proxy Voting Policies.

Bluestone Capital Management, LLC Proxy Voting Policy

The SEC requires that all registered investment advisers that maintain the authority to vote proxies on behalf of clients also maintain procedures for the proper voting of proxies – even firms focused primarily on debt markets. The Firm is required to vote all proxies on behalf of clients over whose assets it has discretionary authority or where the Firm has the implied authority to vote such proxies. It will be the policy of the Firm, in compliance with Rule 206(4)-6 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, to vote all proxies in respect of equity securities held in such clients' accounts/portfolios in the following manner:

- 1. The Firm has established a proxy voting team (currently composed of Mr. Shevland and Mr. Gianonne, but the composition may change from time to time.)
- 2. Upon the receipt of any proxy material by the Firm, the materials will be forwarded to the Chief Compliance Officer (or his designee) who will then log it and forward the material to the proxy voting team member.
- 3. Prior to voting, the voting team will read the proxy statement and each proposal put forth by issuer management or those shareholders whose proposals were included for consideration. It will then, by consensus, determine how each proposal will be voted. The voting team will then complete the proxy and return it per instruction.
- 4. Portfolio Services will keep copies of all material received from the voting team, including the proxy statement and all other documents used to form its consensus.
- 5. In respect of each client's account/portfolio that holds shares of the issuer for which the proxy has been voted, the voting team will provide to the client, upon request a copy of the voted proxy and if the client wishes, an explanation of why the votes were cast or, if applicable, why the Firm abstained from the vote on some or all of the issuer's proposals.
- 6. In the event of conflicts of interest between the Firm and/or its affiliates and the affected discretionary accounts, or between clients whom the manager believes might have disparate views on the proposals contained in the proxy statement, the proxy voting team will convene a meeting with the Chief Financial Officer to discuss the nature of the conflict and attempt to form a solution that furthers the best interests of the client. The proxy voting ream will inform the affected client(s): (i) that a conflict of interest exists, and (ii) describe the nature of the conflict. The voting team will seek guidance form the client(s) as to how the client(s) might wish to vote on the relevant proposal(s) giving rise to the conflict. This guidance will be memorialized in writing. The voting team many also turn to an independent third party for assistance in determining how the proxy should be voted.
- 7. All clients for which the Firm has discretionary authority will be informed by the Firm that it may obtain information as to how the Firm voted specific proxies by sending an e-mail to or by writing.
- 8. The Chief Compliance Officer (or his designee) will send, or cause to be sent, a brief description of these policies and procedures to each client over whose account the Firm has discretionary authority. Delivery to the boards of the funds suffice in the case of a fund client.
- 9. These policies and procedures, and all versions thereof, will be kept for a period of five years after the end of use.
- 10. Disclosure to clients, as discussed in Items 7 & 8 above, should be substantially in the following form:

As part of Bluestone Capital Management LLC's ("Bluestone") management obligations, we are required to vote proxies on equity securities held in client portfolios. In accordance with applicable law, Bluestone has prepared procedures to govern how such proxies are voted. The procedures require that a reasonable decision be made regarding a vote on any matters recommended by issuer management or concerning any issuer shareholder proposals. If Bluestone determines not to vote, it will have a reasonable basis for withholding its vote. The policies and procedures address the handling of conflicts of interest that may arise in the voting or proxies. Bluestone's vote on any matter regarding any issuer's equity securities will be recorded and kept on file in Bluestone's office. Clients may request to see how Bluestone voted any proxy and obtain an explanation of why Bluestone voted as it did. Requests for an explanation of votes, or for a copy of the policies and procedures, should be sent to: Investor Relations, Bluestone Capital Management LLC.