

## CORNERCAP GROUP OF FUNDS

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### CORNERCAP BALANCED FUND CORNERCAP SMALL-CAP VALUE FUND CORNERCAP LARGE/MID-CAP VALUE FUND

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#### Supplement Dated April 7, 2020 to the Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) Dated August 1, 2019

*The section entitled “Investment Objectives, Policies and Additional Risks,” beginning on page 1 of the SAI is hereby supplemented to include the following additional risk disclosure:*

#### **RECENT MARKET EVENTS RISK**

The financial markets in which the Funds invest are subject to price volatility that may result in losses. The recent outbreak of the novel coronavirus, first detected in December 2019, has resulted in border closings, travel restrictions and quarantines, caused cancellations and disruptions to supply chains and customer activity, and caused general public concern and uncertainty, all of which has disrupted the financial markets.

Novel coronavirus has also adversely affected the economies of many nations, individual companies and the markets in general. The extent or duration of its full impact cannot be known at the present time. Certain regions or countries may perform better or worse due to, among other factors, the nature and level of their public health response. This health crisis and future health crises may exacerbate pre-existing political, social and economic risks in the U.S. or other countries.

This pandemic has resulted, and future epidemics and pandemics may similarly result, in significant volatility in the financial markets. Market events such as these may also cause significant declines in the values or and reduced liquidity in equity, credit and fixed income markets, and may negatively affect many issuers both domestically and/or worldwide, which could have an adverse impact on a Fund. These events may cause security prices (including securities held by a Fund) to change drastically and rapidly, and in extreme cases may lead to trading restrictions or halts. Such events may also lead to increased levels of redemptions from a Fund. Any of these events could adversely affect a Fund’s performance and result in additional losses.

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*Please retain this supplement for future reference*



**A “Series” Investment Company**

**CORNERCAP BALANCED FUND (CBLFX)**

**CORNERCAP SMALL-CAP VALUE FUND**

**Investor Shares (CSCVX)**

**Institutional Shares (CSCJX)**

**CORNERCAP LARGE/MID-CAP VALUE FUND (CMCRX)**

**STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**August 1, 2019**

The CornerCap Balanced Fund (the “Balanced Fund”), the CornerCap Small-Cap Value Fund (the “Small-Cap Value Fund”) and the CornerCap Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund (the “Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund”) are diversified series (each a “Fund” and collectively, the “Funds”) of the CornerCap Group of Funds (the “Trust”), an open-end management investment company registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) as required by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”).

This Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) incorporates by reference the Funds’ Annual Report to shareholders for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019. Copies of the Annual Report are available, without charge, by contacting the Funds at the telephone number below.

This SAI is not a prospectus, and it should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Institutional Shares of the Small-Cap Value Fund and the Prospectus for the Balanced Fund, Small-Cap Value Fund-Investor Shares and the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund, each dated August 1, 2019, as may be amended from time to time (the “Prospectus”). Copies of the Prospectus may be obtained by calling (888) 813-8637 or writing to the Funds at P.O. Box 588, Portland, Maine 04112.

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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The Trust is a diversified open-end management investment company consisting of three separate portfolios, each of which represents a separate portfolio of investments. The Funds currently comprising the Trust are the Balanced Fund, the Small-Cap Value Fund and the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund. The Trust was organized on January 6, 1986 as a Massachusetts business trust.

## **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, POLICIES AND ADDITIONAL RISKS**

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Please refer to each Fund's Summary Section and "Details Regarding Principal Investment Strategies" in the Funds' Prospectus for a full discussion of the Funds' investment objectives, principal strategies and principal risks.

Set forth below are additional, non-principal investment strategies of the Funds, and types of investments, and information regarding risks of certain of these types of investments that are not addressed, or are not addressed as fully, in the Prospectus. Following this information is information regarding certain calculations for the Funds, portfolio turnover for the Funds that is not in the Prospectus, and information regarding the Funds' policies with respect to certain types of investment restrictions.

## **OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

The Large/Mid-Cap Value and Balanced Funds may invest in other investment companies. Under the 1940 Act, a Fund may not acquire shares of another investment company (exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") or other investment companies) if, immediately after such acquisition, a Fund and its affiliated persons would hold more than 3% of the ETF's or investment company's total outstanding stock ("3% Limitation"). Accordingly, each of the Large/Mid-Cap Value and Balanced Funds is subject to the 3% Limitation unless (i) the ETF or the Fund has received an order for exemptive relief from the 3% Limitation from the SEC that is applicable to the Fund; and (ii) the ETF and the Fund take appropriate steps to comply with any conditions in such order. To the extent an ETF obtains such exemptive relief from the SEC, which many do, the applicable Fund may seek to qualify to invest in such ETFs in excess of the 3% Limitation.

To the extent the 3% Limitation applies to certain ETFs, that limitation may prevent a Fund from allocating its investments in the manner that Funds' investment adviser, CornerCap Investment Counsel, Inc. ("Adviser"), considers optimal, or cause the Adviser to select a similar index or sector-based mutual fund or other investment company ("Other Investment Companies"), or a similar basket of stocks (a group of securities related by index or sector that are pre-selected by, and made available through, certain brokers at a discounted brokerage rate) ("Stock Baskets") as an alternative. The Large/Mid-Cap and Balanced Funds may also invest in Other Investment Companies or Stock Baskets when the Adviser believes they represent more attractive opportunities than similar ETFs. A Fund's investments in Other Investment Companies will be subject to the same 3% Limitation described above.

The 1940 Act also limits the percentage of a Fund's assets that can be represented by other investment company's shares to 5% of the Fund's assets for any one other investment company or 10% of the Fund's assets for all other investment companies combined.

Under the 1940 Act, to the extent that a Fund relies upon Section 12(d)(1)(F) in purchasing securities issued by another investment company, the Fund must either seek instructions from its shareholders with regard to the voting of all proxies with respect to its investment in such securities (ETFs and other investment companies) and vote such proxies only in accordance with the instructions, or vote the shares held by it in the same proportion as the vote of all other holders of the securities. In the event that there is a vote of ETF or other investment company shares held by a Fund, the Funds intend to vote such shares in the same proportion as the vote of all other holders of such securities.

## **CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES**

The Balanced Fund's fixed income investments may include corporate, municipal or other government debt securities. Corporate and municipal debt obligations purchased by the Balanced Fund may be any credit quality, maturity or yield. Accordingly, the Balanced Fund's debt securities may include "investment grade" securities (those rated at least Baa by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or BBB by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services ("S&P")), or, if not rated, of equivalent quality in the Adviser's opinion. In addition, the Balanced Fund's debt securities may include lower-rated debt securities including, without limitation, junk bonds. Debt obligations rated below Baa by Moody's or BBB by S&P may be considered speculative and are subject to risks of non-payment of interest and principal. While the Adviser utilizes the ratings of various credit rating services as one factor in establishing creditworthiness, it relies primarily upon its own analysis of factors establishing creditworthiness.

## **INVESTMENTS IN FOREIGN SECURITIES**

The Funds may invest their assets in securities of foreign issuers, including but not limited to, investing through American Depository Receipts (“ADRs”). Investments in foreign securities involve risks that may be different from those of U.S. securities. Foreign securities may not be subject to uniform audit, financial reporting or disclosure standards, practices or requirements comparable to those found in the United States. Foreign securities are also subject to the risk of adverse changes in investment or exchange control regulations, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, limitations on the removal of funds or other assets, political or social instability, or nationalization of companies or industries. In addition, the dividend and interest payable on certain foreign securities may be subject to foreign withholding taxes. Foreign securities also involve currency risk, which is the risk that the value of the foreign security will decrease due to changes in the relative value of the U.S. dollar and the security’s underlying foreign currency.

ADRs provide a method whereby the Funds may invest in securities issued by companies whose principal business activities are outside of the United States. These securities will not be denominated in the same currency as the securities into which they may be converted. Generally, ADRs in registered form are designed for use in U.S. securities markets. ADRs are receipts typically issued by a U.S. bank or trust company evidencing ownership of the underlying securities and may be issued as sponsored or unsponsored programs. In sponsored programs, an issuer has made arrangements to have its securities traded in the form of ADRs. In unsponsored programs, the issuer may not be directly involved in the creation of the program. Although regulatory requirements with respect to sponsored and unsponsored programs are generally similar, in some cases it may be easier to obtain financial information from an issuer that has participated in the creation of a sponsored program.

## **REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS**

The Funds may engage in repurchase agreements. A repurchase agreement, which may be considered a “loan” under the 1940 Act, is a transaction in which a fund purchases a security and simultaneously commits to sell the security to the seller at an agreed-upon price and date (usually not more than seven (7) days) after the date of purchase. The resale price reflects the purchase price plus an agreed-upon market rate of interest which is unrelated to the coupon rate or maturity of the purchased security. The Funds’ risk is limited to the ability of the seller to pay the agreed-upon amount on the delivery date. In the opinion of management, this risk is not material; if the seller defaults, the underlying security constitutes collateral for the seller’s obligations to pay. This collateral, equal to or in excess of 100% of the repurchase agreement, will be held by the custodian for the Funds’ assets. However, in the absence of compelling legal precedents in this area, there can be no assurance that the Funds will be able to maintain their rights to such collateral upon default of the issuer of the repurchase agreement. To the extent that the proceeds from a sale upon a default in the obligation to repurchase are less than the repurchase price, the Funds would suffer a loss. It is intended (but not required) that at no time will the market value of any of the Funds’ securities subject to repurchase agreements exceed 50% of the total assets of entering into such agreement. It is intended for the Funds to enter into repurchase agreements with commercial banks and securities dealers. The Adviser will monitor the creditworthiness of such entities.

## **REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS**

Reverse repurchase agreements (“reverse repos”) are repurchase agreements in which a Fund is the seller (rather than the buyer) of the securities and agrees to repurchase them at an agreed-upon time and price. A reverse repo may be viewed as a type of borrowing. Reverse repos are subject to credit risks. In addition, reverse repos create leverage risks because the seller must repurchase the underlying security at a higher price, regardless of the market value of the security at the time of repurchase. A Fund’s investments in reverse repurchase agreements will be subject to the requirements of Section 18(f)(1) that an investment company maintain asset coverage of at least 300% of any loan obligation by, for example, segregating assets on an investment company’s books, or otherwise covering the Fund’s obligations under the reverse repurchase agreements consistent with the guidance of the Securities and Exchange Commission’s and its staff.

## **OPTIONS**

The Funds may purchase and write put and call options on securities. The Funds may write a call or put option only if the option is “covered” by a Fund holding a position in the underlying securities or by other means that would permit immediate satisfaction of that Fund’s obligation as writer of the option. The purchase and writing of options involves certain risks. During the option period, the covered call writer 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 purchased by a Fund is not sold when it has remaining value, and if the market prices 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 Fund will lose its entire investment in the option. 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 a Fund seeks to close out an option position. Furthermore, if trading restrictions or suspensions are imposed on the options market, a Fund may be unable to close out a position.

## **FUTURES CONTRACTS AND OPTIONS ON FUTURES CONTRACTS**

The Funds may invest in interest rate futures contracts and options thereon (“futures options”); the Funds may enter into foreign currency futures contracts and options; and the Funds may enter into stock index futures contracts and options thereon. Such contracts may not be entered into for speculative purposes. When a Fund purchases a futures contract, an amount of cash, U.S. government securities, or money market instruments equal to the fair market value less initial and variation margin of the futures contract will be deposited in a segregated account to collateralize the position and thereby ensure that such futures contract is “covered.”

There are several risks associated with the use of futures and futures options. The value of a futures contract may decline. With respect to transactions for hedging, there can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in the hedging vehicle and in the Fund’s securities being hedged. An incorrect correlation could result in a loss on both the hedged securities in a Fund and the hedging vehicle so that the Fund’s returns might have been greater had hedging not been attempted. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when a Fund seeks to close out a futures contract or a futures option position. Most futures exchanges and boards of trade limit the amount of fluctuation permitted in futures contract prices during a single day; once the daily limit has been reached on a particular contract, no trades may be made that day at a price beyond that limit. In addition, certain of these instruments are relatively new and without a significant trading history. As a result, there is no assurance that an active secondary market will develop or continue to exist. Lack of a liquid market for any reason may prevent a Fund from liquidating an unfavorable position and the Fund would remain obligated to meet margin requirements until the position is closed.

Each Fund will only enter into futures contracts or futures options that are standardized and traded on a U.S. or foreign exchange or board of trade, or similar entity, or quoted on an automated quotation system. Each Fund will use financial futures contracts and related futures options only for “bona fide hedging” purposes, as such term is defined in applicable regulations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, or, with respect to positions in financial futures and related options that do not qualify as “bona fide hedging” positions, will enter into such non-hedging positions only to the extent that aggregate initial margin deposits plus premiums paid by it for open futures option positions, less the amount by which any such positions are “in-the-money,” would not exceed 5% of the Fund’s total assets.

## **FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE CONTRACTS**

The Balanced Fund may enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts (“forward contracts”) to attempt to minimize the risk to the Fund from adverse changes in the relationship between the U.S. dollar and foreign currencies. A forward contract is an obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency for an agreed price at a future date which is individually negotiated and privately traded by currency traders and their customers. Such contracts may not be entered into for speculative purposes. The Balanced Fund will not enter into forward contracts if, as a result, more than 10% of the value of its total assets would be committed to the consummation of such contracts, and will segregate assets or “cover” its positions consistent with requirements under the 1940 Act to avoid any potential leveraging of the Fund.

## **SWAP AGREEMENTS**

The Balanced Fund may enter into interest rate, index and currency exchange rate swap agreements for purposes of attempting to obtain a particular desired return at a lower cost to the Balanced Fund than if it had invested directly in an instrument that yielded that desired return. Swap agreements are two-party contracts entered into primarily by institutional investors for periods ranging from a few weeks to more than one year. In a standard “swap” transaction, two parties agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realized on particular predetermined investments or instruments. The gross returns to be exchanged or “swapped” between the parties are calculated with respect to a “notional amount,” *i.e.*, the return on or increase in value of a particular dollar amount invested at a particular interest rate, in a particular foreign currency, or in a “basket” of securities representing a particular index. Commonly used swap agreements include interest rate caps, under which, in return for a premium, one party agrees to make payments to the other to the extent that interest rates exceed a specified rate, or “cap;” interest rate floors, under which, in return for a premium, one party agrees to make payments to the other to the extent that interest rates fall below a specified level, or “floor;” and interest rate

collars, under which a party sells a cap and purchases a floor or vice versa in an attempt to protect itself against interest rate movements exceeding given minimum or maximum levels.

The “notional amount” of the swap agreement is merely a fictive basis on which to calculate the obligations that the parties to a swap agreement have agreed to exchange. Swap agreements entered into by the Balanced Fund would generally calculate the obligations of the parties to the agreement on a “net basis.” Consequently, the Balanced Fund’s obligations (or rights) under a swap agreement 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 each party to the agreement (the “net amount”). Obligations under a swap agreement will be accrued daily (offset against amounts owing to the Balanced Fund) and any accrued but unpaid net amounts owed to a swap counterpart will be covered by the maintenance of a segregated account consisting of cash, U.S. government securities, or high- grade debt obligations, to avoid any potential leveraging of the Fund. The Balanced Fund will not enter into a swap agreement with any single party if the net amount owed or to be received under existing contracts with that party would exceed 5% of the Fund’s total assets.

## **MORTGAGE-RELATED SECURITIES**

The Balanced Fund may invest in mortgage-backed and other asset-backed securities. These securities include mortgage pass-through certificates, collateralized mortgage obligations, mortgage-backed bonds and securities representing interests in other types of financial bonds.

Mortgage pass-through securities representing interests in “pools” of mortgage loans in which payments of both interest and principal on the securities are generally made monthly, in effect “passing through” monthly payments made by the individual borrowers on the mortgage loans which underlie the securities (net of fees paid to the issuer or guarantor of the securities).

Payment of principal and interest on some mortgage pass-through securities may be guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government (in the case of securities guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association (“GNMA”)); or guaranteed by agencies or instrumentalities of the U.S. government (in the case of securities guaranteed by the Federal National Mortgage Association (“FNMA”) or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“FHLMC”), which are supported only by the discretionary authority of the U.S. government to repurchase such agency’s obligations).

Collateralized Mortgage Obligations (“CMOs”) are securities that are typically collateralized by portfolios of mortgage pass-through securities guaranteed by GNMA, FNMA or FHLMC. Similar to a bond, interest and prepaid principal on a CMO are paid, in most cases, semiannually. CMOs are structured into multiple classes, with each class bearing a different stated maturity. Monthly payments of principal, including prepayments, are first returned to investors holding the shortest maturity class; investors holding the longer maturity classes will receive principal only after the first class has been retired. CMOs that are issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or by any of its agencies or instrumentalities will be considered U.S. government securities by the Fund, while other CMOs, even if collateralized by U.S. government securities, will have the same status as other privately issued securities for purposes of applying the Fund’s diversification tests.

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

Mortgage-backed bonds are general obligations of the issuer fully collateralized directly or indirectly by a pool of mortgages. The mortgages serve as collateral for the issuer’s payment obligations on the bonds but interest and principal payments on the mortgages are not passed through either directly (as with GNMA certificates and FNMA and FHLMC pass-through securities) or on a modified basis (as with CMOs). Accordingly, a change in the rate of prepayments on the pool of mortgages could change the effective maturity of a CMO but not that of a mortgage-backed bond (although, like many bonds, mortgage-backed bonds can provide that they are callable by the issuer prior to maturity).

Asset-backed securities are securities representing interests in other types of financial assets, such as automobile-finance receivables or credit-card receivables. Such securities are subject to many of the same risks as are mortgage-backed

securities, including prepayment risks, market risk and risk of bankruptcy by the underlying debtor. Asset-backed securities may or may not be secured by the receivables themselves or may be unsecured obligations of their issuers.

**Risks of Mortgage-Related Securities.** Investment in mortgage-backed securities poses several risks, including prepayment, market and credit risk. Prepayment risk reflects the risk that borrowers may prepay their mortgages faster than expected, thereby affecting the investment's average life and perhaps its yield. Whether or not a mortgage loan is prepaid is almost entirely controlled by the borrower. Borrowers are most likely to exercise prepayment options at the time when it is least advantageous to investors, generally prepaying mortgages as interest rates fall, and slowing payments as interest rates rise. Besides the effect of prevailing interest rates, the rate of prepayment and refinancing of mortgages may also be affected by home value appreciation, ease of the refinancing process and local economic conditions.

Market risk reflects the risk that the price of the security may fluctuate over time. The price of mortgage-backed securities may be particularly sensitive to prevailing interest rates, the length of time the security is expected to be outstanding, and the liquidity of the issue. In a period of unstable interest rates, there may be decreased demand for certain types of mortgage-backed securities, and a mutual fund invested in such securities wishing to sell them may find it difficult to find a buyer, which may in turn decrease the price at which they may be sold.

Credit risk reflects the risk that a Fund may not receive all or part of its principal because the issuer or credit enhancer has defaulted on its obligations. Obligations issued by U.S. government-related entities are guaranteed as to the payment of principal and interest, but are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. The performance of private label mortgage-backed securities, issued by private institutions, is based on the financial health of those institutions. With respect to GNMA certificates, although GNMA guarantees timely payment even if homeowners delay or default, tracking the "pass-through" payments may, at times, be difficult.

## CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES

Although the equity investments of the Funds consist primarily of common and preferred stocks, the Funds may buy securities convertible into common stock if, for example, the Funds' Adviser believes that a company's convertible securities are undervalued in the market. Convertible securities eligible for purchase by the Funds include convertible bonds, convertible preferred stocks, and warrants. A warrant is an instrument issued by a corporation that gives the holder the right to subscribe to a specific amount of the corporation's capital stock at a set price for a specified period of time. Warrants do not represent ownership of the securities, but only the right to buy the securities. The prices of warrants do not necessarily move parallel to the prices of underlying securities. Warrants may be considered speculative in that they have no voting rights, pay no dividends, and have no rights with respect to the assets of a corporation issuing them.

## LEVERAGING ACTIVITIES

**Borrowing.** Leveraging activities include, among other things, borrowing. While the Funds may borrow funds for investments or other purposes, the Funds are limited in their borrowing activities. In general, the Funds are limited to borrowing no more than 33 1/3% of the value of their assets (as determined at the time of borrowing) (33% for the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund) by their fundamental limitations (described below) and Sections 18(f) of the 1940 Act, which generally requires that the Funds maintain at least 300% asset coverage for any borrowings, subject to an exception under Section 18(g) of the 1940 Act for loans for temporary purposes only (to be repaid in 60 days and not extended or renewed) and in an amount not exceeding 5% of the value of the total assets of the issuer at the time when the loan is made. Each Fund may issue a temporary note or other evidence of indebtedness evidencing a temporary loan not to exceed 5% of the Fund's total assets with a term that does not exceed 60 days. A Fund will not purchase additional securities if its outstanding temporary borrowing exceeds 5% of its total assets. There are risks associated with leveraging activities, including the fact that if a Fund uses leverage, it may experience losses over certain ranges in the market that exceed losses experienced by a non-leveraged fund.

**Securities Lending.** The Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund may lend portfolio securities in an amount up to 33 1/3% of its total assets to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions. In a portfolio securities lending transaction, the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund receives from the borrower an amount equal to the interest paid or the dividends declared on the loaned securities during the term of the loan as well as the interest on the collateral securities, less any fees (such as finders or administrative fees) the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund pays in arranging the loan. The Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund may share the interest it receives on the collateral securities with the borrower. The terms of the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund's loans permit the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund to reacquire loaned securities on five business days' notice or in time to vote on any important matter. Loans are subject to termination at the option of the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund or the borrower at any time, and the borrowed securities must be returned when the loan is terminated. The Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund may pay fees to arrange for securities loans.

## **SECURITIES LENDING**

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The Large/Mid Cap Value Fund may participate in securities lending arrangements whereby the Large/Mid Cap Value Fund lends certain of its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and financial institutions (not with individuals) in order to receive additional income and increase the rate of return of its portfolio. The Large/Mid Cap Value Fund may lend portfolio securities in an amount up to 33% of its total assets to broker-dealers, major banks or other recognized domestic institutional borrowers of securities which the Adviser has determined are creditworthy under guidelines established by the Board. In determining whether a Fund will lend securities, the Adviser will consider all relevant facts and circumstances. The Large/Mid Cap Value Fund may not lend securities to any company affiliated with the Adviser. Each loan of securities will be collateralized by cash, securities or letters of credit. The Large/Mid Cap Value Fund might experience a loss if the borrower of a security defaults on the loan or its other obligations.

The borrower at all times during the loan must maintain with the Large/Mid Cap Value Fund cash or cash equivalent collateral, or provide to the Large/Mid Cap Value Fund an irrevocable letter of credit, equal in value to at least 100% of the value of the securities loaned. While the loan is outstanding, the borrower will pay the Large/Mid Cap Value Fund any interest paid on the loaned securities, and the Large/Mid Cap Value Fund may invest the cash collateral to earn additional income. Alternatively, the Large/Mid Cap Value Fund may receive an agreed-upon amount of interest income from the borrower who has delivered equivalent collateral or a letter of credit. It is anticipated that the Large/Mid Cap Value Fund may share with the borrower some of the income received on the collateral for the loan or the Large/Mid Cap Value Fund will be paid a premium for the loan. Loans are subject to termination at the option of the Large/Mid Cap Value Fund or the borrower at any time. The Large/Mid Cap Value 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.

The Large/Mid Cap Value Fund will conduct any securities lending activity through a securities lending agent, which will oversee the securities lending process, which includes the screening, selection and ongoing review of borrowers, monitoring the availability of securities, negotiating rebates, daily marking to market of loans, monitoring and maintaining cash collateral levels, processing securities movements and reinvesting cash collateral as directed by the Adviser.

**Temporary Defensive Position.** Each Fund may, from time to time, take temporary defensive positions that are inconsistent with the Fund's principal investment strategies in an attempt to respond to adverse market, economic, political or other conditions. Under such circumstances, a Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash, cash equivalents or money market securities. When a Fund takes a temporary defensive position, the Fund may not be able to achieve its investment objective.

## **PORTFOLIO TURNOVER**

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An annual portfolio turnover rate is, in general, the percentage computed by taking the lesser of purchases or sales of portfolio securities (excluding certain short-term securities) for a year and dividing that amount by the monthly average of the market value of such securities during the year. The Funds' portfolio turnover rates are disclosed in the Financial Highlights section of the Prospectus.

## **INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS**

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Each of the following investment restrictions and limitations is considered at the time that investment securities are purchased; however, when a Fund exceeds a stated limitation with respect to borrowing or illiquid securities, the Adviser will actively work to get a Fund's investment portfolio back within such limitations.

**Illiquid Securities.** Certain securities that a Fund may purchase (*e.g.*, restricted securities purchased in private placements) may be illiquid (generally, securities that the Fund determines are unlikely to be able to be sold within seven (7) days) when purchased. In October 2016, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") adopted a liquidity risk management rule, Rule 22e-4 (the "Liquidity Rule"), that requires the Fund to establish a liquidity risk management program by June 1, 2018. On or about June 1, 2018, in connection with the implementation of the Liquidity Rule, the term "illiquid security" will be defined as a security that a Fund reasonably expects cannot be sold or disposed of in current market conditions in seven calendar days or less without the sale or disposition significantly changing the market value of the security. If the limitation on illiquid securities is exceeded, other than by a change in market values, the condition will be reported to the Board and, when required by the Liquidity Rule, to the SEC.

Securities held by a Fund, even if liquid when acquired, may become illiquid if the underlying issuer faces material financial difficulties or bankruptcy, the securities are delisted from an exchange on which they were traded or the Adviser otherwise determines that the securities are illiquid. Illiquid securities are subject to the risk that they cannot be sold in a timely manner, and are also subject to the risk that they must be fair valued by the applicable Fund with little or no current, independent pricing information. In such a case, the Fund may undervalue or overvalue the securities. Each Fund is subject to a restriction preventing the Fund from acquiring illiquid securities with more than 15% of its assets. If through the appreciation of illiquid securities or the depreciation of liquid securities, a Fund should be in a position where more than 15% of the value of its net assets are invested in illiquid assets, including restricted securities, a Fund will take appropriate steps to protect liquidity.

The impact the Liquidity Rule will have on the Fund is not yet fully known, but the Liquidity Rule could impact the Fund's performance and its ability to achieve its investment objective.

## **FUNDAMENTAL INVESTMENT LIMITATIONS**

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### **BALANCED FUND**

The Balanced Fund is subject to the following investment restrictions that are fundamental policies that cannot be changed without the approval of the holders of a "majority" (as defined by the 1940 Act) of the Balanced Fund's outstanding securities. The Balanced Fund may not:

1(a). With respect to 75% of its total assets, the Fund may not: (i) purchase more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of any one issuer; or (ii) purchase securities of any issuer if, as a result, more than 5% of the Fund's total assets would be invested in that issuer's securities. This limitation does not apply to obligations of the United States Government, its agencies, or instrumentalities; 1(b). Additionally, the Fund will limit the aggregate value of holdings of a single issuer to a maximum of 25% of the Fund's total assets;<sup>1</sup>

2. Purchase securities on margin (but the Balanced Fund may obtain such short-term credits as may be necessary for the clearance of transactions);

3. Issue senior securities, borrow money or pledge its assets<sup>2</sup> except as permitted by the 1940 Act (*e.g.*, the Balanced Fund may not issue a senior security except as permitted under Section 18(f) of the 1940 Act, which permits the Balanced Fund to, among other things, borrow money from a bank, provided that immediately after any such borrowing there is asset coverage of at least 300% for all of the Balanced Fund's borrowings);<sup>3</sup>

4. Purchase any security if, as a result, the Balanced Fund would then have 5% or more of its total assets (taken at current value) invested in securities of companies (including predecessors) less than one (1) year old;

5. Invest in securities of any issuer if, to the knowledge of the Balanced Fund, any officer or Trustee of the Balanced Fund or officer or director of the Adviser owns more than 1/2 of 1% of the outstanding securities of such issuer, and such Trustees, officers and Trustees who own more than 1/2 of 1% own in the aggregate more than 5% of the outstanding securities of such issuer;

6. Act as underwriter except to the extent that, in connection with the disposition of portfolio securities, it may be deemed to be an underwriter under certain federal securities laws;

7. Make investments for the purpose of exercising control or management;

8. Participate on a joint, or joint and several, basis in any trading account in securities;

9. Invest in securities of other registered investment companies, except as permitted by Section 12 of the 1940 Act<sup>4</sup>;

10. Invest in interests in oil, gas or other mineral exploration or development programs, although it may invest in the common stock of companies which invest in or sponsor such programs;

11. Make loans, except through repurchase agreements;

12. Purchase warrants if, as a result, the Balanced Fund would then have 5% or more of its total net assets (taken at the lower of cost or current value) invested in warrants, or if 2% or more of the value of the Balanced Fund's total net assets would

be invested in warrants which are not listed on the New York or American Stock Exchanges, except for warrants included in units or attached to other securities; and

13. Buy or sell commodities or commodity contracts, or real estate or interests in real estate, although it may purchase and sell securities that are secured by real estate and securities of companies that invest or deal in real estate. It may buy or sell futures contracts or options thereon for hedging purposes as described in the Fund's prospectus.

14. Invest more than 25% of the value of its total assets in any one industry or group of related industries.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Fund's concentration policy does not apply to "U.S. Government securities and cash items," as such terms are used in section 3 of the 1940 Act, because they are not considered to be in any industry.

<sup>2</sup> "Pledging" of assets involves the offering of assets of the Fund as collateral for a loan.

<sup>3</sup> In general, the limits of Section 18(f) of the 1940 Act restrict an investment company to borrowing no more than an amount equal to 33 1/3% of its assets at any time, subject to an exception under Section 18(g) of the 1940 Act for loans for temporary purposes only (to be repaid in 60 days and not extended or renewed) and in an amount not exceeding 5% of the value of the total assets of the issuer at the time when the loan is made.

<sup>4</sup> Currently, Section 12 prohibits a mutual fund, subject to certain exceptions, from acquiring securities of other investment companies if, as a result of such acquisition, (a) such mutual fund owns more than 3% of the total voting stock of the company; (b) securities issued by any one investment company represent more than 5% of the total assets of such mutual fund; or (c) securities (other than treasury stock) issued by all investment companies represent more than 10% of the total assets of such mutual fund.

<sup>5</sup> With respect to the above fundamental investment restriction regarding concentration, (i) securities of the U.S. government (including its agencies and instrumentalities), tax-exempt securities of state or municipal governments and their political subdivisions and investments in other registered investment companies are not considered to be issued by members of any industry (although the Balanced Fund will consider a registered investment company's underlying securities in applying its concentration policy), (ii) if the Balanced Fund invests in a revenue bond tied to a particular industry, the Balanced Fund will consider such investment to be issued by a member of the industry to which the revenue bond is tied, and (iii) in the case of loan participations where the Balanced Fund is not in a direct debtor/creditor relationship with the borrower, both the financial intermediary and the ultimate borrower are considered issuers.

## **SMALL-CAP VALUE FUND**

The Small-Cap Value Fund is subject to the following investment restrictions that are fundamental policies that cannot be changed without the approval of the holders of a "majority" (as defined by the 1940 Act) of the Fund's outstanding securities. The Small-Cap Value Fund may not:

1(a). With respect to 75% of its total assets, the Fund may not: (i) purchase more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of any one issuer; or (ii) purchase securities of any issuer if, as a result, more than 5% of the Fund's total assets would be invested in that issuer's securities. This limitation does not apply to obligations of the United States Government, its agencies, or instrumentalities; 1(b). Additionally, the Fund will limit the aggregate value of holdings of a single issuer to a maximum of 25% of the Fund's total assets;<sup>1</sup>

2. Purchase securities on margin (but the Small-Cap Value Fund may obtain such short-term credits as may be necessary for the clearance of transactions);

3. Issue senior securities, borrow money or pledge its assets<sup>2</sup> except as permitted by the 1940 Act (*e.g.*, the Small-Cap Value Fund may not issue a senior security except as permitted under Section 18(f) of the 1940 Act, which permits the Small-Cap Value Fund to, among other things, borrow money from a bank, provided that immediately after any such borrowing there is asset coverage of at least 300% for all of the Small-Cap Value Fund's borrowings);<sup>3</sup>

4. Purchase any security if as a result the Small-Cap Value Fund would then have 5% or more of its total assets (taken at current value) invested in securities of companies (including predecessors) less than three years old;

5. Invest in securities of any issuer if, to the knowledge of the Small-Cap Value Fund, any officer or Trustee of the Small-Cap Value Fund or officer or director of the Adviser owns more than 1/2 of 1% of the outstanding securities of such issuer, and such Trustees, officers and directors who own more than 1/2 of 1% own in the aggregate more than 5% of the outstanding securities of such issuer;
6. Act as underwriter except to the extent that, in connection with the disposition of portfolio securities, it may be deemed to be an underwriter under certain federal securities laws;
7. Make investments for the purpose of exercising control or management;
8. Participate on a joint, or joint and several, basis in any trading account in securities;
9. Invest in securities of other registered investment companies<sup>4</sup>;
10. Invest in interests in oil, gas or other mineral exploration or development programs, although it may invest in the common stocks of companies which invest in or sponsor such programs;
11. Make loans, except through repurchase agreements;
12. Purchase warrants if as a result the Small-Cap Value Fund would then have 5% or more of its total net assets (taken at the lower of cost or current value) invested in warrants, or if 2% or more of the value of the Small-Cap Value Fund's total net assets would be invested in warrants which are not listed on the New York or American Stock Exchanges, except for warrants included in units or attached to other securities;
13. Buy or sell commodities or commodity contracts, or real estate or interests in real estate, although it may purchase and sell securities which are secured by real estate and securities of companies which invest or deal in real estate. It may buy or sell futures contracts or options thereon for hedging purposes as described in the Small-Cap Value Fund's prospectus.
14. Invest more than 25% of the value of its total assets in any one industry or group of related industries.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Fund's concentration policy does not apply to "U.S. Government securities and cash items," as such terms are used in section 3 of the 1940 Act, because they are not considered to be in any industry.

<sup>2</sup> "Pledging" of assets involves the offering of assets of the Fund as collateral for a loan.

<sup>3</sup> In general, the limits of Section 18(f) of the 1940 Act restrict an investment company to borrowing no more than an amount equal to 33 1/3% of its assets at any time, subject to an exception under Section 18(g) of the 1940 Act for loans for temporary purposes only (to be repaid in 60 days and not extended or renewed) and in an amount not exceeding 5% of the value of the total assets of the issuer at the time when the loan is made.

<sup>4</sup> Currently, Section 12 prohibits a mutual fund, subject to certain exceptions, from acquiring securities of other investment companies if, as a result of such acquisition, (a) such mutual fund owns more than 3% of the total voting stock of the company; (b) securities issued by any one investment company represent more than 5% of the total assets of such mutual fund; or (c) securities (other than treasury stock) issued by all investment companies represent more than 10% of the total assets of such mutual fund.

<sup>5</sup> With respect to the above fundamental investment restriction regarding concentration, (i) securities of the U.S. government (including its agencies and instrumentalities), tax-exempt securities of state or municipal governments and their political subdivisions and investments in other registered investment companies are not considered to be issued by members of any industry (although the Small-Cap Value Fund will consider a registered investment company's underlying securities in applying its concentration policy), (ii) if the Small-Cap Value Fund invests in a revenue bond tied to a particular industry, the Small-Cap Value Fund will consider such investment to be issued by a member of the industry to which the revenue bond is tied, and (iii) in the case of loan participations where the Small-Cap Value Fund is not in a direct debtor/creditor relationship with the borrower, both the financial intermediary and the ultimate borrower are considered issuers.

## **LARGE/MID-CAP VALUE FUND**

The Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund is subject to the following fundamental investment limitations, which cannot be changed without the approval of the holders of a "majority" (as defined by 1940 Act) of the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund's shares.

1. The Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund may not borrow money, except for temporary or emergency purposes in an amount not exceeding 33% of the Fund's net assets. The Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund may borrow money through banks or reverse repurchase agreements only, and must comply with all applicable regulatory conditions;<sup>1</sup>
2. The Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund may not invest in commodities, except that it may invest in bond or stock index futures contracts, bond or stock options and options on bond or stock index futures contracts;
3. With respect to 75% of its total assets, the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund may not: (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 Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund's total assets would be invested in that issuer's securities. This limitation does not apply to obligations of the U.S. government, its agencies, or instrumentalities. Additionally, the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund will limit the aggregate value of holdings of a single issuer (except U.S. government and cash items, as defined in the 1940 Act<sup>2</sup>) to a maximum of 25% of the Fund's total assets;
4. The Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund may not invest 25% or more of its total assets in any one industry;
5. The Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund may not lend money to any person except by purchasing fixed income securities that are publicly distributed, lending its portfolio securities or through repurchase agreements;
6. The Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund may not invest directly in real estate, although it may invest in securities of companies that deal in real estate and bonds secured by real estate;
7. The Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund may not issue senior securities, except in compliance with the 1940 Act (e.g., the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund may not issue a senior security except as permitted under Section 18(f) of the 1940 Act, which permits the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund to, among other things, borrow money from a bank, provided that immediately after any such borrowing there is asset coverage of at least 300% for all of the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund's borrowings<sup>3</sup>); and
8. The Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund may not engage in the business of underwriting securities issued by other persons. The Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund will not be considered an underwriter when disposing of its investment securities.

The following Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund limitations are *non-fundamental* and, therefore are subject to change at the discretion of the Fund's Board of Trustees:

1. The Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund may not invest in a company for purposes of controlling its management;
2. The Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund may not invest in any other investment company, except through a merger, consolidation or acquisition of assets, or to the extent permitted by Section 12 of the 1940 Act.<sup>4</sup> Investment companies whose shares the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund acquires pursuant to Section 12 must have investment objectives and investment policies consistent with those of the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund;
3. The Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund may not purchase securities on margin or sell securities short, except as permitted by the Fund's investment policies relating to commodities; and
4. The Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund may not pledge, mortgage or hypothecate 15% or more of its net assets. The Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund will not pledge its assets unless immediately after such pledge the Fund maintains an asset coverage of 300%.

<sup>1</sup> The Fund's borrowing of money or the entry into reverse repurchase agreements are subject to the 300% asset coverage limits of Section 18(f)(1) of the 1940 Act, as reflected in fundamental limitation #7. With respect to reverse repurchase agreements, regulatory requirements may be satisfied by segregating assets on the Fund's books, or otherwise covering the Fund's obligations under the reverse repurchase agreements, consistent with guidance from the Securities and Exchange Commission and staff guidance.

<sup>2</sup> The Fund's restriction on investing more than 25% in an issuer does not apply to 'U.S. Government securities and cash items,' as such terms are used in section 3 of the 1940 Act.

<sup>3</sup> In general, the limits of Section 18(f) of the 1940 Act restrict an investment company to borrowing no more than an amount equal to 33 1/3% of its assets at any time, subject to an exception under Section 18(g) of the 1940 Act

for loans for temporary purposes only (to be repaid in 60 days and not extended or renewed) and in an amount not exceeding 5% of the value of the total assets of the issuer at the time when the loan is made.

<sup>4</sup> Currently, Section 12 prohibits a mutual fund, subject to certain exceptions, from acquiring securities of other investment companies if, as a result of such acquisition, (a) such mutual fund owns more than 3% of the total voting stock of the company; (b) securities issued by any one investment company represent more than 5% of the total assets of such mutual fund; or (c) securities (other than treasury stock) issued by all investment companies represent more than 10% of the total assets of such mutual fund.

## **DISCLOSURE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS**

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The Board of Trustees of the Trust has adopted policies to govern the circumstances under which disclosure regarding securities held by each Fund and disclosure of purchases and sales of such securities may be made to shareholders of each Fund or other persons. These policies include the following:

- Public disclosure regarding a Fund's portfolio securities is made periodically through the Fund's Form N-Q, N-CEN, N-PORT and Semi-Annual and Annual Reports (collectively, the "Official Reports"). Other than the Official Reports, shareholders and other persons generally may not be provided with information regarding portfolio securities held, purchased or sold by a Fund.
- Notwithstanding the foregoing, information regarding portfolio securities, and other information regarding the investment activities of a Fund, may be disclosed to rating and ranking organizations for use in connection with their rating or ranking of the Funds. In addition, the Trust's policy relating to disclosure of the Funds' holdings of portfolio securities does not prohibit: (i) disclosure of information to each Fund's investment adviser or to other Fund service providers, including but not limited to the Fund's administrator, distributor, custodian, legal counsel (Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP), auditors and financial printers; or (ii) disclosure of holdings of or transactions in portfolio securities by a Fund that is made on the same basis to all Fund shareholders. In accordance with the foregoing, the Funds share non-public information about their portfolio securities on a current basis with the Funds' custodian, administrator, distributor and transfer agent in connection with ongoing service relationships. In addition, the Funds share non-public information about their portfolio securities with Morningstar<sup>®</sup>, as a rating and ranking organization. The Funds anticipate that disclosures to Morningstar<sup>®</sup> will be made in response to inquiries for information on quarter-end portfolio holdings 5-10 days after the end of a calendar quarter.
- Any arrangements to disclose information about a Fund's portfolio securities before public disclosure require the approval of the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO") (as of March 31, 2019, the Funds do not have any such arrangements other than those disclosed above). In determining whether to approve such an arrangement, the CCO shall consider, among other things, the information to be disclosed, the timing of the disclosure, the intended use of the information, whether the arrangement is reasonably necessary to aid in conducting the ongoing business of a Fund, and whether the arrangement will adversely affect the Trust, a Fund or a Fund's shareholders. The Board of Trustees exercises its oversight of disclosure of information regarding portfolio securities by requiring the CCO to inform the Board of Trustees of any special portfolio holdings disclosure arrangements that are approved by the CCO, and the rationale supporting approval.
- Exemptions to this policy may be granted if the CCO concludes (based on a consideration of the information to be disclosed, the timing of the disclosure, the intended use of the information and other relevant factors) that the arrangement is reasonably necessary to aid in conducting the ongoing business of the Fund and is unlikely to affect adversely the Fund, the portfolio or shareholders of the Fund. The CCO shall inform the Trustees of any such arrangements and the rationale supporting such approval.
- Neither the Trust's Adviser, nor the Trust (or any affiliated person, employee, officer, trustee or director of the Adviser or the Trust) may receive any direct or indirect compensation in consideration of the disclosure of information relating to portfolio securities held, purchased or sold by a Fund.
- The Funds will seek to obtain from third parties written confidentiality agreements, including a duty not to trade on non-public information. If the Funds do not obtain a confidentiality agreement from a given third party, shareholders may be subject to the risk that the third parties will use the non-public information in a manner inconsistent with the best interests of the Funds and their shareholders.

Adviser employees who are access persons under the Trust’s and Adviser’s Codes of Ethics have access to the Funds’ portfolio holdings on a regular basis. The Codes of Ethics prohibit use or dissemination of such information by such persons for unlawful purposes, including insider trading. Compliance with the Codes of Ethics is monitored regularly and reports are provided quarterly to the Board of Trustees.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, there is no guarantee that the Funds’ policies on use and dissemination of holdings information will protect the Funds from the potential misuse of information regarding portfolio securities by individuals or firms in possession of such information.

## MANAGEMENT

The Board of Trustees (the “Board” or “Trustees”) of the Trust supervises the operations of each Fund according to applicable state and federal law and is responsible for the overall management of the Funds’ business affairs. The Trustees, in turn, elect the officers of the Funds to actively supervise their day-to-day operations.

**Officers and Interested Trustees:** The following table sets forth certain information about the Trust’s Officers as well as members of the Board who are affiliated with the Adviser and are therefore “interested persons” of the Trust as that term is defined in the 1940 Act:

<b>Name Address Age</b>	<b>Position with Trust, Term of Office and Tenure</b>	<b>Number of Funds in Complex Overseen by Trustee</b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s) during past 5 years</b>	<b>Other Trusteeships/ Directorships by Trustee during past 5 years</b>
<b>Thomas E. Quinn<sup>1</sup></b> The Peachtree, Suite 1700 1355 Peachtree St. NE Atlanta, GA 30309 Born: 1945	Trustee, Chairman of the Board, President, Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer since 1992	3	Chief Executive Officer, CornerCap Investment Counsel; Vice-Chairman, Church Investment Group (non-profit) (2013-present).	None
<b>Richard T. Bean</b> The Peachtree, Suite 1700 1355 Peachtree St. NE Atlanta GA 30309 Born: 1962	Vice President of the Funds since 1996	n/a	Vice President of the Funds and Portfolio Manager, CornerCap Investment Counsel.	n/a
<b>John A. Hackney</b> The Peachtree, Suite 1700 1355 Peachtree St. NE Atlanta, GA 30309 Born: 1966	Chief Compliance Officer since 2004 and Secretary of the Funds since 1999	n/a	Chief Compliance Officer, CornerCap Investment Counsel.	Chief Compliance Officer, Church Investment Group (non-profit)
<b>J. Cannon Carr, Jr.</b> The Peachtree, Suite 1700 1355 Peachtree St. NE Atlanta, GA 30309 Born: 1967	Vice President of the Funds since 2019	n/a	Chief Investment Officer, CornerCap Investment Counsel.	n/a

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Quinn is an “interested person” of the Trust because he is a shareholder and the Chief Executive Officer of the Adviser, and an officer of the Trust.

**Independent Trustees:** The following table sets forth certain information about those members of the Board who are not “interested persons” of the Trust as that term is defined in the 1940 Act (“Independent Trustees”):

Name Address <sup>1</sup> Age	Position with Trust, Term of Office and Tenure	Number of Funds in Complex Overseen by Trustee	Principal Occupation(s) during past 5 years	Other Trusteeships/ Directorships by Trustee during past 5 years
Richard L. Boger Born: 1946	Trustee since 1992	3	President & CEO, Lex-Tek International, Inc. (a financial services and software consulting company), (1991-present); Managing Trustee, Boger-Owen FNDN (2012-present); Business Manager, Owen Holdings, LLLP (2003-2013), Heathland Holdings, LLP, and General Partner, Shawnee Meadow Holdings, LLLP (real estate and related companies) (2004-present).	Director, Gray Television, Inc., since 1991.
Laurin M. McSwain Born: 1951	Trustee since 1994	3	Attorney, Lefkoff, Duncan, Grimes, McSwain & Hass (2003- present).	None
Leslie W. Gates Born: 1955	Trustee since 2006	3	Retired, 2005. Partner, Williams Benator & Libby, LLP (CPA Firm) (1989-2004).	None
G. Harry Durity Born: 1946	Trustee – 1992-2004, since 2010	3	Senior Advisor, Consultant, New Mountain Capital, LLC (asset management company) (2005-present); Director Overland Solutions, Inc. (audit services) (2009-2014); Director, Alexander Mann Solutions (Private Company) (2014-present).	Former Director, National Medical Health Card; Former Director, WebSite Pros, Inc.

<sup>1</sup>Each Independent Trustee may be contacted by writing to the Trustee c/o CornerCap Group of Funds, P.O. Box 588, Portland, ME 04112.

## LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE AND RISK OVERSIGHT

### Board Structure

The Trust’s Board includes four Independent Trustees and one “interested person,” Mr. Quinn, who is the Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Financial Officer of the Trust and Chief Executive Officer of the Adviser. The Board has established two standing committees, an Audit Committee and a Proxy Voting Committee, which are comprised entirely of

the Independent Trustees. Information regarding these committees is set forth below. The Board does not have a single lead Independent Trustee, although one of the Independent Trustees serves as Chairman of the Audit Committee. 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. The Board has not appointed an independent Trustee to serve as lead independent Trustee because, among other things, the Board's current and historical small size and the small number of funds in the Trust (three) permit Trust management to communicate with each Independent Trustee as and when needed, and permit each Independent Trustee to be involved in each committee of the Board (each a "Committee") as well as each Board function. The Board may consider appointing an independent Chairman or a lead independent Trustee in the future, particularly if the Board's size or the Trust's complexity materially increases.

### **Risk Oversight**

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 meetings each year to consider and address matters involving the Trust and the Funds. During these meetings, the Board receives reports from Trust management, the Fund's administrator, transfer agent and distributor, and the Trust's Secretary and CCO, John A. Hackney, on regular quarterly items and, where appropriate and as needed, on specific issues. As part of its oversight function, the Board also may hold special meetings or communicate directly with Trust management or the CCO to address matters arising between regular meetings. The Audit Committee also meets with the Trust's independent auditor on an annual basis, to discuss, among other things, the internal control structure of the Trust's financial reporting function. The Board has established a committee structure that includes an Audit Committee and a Proxy Voting Committee (discussed in more detail below). Each Committee is comprised entirely of Independent Trustees. In addition, the Board has adopted policies and procedures for the Trust to help detect and prevent and correct violations of the federal securities laws.

### **Qualification of Trustees**

The Board has considered each Trustee's experience, qualifications, attributes and skills in light of the Board's function and the Trust's business and structure, and has determined that each Trustee possesses experience, qualifications, attributes and skills that enable the Trustee to be an effective member of the Board. The Trust believes that each of the Trustees has the appropriate experience, qualifications, attributes and skills (collectively "Trustee Attributes") to continue to serve as a trustee to the Trust in light of the Trust's business and structure. Among the Trustee Attributes common to each of the Trustees are their ability to evaluate, question and discuss information about the Funds; to interact effectively with the other Trustees, Trust management, the CCO and Trust third-party service providers, legal counsel and the independent registered public accounting firm; and to exercise business judgment in the performance of their duties as Trustees. Four of the Trustees have also served on the Board for twenty years or more, and one of the Trustees has served on the Board for thirteen years. In their service to the Trust over the years, these Trustees have gained substantial mutual fund board experience and insight as to the operations of the Trust.

In addition, each of the Trustees have the following additional experience: Mr. Quinn has been Chief Executive Officer of the Adviser since 1989. Mr. Boger has experience as business leader in different industries, including his roles as President and Chief Executive Officer of a trade finance and trade credit insurance services and software provider and general partner in various real estate and related companies. In addition, he serves as a director of a communications company. Mr. McSwain has business experience as a partner of a law firm. Ms. Gates has business experience as a partner of a public accounting firm and is a certified public accountant (CPA). Mr. Durity has business experience as a director of an audit services company, a consultant to an asset management company and a consultant to a boutique investment banking firm.

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 COMMITTEES**

The Trustees have established the following standing committees:

Audit Committee: The Board of Trustees has established an Audit Committee, which oversees the Funds' accounting and financial reporting policies and the independent audit of its financial statements. Each Independent Trustee is a member of the Audit Committee. Mr. Boger is the Committee's Chairman. The Audit Committee meets periodically, as needed. The Audit Committee held two meetings during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019.

Proxy Voting Committee: All of the Independent Trustees are members of the Proxy Voting Committee. The Proxy Voting Committee will determine how a Fund should cast its vote, if called upon by the Board or the Adviser, when a matter with respect to which the Fund is entitled to vote presents a conflict between the interests of a Fund's shareholders, on the one hand, and those of the Fund's Adviser, principal underwriter or an affiliated person of the Fund, its Adviser, or principal underwriter, on the other hand. The Proxy Voting Committee will also review the Trust's Proxy Voting Policy and recommend any changes to the Board as it deems necessary or advisable. The Proxy Voting Committee meets only as necessary and did not meet during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019.

#### OWNERSHIP IN THE FUNDS' AFFILIATES

As of December 31, 2018, none of the Independent Trustees, nor members of their immediate families, owned securities beneficially or of record in the Adviser, the Funds' distributor or any affiliate of the Adviser or distributor.

#### TRUSTEES' OWNERSHIP OF FUND SHARES

The following table shows each Trustee's beneficial ownership of shares of the Funds, which are the only funds within the complex overseen by the Trustees. Information is provided as of December 31, 2018:

Trustee	Dollar Range of Funds' Shares Owned by Trustee	Aggregate Dollar Range of Shares of All Funds Overseen by Trustee
Thomas E. Quinn	Balanced Fund: None Small Cap Value Fund: Over \$100,000 Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund: None	Over \$100,000
Richard L. Boger	Balanced Fund: \$1-\$10,000 Small Cap Value Fund: Over \$100,000 Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund: Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
Laurin M. McSwain	Balanced Fund: \$50,001 - \$100,000 Small-Cap Value Fund: Over \$100,000 Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund: Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
Leslie W. Gates	Balanced Fund: \$10,001 - \$50,000 Small-Cap Value Fund: Over \$100,000 Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund: \$50,001-\$100,000	Over \$100,000
G. Harry Durity	Balanced Fund: None Small-Cap Value Fund: \$50,001-\$100,000 Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund: \$50,001-\$100,000	Over \$100,000

#### TRUSTEE COMPENSATION

No interested Trustee, officer, or employee of the Funds receives any compensation from the Funds for serving as an officer or Trustee of the Funds. Each Independent Trustee receives \$5,000 from the Adviser for each Trustees meeting attended in person, and \$3,000 for each Trustees meeting attended by telephone. The Trustees are paid \$1,500 per Audit Committee meeting. The Audit Committee Chairman, Mr. Boger, is paid \$3,000 per Audit Committee meeting. The following table shows the compensation received by each Trustee, and paid by the Adviser, for his or her service as a Trustee during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019.

Trustee*	Aggregate Compensation from the Funds	Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued	Estimated Annual Benefits Upon Retirement	Total Compensation for Services to the Funds
Thomas E. Quinn	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Richard L. Boger	\$26,000	\$0	\$0	\$26,000
Laurin M. McSwain	\$23,000	\$0	\$0	\$23,000
Leslie W. Gates	\$23,000	\$0	\$0	\$23,000
G. Harry Durity	\$19,000	\$0	\$0	\$19,000

\*Each of the Trustees serves as Trustee to the three Funds of the Trust.

The members of the Board of Trustees may elect to receive all or part of their compensation in shares in one or more of the Funds in lieu of cash compensation. Each member of the Board of Trustees may elect the Fund or Funds in which he or she wishes to receive such compensation.

### CODE OF ETHICS

The Trust and the Adviser have each adopted a code of ethics under Rule 17j-1 of the 1940 Act. These codes of ethics permit, subject to certain conditions, personnel of each of those entities to invest in securities that may be purchased or held by the Fund. The Distributor relies on the principal underwriters exception under Rule 17j-1(c)(3), specifically where the Distributor is not affiliated with the Trust or the Adviser, and no officer, director or general partner of the Distributor serves as an officer, director or general partner of the Trust or the Adviser.

### PROXY VOTING POLICIES

The Trust has adopted a Proxy Voting Policy used to determine how the Funds vote proxies relating to their portfolio securities. Under the Trust's Proxy Voting Policy, each Fund has, subject to the oversight of the Trust's Board of Trustees, delegated to the Fund's Adviser the following duties: (1) to make the proxy voting decisions for the Funds; and (2) to assist the Funds in disclosing their respective proxy voting record as required by the 1940 Act.

In cases where a matter with respect to which a Fund was entitled to vote presents a conflict between the interest of a Fund's shareholders, on the one hand, and those of the Fund's Adviser, principal underwriter or an affiliated person of the Fund, on the other hand, the Fund shall always vote in the best interest of the Fund's shareholders. For purposes of this Policy, a vote shall be considered in the best interest of the Fund's shareholders when a vote is cast consistent with (a) a specific voting policy as set forth in the Adviser's Proxy Voting Policy (described below), provided such specific voting policy was approved by the Board; or (b) the decision of the Trust's Proxy Voting Committee (as described above).

The Adviser has adopted a Proxy Voting Policy that it uses to vote proxies for its clients, including the Funds. A copy of this Proxy Voting Policy is set forth in Appendix B.

No later than August 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, the Funds must file a Form N-PX with the SEC. Form N-PX states how an investment company voted proxies for the prior twelve-month period ended June 30. Each Fund's proxy voting record, as set forth in its most recent Form N-PX filing, are available upon request, without charge, by calling the Fund at (888) 813-8637. This information is also available on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

### PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS

As of July 5, 2019, the Trustees and Officers of the Trust as a group owned beneficially (*i.e.* had direct or indirect voting and/or investment power) 2.06% of the then outstanding shares of the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund. The Trustees and Officers of the Trust as a group owned beneficially less than 1.00% of the Small Cap Value Fund and less than 1.00% of the Balanced Fund.

**BALANCED FUND:** As of July 5, 2019, the following persons were record or beneficial holders of approximately the percentage of outstanding shares of the Balanced Fund indicated:

Name and Address of Shareholder	% of Fund Held	Shares Held
CHARLES SCHWAB AND CO INC ATTN MUTUAL FUND DEPT 101 MONTGOMERY ST SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104-4151	59.20%	1,438,063
AMERITRADE INC FBO OUR CLIENTS P O BOX 2226 OMAHA, NE 68103-2226	7.75%	188,357

**SMALL-CAP VALUE FUND (Investor Shares):** As of July 5, 2019, the following persons were record or beneficial holders of approximately the percentage of outstanding shares of the Investor Shares of the Small-Cap Value Fund indicated:

Name and Address of Shareholder	% of Fund Held	Shares Held
<b>Investor Shares</b>		
CHARLES SCHWAB AND CO INC REINVESTMENT ACCOUNT ATTN MUTUAL FUNDS 101 MONTGOMERY ST SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104-4151	69.62%	4,491,808
AMERITRADE INC FBO OUR CLIENTS PO BOX 2226 OMAHA, NE 68103-2226	14.13%	911,776

**SMALL-CAP VALUE FUND (Institutional Shares):** As of July 5, 2019, the following persons were record or beneficial holders of approximately the percentage of outstanding shares of the Investor Shares of the Small-Cap Value Fund indicated:

Name and Address of Shareholder	% of Fund Held	Shares Held
<b>Institutional Shares</b>		
CHARLES SCHWAB AND CO INC ATTN MUTUAL FUND DEPT 101 MONTGOMERY ST SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104-4151	87.61%	2,270,424
TD AMERITRADE INC FBO OUR CUSTOMERS PO BOX 2226 OMAHA, NE 68103-2226	6.73%	174,300

**LARGE/MID-CAP VALUE FUND:** As of July 5, 2019, the following persons were record or beneficial holders of approximately the percentage of the outstanding shares of the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund indicated:

Name and Address of Shareholder	% of Fund Held	Shares Held
CHARLES SCHWAB AND CO INC SPECIAL CUSTODY A C/FBO CUSTOMERS ATTN MUTUAL FUNDS 101 MONTGOMERY ST SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104-4151	70.61%	2,021,644
TD AMERITRADE INC FBO OUR CUSTOMERS PO BOX 2226 OMAHA, NE 68103-2226	23.14%	662,515

Insofar as each Fund is aware, as of July 5, 2019, no person owned, beneficially or of record, more than 25% of the outstanding shares of any class of a Fund except for: Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. in each of the Balanced Fund, Small-Cap Value Fund – Investor Shares, Small-Cap Value Fund – Institutional Shares and Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund.

Any person owning more than 25% of the outstanding shares of a Fund may be deemed to control it. A control person is a shareholder who owns beneficially or through controlled companies more than 25% of the voting securities of a company or acknowledges the existence of control. Shareholders owning securities in excess of 25% may determine the outcome of any matter affecting and voted on by shareholders of the Fund. Each of the persons named above is believed to hold its shares of the Funds of record, as nominee for the benefit of its clients.

#### **ADVISORY AND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENTS**

Reference is made to “Management—Investment Adviser” and “Management—Portfolio Management” in the Prospectus for certain information concerning the management and advisory arrangements of the Funds.

**ADVISORY AND OPERATIONS SERVICES AGREEMENTS:** The Adviser has entered into an Investment Advisory Agreement with each Fund to provide investment management services to the Fund (the “Advisory Agreements”). In addition to the Advisory Agreements, the Adviser has entered into an Administrative Services Agreement with each Fund to provide, or make arrangements for the provision of, virtually all day-to-day operational services to the Fund (the “Services Agreements”).

The Adviser was organized as a Georgia corporation and registered with the SEC as an investment adviser in 1989. The Adviser is controlled by Thomas E. Quinn as a majority owner and as Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Quinn also serves as a Trustee and as Chairman of the Board, President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Trust and, therefore, is an interested person as defined in the 1940 Act. The Adviser’s offices are located at The Peachtree, Suite 1700, 1355 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA 30309.

As explained in the Prospectus, the terms of the Advisory Agreements and the Services Agreements empower the Adviser, subject to the Board of Trustees of the Trust, to manage each respective Fund’s assets and provide or arrange for the provision of operational and other administrative services for the day-to-day operation of each respective Fund. Each of the Funds pays the Adviser for the services performed under its respective Advisory Agreement a monthly fee at the annual rate of 0.90% of the Fund’s average daily net assets. Under the Services Agreements, the Funds pay the Adviser a monthly fee at the following annual rates of each Fund’s average daily net assets: 0.30% for the Balanced Fund, 0.40% for the Investor shares and 0.10% for the Institutional shares of the Small-Cap Value Fund and 0.40% for the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund. Accordingly, total expenses for each of the Balanced Fund, the Small-Cap Value Fund and the Large/Mid-Cap Fund, excepting taxes, interest, brokerage fees and commissions, acquired fund fees and expenses and extraordinary expenses, equals an annual rate of 1.20%, 1.30% and 1.30% of the daily net asset value (“NAV”) of the respective Fund.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Adviser has contractually agreed to waive fees and reimburse the Balanced Fund, Investor Shares of the Small-Cap Value Fund and the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund for “Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses” (exclusive of taxes, interest, brokerage fees and commissions, acquired fund fees and expenses, and extraordinary expenses) that exceed 1.00%, 1.30% and 1.00%, respectively, through August 1, 2020.

**ADVISORY AGREEMENTS:** Each Fund has entered into a separate Amended and Restated Investment Advisory Agreement dated May 31, 2007, as amended, with the Adviser. Each of the Funds pays the Adviser for the services performed under its respective Advisory Agreement a monthly fee at the annual rate of 0.90% of each Fund’s average daily net assets. Each Advisory Agreement also provides that in the event the expenses of the Fund (including the fees of the Adviser and amortization of organization expenses but excluding interest, taxes, brokerage commissions and extraordinary expenses) for any fiscal year exceed the limit set by applicable regulations of a state securities commission, the Adviser will reduce its fee to each Fund by the amount of such excess up to the full amount of the Adviser’s annual fee. Any such reductions are accrued and paid in the same manner as the Adviser’s fee and are subject to readjustment during the year. During the fiscal years ended March 31, 2017, 2018 and 2019, the Balanced Fund, the Small-Cap Value Fund, and the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund paid the following Gross and Net Advisor Fees:

<b>Year Ended March 31, 2019</b>			
	<b>Gross Advisor Fees</b>	<b>Waiver of Fees</b>	<b>Net Advisor Fees</b>
Balanced Fund	\$320,374	\$(71,195)	\$249,179
Small-Cap Value Fund	\$1,123,816	—	1,123,816
Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund	\$311,590	\$(103,864)	\$207,726
<b>Year Ended March 31, 2018</b>			
	<b>Gross Advisor Fees</b>	<b>Waiver of Fees</b>	<b>Net Advisor Fees</b>
Balanced Fund	\$311,603	\$(69,246)	\$242,357
Small-Cap Value Fund	\$1,021,170	—	\$1,021,170
Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund	\$254,306	\$(84,769)	\$169,537

Year Ended March 31, 2017			
	Gross Adviser Fees	Waiver of Fees	Net Adviser Fees
Balanced Fund	\$248,472	\$(55,216)	\$193,256
Small-Cap Value Fund	\$956,983	—	\$956,983
Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund	\$172,713	\$(57,571)	\$115,142

Unless earlier terminated, each Advisory Agreement will remain in effect from year to year if approved annually (a) by the Board of Trustees of the Trust or by a majority of the outstanding shares of the applicable Fund; and (b) by a majority of the Trustees who are not parties to such contract or interested persons (as defined in the 1940 Act) of any such party. Each Advisory Agreement terminates automatically upon assignment and may be terminated without penalty on sixty (60) days' written notice at the option of either party thereto or by the vote of the shareholders of the applicable Fund.

The Advisory Agreements also provide that the Adviser shall not be liable to the Funds for any error of judgment by the Adviser or for any loss sustained by the Funds except in the case of a breach of fiduciary duty with respect to the receipt of compensation for services (in which case any award of damages will be limited as provided in the 1940 Act) or of willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of duty.

**SERVICES AGREEMENTS:** Each Fund pays the Adviser for the services performed under its respective Services Agreement. Under the Services Agreements, the Adviser provides day-to-day operational services to the Funds. The Balanced Fund pays the Adviser a monthly fee at the annual rate of 0.30% of the Fund's average daily net assets. The Small-Cap Value Fund pays the Adviser a monthly fee at an annual rate of 0.40% of the Fund's average daily net assets with respect to Investor Shares and 0.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets with respect to Institutional Shares. The Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund pays the Adviser a monthly fee at an annual rate of 0.40% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

Under their respective Services Agreements, each Fund and the Adviser have entered into several agreements with third-party providers to provide, among other services, accounting, administrative, dividend disbursing, transfer agent, registrar, custodial, shareholder reporting, sub-accounting and recordkeeping services to the Funds. None of the Funds is obligated to pay any expenses or fees under any of these third-party agreements, as those expenses or fees are paid by the Adviser from the fees the Adviser receives from the Funds pursuant to the Services Agreement.

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019, the Balanced Fund, Small-Cap Value Fund and Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund paid \$106,792, \$387,449 and \$138,485, respectively in fees to the Adviser pursuant to the Services Agreement. For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018, the Balanced Fund, Small-Cap Value Fund and Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund paid \$103,868, \$356,883 and \$113,025, respectively in fees to the Adviser pursuant to the Services Agreement. For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017, the Balanced Fund, Small-Cap Value Fund and Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund paid \$82,824, \$338,922 and \$76,762, respectively in fees to the Adviser pursuant to the Services Agreement then in effect.

**ADMINISTRATOR, FUND ACCOUNTANT, TRANSFER AGENT, AND COMPLIANCE SERVICES:** Atlantic Fund Administration, LLC (d/b/a Atlantic Fund Services) ("Atlantic"), located at Three Canal Plaza, Portland, Maine 04101, and its subsidiaries provide administration and fund accounting services to the Funds.

Atlantic Shareholder Services, LLC ("Atlantic TA"), with principal offices at Three Canal Plaza, Portland, Maine 04101, provides transfer agency services to the Funds pursuant to the Atlantic Services Agreement. Atlantic is a wholly owned subsidiary of Apex US Holdings LLC.

Pursuant to the particular Services Agreement, the Adviser pays Atlantic and Atlantic TA a bundled fee for administration, fund accounting and transfer agency services. The Adviser also pays Atlantic TA certain surcharges and shareholder account fees. The fee is accrued daily by the Funds and are paid monthly based on the average net assets, transactions and positions for the prior month.

The Atlantic Services Agreement continues in effect until terminated, so long as its continuance is specifically approved or ratified with such frequency and in such manner as required by applicable law. After an initial three-year term, the Atlantic Services Agreement is terminable with or without cause and without penalty by the Trust or by the Administrator on 90 days' written notice to the other party. The Atlantic Services Agreement is also terminable for cause by the non-breaching party on at least 60 days' written notice to the other party, provided that such party has not cured the breach within that notice period. Under the Atlantic Services Agreement, Atlantic is not liable to the Fund or the Fund's shareholders for any

act or omission, except for willful misfeasance, bad faith or negligence in the performance of its duties or by reason of reckless disregard of its obligations and duties under the Atlantic Services Agreement. The Atlantic Services Agreement also provides that Atlantic will not be liable to a shareholder for any loss incurred due to a NAV difference if such difference is less than or equal to \$0.01, and in addition, limits the amount of any loss for which Atlantic would be liable.

As Administrator, Atlantic administers the Funds' operations except those that are the responsibility of any other service provider hired by the Trust, all in such manner and to such extent as may be authorized by the Board. The Administrator's responsibilities include, but are not limited to: (1) overseeing the performance of administrative and professional services rendered to the Funds by others, including its custodian, transfer agent and dividend disbursing agent as well as legal, auditing, shareholder servicing and other services performed for the Funds; (2) preparing for filing and filing certain regulatory filings (*i.e.*, registration statements and shareholder reports) subject to Trust counsel and/or independent auditor oversight; (3) overseeing the preparation and filing of the Funds' tax returns, the preparation of financial statements and related reports to the Funds' shareholders, the SEC and state and other securities administrators; (4) providing the Funds with adequate general office space and facilities; (5) assisting the Adviser in monitoring Funds holdings for compliance with prospectus investment restrictions and assisting in preparation of periodic compliance reports; and (6) with the cooperation of the Adviser, the officers of the Trust and other relevant parties, preparing and disseminating materials for meetings of the Board.

Atlantic TA serves as transfer agent and distribution paying agent for the Funds, effective April 13, 2015. Atlantic is registered as a transfer agent with the SEC. Atlantic TA maintains an account for each shareholder of record of the Funds and is responsible for processing purchase and redemption requests and paying distributions to shareholders of record.

As Fund Accountant, Atlantic provides fund accounting services to the Funds. These services include calculating the NAV of each Fund class.

**CUSTODIAN:** UMB Bank, N.A., 985 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64105, acts as the Funds' custodian ("the Custodian"). As Custodian, UMB Bank is responsible for keeping the Funds' assets in safekeeping and to collect income.

**INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM:** Cohen & Company, Ltd., serves as the Funds' independent registered public accounting firm, performing an annual audit of the Funds' accounts, assisting in the preparation of certain reports to the SEC, and review of the Funds' tax returns.

**DISTRIBUTION SERVICES:** Foreside Fund Services, LLC (the "Distributor"), located at Three Canal Plaza, Suite 100, Portland, Maine 04101, is the Distributor (also known as principal underwriter) of the shares of the Funds. The Distributor is a registered broker-dealer and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA").

Under a Distribution Agreement with the Trust dated April 13, 2015, the Distributor acts as the agent of the Trust in connection with the continuous offering of shares of the Funds. The Distributor continually distributes shares of the Funds on a best efforts basis. The Distributor has no obligation to sell any specific quantity of Fund shares. The Distributor and its officers have no role in determining the investment policies or which securities are to be purchased or sold by the Trust.

The Distributor does not receive compensation from the Funds for its distribution services except the distribution/service fees with respect to the shares of those classes for which a Rule 12b-1 plan is effective, as applicable. The Adviser pays the Distributor a fee for certain distribution-related services.

The Distributor may enter into agreements with selected broker-dealers, banks or other financial intermediaries for distribution of shares of the Funds. With respect to certain financial intermediaries and related fund "supermarket" platform arrangements, the Funds and/or the Adviser, rather than the Distributor, typically enter into such agreements. These financial intermediaries may charge a fee for their services and may receive shareholder service or other fees from parties other than the Distributor. These financial intermediaries may otherwise act as processing agents and are responsible for promptly transmitting purchase, redemption and other requests to the Funds.

**SECURITIES LENDING AGENT:** The Board of Trustees has approved the Large/Mid Cap Value Fund's participation in a securities lending program and have approved Bank of Montreal to serve as securities lending agent for the Large/Mid Cap Value Fund. In that role, Bank of Montreal will administer the Large/Mid Cap Value Fund's securities lending program pursuant to the terms of a Securities Lending Agreement entered into between the Trust and Bank of Montreal.

As securities lending agent, Bank of Montreal is responsible for marketing to approved borrowers available securities from the Large/Mid Cap Value Fund's portfolio. U.S. Bank, N.A. is responsible for the administration and management

of the Large/Mid Cap Value Fund’s securities lending program, including the preparation and execution of a participant agreement with each borrower governing the terms and conditions of any securities loan, ensuring that securities loans are properly coordinated and documented with the Large/Mid Cap Value Fund’s custodian, ensuring that loaned securities are daily valued and that the corresponding required cash collateral of at least 102% of the current market value of the loaned securities is delivered by the borrower(s), using best efforts to obtain additional collateral on the next business day if the value of the collateral falls below the required amount, and arranging for the investment of cash collateral received from borrowers in accordance with the Large/Mid Cap Value Fund’s investment guidelines.

The Large/Mid Cap Value Fund has no income to report from securities lending activities because the Large/Mid Cap Value Fund’s securities lending program had not commenced operations prior to the date of this SAI.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Mr. Thomas E. Quinn, Mr. J. Cannon Carr, Jr, and Mr. Jeffrey Moeller are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day portfolio management of the Balanced Fund, Small-Cap Value Fund and the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund.

**OTHER ACCOUNTS MANAGED AS OF March 31, 2019:**

	<b>Registered Investment Companies</b>	<b>Other Pooled Investment Vehicles</b>	<b>Other Accounts</b>
Thomas E. Quinn	None	None	None
J. Cannon Carr, Jr.	None	None	10 accounts \$20.7 million
Jeffrey P. Moeller	None	None	79 accounts \$187.1 million

As of March 31, 2019, no portfolio manager managed any accounts that charge a performance fee.

**POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Actual or apparent conflicts of interest may arise when a portfolio manager has day-to-day management responsibilities with respect to more than one fund or other account (each an “Account” and collectively “Accounts”).

In general, Accounts managed by the Adviser focus on the same or a similar investment discipline, so that the Accounts are managed in the same or a similar way and hold many of the same securities at the same time. Nevertheless, the management of multiple Accounts may give rise to potential conflicts of interest to the extent the Accounts have different objectives, strategies, benchmarks, time horizons, tax considerations, fees or client restrictions, as Mr. Quinn, Mr. Carr, and Mr. Moeller must allocate time and investment ideas across these different Accounts. The management of multiple Accounts may also give rise to potential conflicts of interest as Mr. Quinn, Mr. Carr, and Mr. Moeller will devote unequal time and attention to the management of different Accounts, either due to the differences among the Accounts listed above, or due to particular concerns or issues that may arise from time to time with one or more Accounts.

Because Accounts may have different objectives, strategies, benchmarks, time horizons, tax considerations, fees or client restrictions, there may be times when different Accounts hold different securities. These conditions may give rise to potential conflicts of interest to the extent Mr. Quinn, Mr. Carr, and Mr. Moeller direct transactions for one Account that may adversely impact the value of securities held by another Account. Securities selected for Accounts other than the Funds may outperform the securities selected for the Funds from time to time.

With respect to securities transactions for the Funds, the Adviser determines or will determine (as applicable) the broker that executes or will execute each order, which determinations shall be made consistent with the duty to seek best execution of the transaction. The Adviser has adopted a policy that is designed to address conflicts of interests with respect to “bunched trades,” in the same security for the same Accounts on the same day.

Although Mr. Quinn, Mr. Carr, and Mr. Moeller generally do not trade securities in their personal accounts, the Adviser and the Funds have adopted codes of ethics that, among other things, permit personal trading by employees (including the Adviser’s portfolio managers) where it has been determined that such trades would not adversely impact client accounts. Nevertheless, the management of personal accounts may give rise to potential conflicts of interest, and there is no assurance that these codes of ethics will adequately address such conflicts.

In general, the Adviser does not invest Accounts in private placements, initial public offerings or similar limited investment opportunities. However, to the extent that Mr. Quinn, Mr. Carr, or Mr. Moeller recommends a limited investment opportunity for multiple Accounts, the Adviser has adopted a policy to allocate such limited opportunities pro rata based on account size, available cash or any other method determined to be fair by the Adviser; provided, however, that the Adviser may determine a minimum amount that accounts must be able to purchase to participate.

**COMPENSATION:** The salaries of Mr. Quinn, Mr. Carr, and Mr. Moeller are fixed cash salaries paid on a monthly basis by the Adviser. Each of Mr. Quinn, Mr. Carr, and Mr. Moeller is eligible to participate in the Adviser's retirement plan arrangements. The portfolio managers' compensation is not linked to any specific factors, such as the Funds' performance or asset levels, although positive performance and growth in managed assets are factors that may contribute to the profits and overall revenue growth of the Adviser. Mr. Quinn, as the majority owner of the Adviser, and Mr. Carr and Mr. Moeller, as minority owners, participate in the profits of the Adviser after all expenses are paid. Since profits are expected to increase as assets increase, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Carr, and Mr. Moeller are expected to receive increased profits through their ownership of the Adviser as Account assets (including, without limitation, the assets of the Funds) increase.

#### **OWNERSHIP OF FUND SHARES AS OF MARCH 31, 2018**

The dollar range of the shares of each Fund beneficially owned by Mr. Quinn is as follows:

Balanced Fund: None  
Small-Cap Value Fund: Over \$100,000  
Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund: None

The dollar range of the shares of each Fund beneficially owned by Mr. Carr is as follows:

Balanced Fund: None  
Small-Cap Value Fund: \$100,001 - \$500,000  
Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund: \$100,001 - \$500,000

The dollar range of the shares of each Fund beneficially owned by Mr. Moeller is as follows:

Balanced Fund: \$10,001 - \$50,000  
Small-Cap Value Fund: \$10,001 - \$50,000  
Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund: \$10,001 - \$50,000

#### **PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION AND BROKERAGE**

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The Advisory Agreements state that in connection with its duties to arrange for the purchase and the sale of securities held in each portfolio of the Funds by placing purchase and sale orders for the Funds, the Adviser shall select a broker-dealer ("broker") as shall, in the Adviser's judgment, implement the policy of the Funds to achieve "best execution;" *i.e.*, prompt and efficient execution at the most favorable securities price. In making such selection, the Adviser is authorized in the Advisory Agreements to consider the reliability, integrity and financial condition of the broker.

The Adviser is also authorized by the Advisory Agreements to consider whether the broker provides brokerage and/or research services to the Funds and/or other accounts of the Adviser. The Advisory Agreements state that the commissions paid to a broker may be higher than another broker would have charged if a good faith determination is made by the Adviser that the commission is reasonable in relation to the services provided, viewed in terms of either that particular transaction or the Adviser's overall responsibilities as to the accounts as to which it exercises investment discretion and that the Adviser shall use its judgment in determining that the amount of commissions paid are reasonable in relation to the value of brokerage and research services provided and need not place or attempt to place a specific dollar value on such services or on the portion of commission rates reflecting such services. The Advisory Agreements provide that to demonstrate that such determinations were in good faith, and to show the overall reasonableness of commissions paid, the Adviser shall be prepared to show that commissions paid (i) were for purposes contemplated by the Advisory Agreements; (ii) were for products or services that provide lawful and appropriate assistance to the Adviser's decision-making process; and (iii) were within a reasonable range as compared to the rates charged by brokers to other institutional investors as such rates may become known from available information. The Funds recognize in the Advisory Agreements that, on any particular transaction, a higher than usual commission may be paid due to the difficulty of the transaction in question.

The research services discussed above may be in written form or through direct contact with individuals and may include information as to particular companies and securities as well as services assisting the Funds in the valuation of the Funds' investments. The research that the Adviser receives for the Funds' brokerage commissions, whether or not useful to the Funds, may be useful to the Adviser in managing the accounts of the Adviser's other advisory clients. Similarly, the research received for the commissions of such accounts may be useful to the Funds.

In the over-the-counter market, securities are frequently traded on a "net" basis with brokers acting as principal for their own accounts without a stated commission, although the price of the security usually includes a profit to the broker. Money market instruments usually trade on a "net" basis as well. On occasion, certain money market instruments may be purchased by the Funds directly from an issuer in which case no commissions or discounts are paid. In underwritten offerings, securities are purchased at a fixed price which includes an amount of compensation to the underwriter, generally referred to as the underwriter's concession or discount.

During the fiscal years ended March 31, 2017, 2018 and 2019, the Balanced Fund paid brokerage commissions of \$19,228, \$24,252 and \$21,054 respectively. During the fiscal years ended March 31, 2017, 2018 and 2019, the Small-Cap Value Fund paid brokerage commissions of \$186,329, \$169,511 and \$216,420 respectively. For the fiscal years ended March 31, 2017, 2018 and 2019, the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund paid brokerage commissions of \$25,112, \$31,625 and \$35,820 respectively.

## **CAPITALIZATION**

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The Funds are series of the Trust. The Declaration of Trust of the Trust permits its Trustees to issue an unlimited number of full and fractional shares of beneficial interest and to divide or combine the shares into a greater or lesser number of shares without thereby changing the proportionate beneficial interest in the Funds. Each share represents an interest in a Fund proportionately equal to the interest of each other share. Upon any Fund's liquidation, all shareholders of such Fund would share pro rata in the net assets of the Fund in question available for distribution to shareholders. If they deem it advisable and in the best interest of shareholders, the Board may create additional classes of shares which differ from each other only as to dividends. The Board has created three series of shares (*i.e.*, the Balanced Fund, the Small-Cap Value Fund and the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund), but the Board may create additional series in the future, which have separate assets and liabilities; each of such series has or will have a designation including the word "Series" or "Fund." Income, direct liabilities and direct operating expenses of each series will be allocated directly to each series, and general liabilities and expenses of the Funds will be allocated among the series in proportion to the total net assets of each series by the Board.

Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each full share held (and fractional votes for fractional shares) and may vote in the election of Trustees and on other matters submitted to meetings of shareholders. Matters submitted to shareholders must be approved by a majority of the outstanding securities of each series, unless the matter does not affect a particular series, in which case only the affected series' approval will be required.

The Declaration of Trust provides that the Funds' shareholders have the right, upon the declaration in writing or vote of more than two-thirds of its outstanding shares, to remove a Trustee. The Trustees will call a meeting of shareholders to vote on the removal of a trustee upon the written request of the record holders of ten percent of its shares. In addition, ten shareholders holding the lesser of \$25,000 worth or one percent of Fund shares may advise the Trustees in writing that they wish to communicate with other shareholders for the purpose of requesting a meeting to remove a Trustee. The Trustees will then, if requested by the applicants, mail at the applicants' expense the applicants' communications to all other shareholders. Except for a change in the name of the Funds, no amendment may be made to the Declaration of Trust without the affirmative vote of the shareholders of more than 50% of its outstanding shares. The shareholders have no pre-emptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth above. Any of the Funds may be terminated upon the sale of its respective assets to another issuer, if such sale is approved by the vote of the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares of such series, or upon liquidation and distribution of its assets, if so approved. If not so terminated, the Funds will continue indefinitely.

Under Massachusetts law, a shareholder of a Massachusetts business trust may be held liable as a partner under certain circumstances. The Declaration of Trust, however, contains an express disclaimer of shareholder liability for its acts or obligations and requires that notice of such disclaimer be given in each agreement, obligation or instrument entered into or executed by the Funds or its Trustees. The Declaration of Trust provides for indemnification and reimbursement of expenses out of the appropriate Fund's property for any shareholder held personally liable for its obligations. The Declaration of Trust also provides that the Funds shall, upon request, assume the defense of any claim made against any shareholder for any act or obligation of the Funds and satisfy any judgment thereon. In addition, the operation of the Funds as investment companies would not likely give rise to liabilities in excess of its assets. Thus, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial

loss on account of shareholder liability is highly unlikely and is limited to the relatively remote circumstances in which the Funds would be unable to meet its obligations.

## **PURCHASE AND REDEMPTION OF SHARES**

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Reference is made to “Buying Shares” in the Prospectus for more information concerning how to purchase shares.

**EXCHANGE PRIVILEGE:** You may exchange your shares in any CornerCap fund for those in another CornerCap fund on the basis of their respective “NAV” at the time of the exchange. Before making any exchange, be sure to review the Prospectus closely and consider the Funds’ differences. Please note that since an exchange is the redemption of shares from one fund followed by the purchase of shares in another, any gain or loss realized on the exchange is recognizable for federal income tax purposes (unless your account is tax deferred). You may make up to four (4) exchanges during a calendar year between identically registered accounts.

**REDEMPTIONS IN KIND:** If the Trust’s Board of Trustees determines that it would be detrimental to the best interests of the remaining shareholders of the respective Fund to make payment wholly or partly in cash, the Fund may pay the redemption price in whole or in part by a distribution in kind of securities from the portfolio of the respective Fund, in lieu of cash, in conformity with applicable rules of the SEC. If the Fund meets your redemption request with securities instead of cash, you may be subject to appreciation and depreciation risks in those shares when the redemption is complete and you will incur any brokerage costs or other transaction expenses associated with subsequent liquidation of those securities.

**AGREEMENTS WITH FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES:** The Funds have authorized one or more brokers to receive on their behalf purchase and redemption orders. Such brokers are authorized under certain circumstances to designate other intermediaries to receive purchase and redemption orders on the Funds’ behalf. The Funds will be deemed to have received a purchase or redemption order when an authorized broker or, if applicable, a broker’s authorized designee, receives the order. Customer orders will be priced at the Fund’s NAV next computed after they are accepted by an authorized broker or the broker’s authorized designee.

**TELEPHONE PURCHASES, EXCHANGES AND REDEMPTIONS FOR SECURITIES FIRMS:** The following purchase and redemption telephone procedures have been established by the Funds for investors who purchase Fund shares through financial intermediaries who have accounts with the Funds for the benefit of their clients. Telephone purchases and redemptions will be effected by the Funds only through such financial intermediaries, who in turn will be responsible for crediting the investor’s account at the financial intermediary with the amount of any purchase or redemption pursuant to its account agreement with the investor’s instruction to purchase or redeem Fund shares.

Financial intermediaries may charge a reasonable handling fee for providing this service. Such fees are established by each financial intermediary, acting independently from the Funds, and neither the Funds nor the Distributor receives any part of such fees.

**Purchase by Telephone.** Shares shall be purchased at the NAV next determined after receipt of the purchase request by the applicable Fund. Payment for shares purchased must be received from the FINRA member firm by the appropriate Fund by wire no later than the third business day following the purchase order. If payment for any purchase order is not received on or before the third business day, the order is subject to cancellation by the Fund and the FINRA member firm’s account with the Fund will immediately be charged for any loss.

**Redemption by Telephone.** The redemption price is the NAV next determined after the receipt of the redemption request by the applicable Fund. Payment for shares redeemed will be made or delayed as provided above under “Selling Shares.”

By electing telephone purchase and redemption privileges, FINRA member firms, on behalf of themselves and their clients, agree that none of the Funds, the Distributor or the Transfer Agent shall be liable for following instructions communicated by telephone and reasonably believed to be genuine. Each Fund and its agents provide written confirmation of transactions initiated by telephone as a procedure designed to confirm that telephone instructions are genuine. In addition, all telephone transactions are recorded. As a result of these and other policies, the FINRA member firm may bear the risk of any loss in the event of such a transaction. If any Fund fails to employ this and other established procedures, it may be liable. Each Fund reserves the right to modify or terminate telephone privileges at any time.

**MARKET TIMING ARRANGEMENTS:** None of the Funds have entered into any arrangements with any person that would permit frequent purchases and frequent redemptions. The Board of Trustees has determined to discourage market

timing and disruptive trading in the Funds and has adopted policies and procedures with respect to market timing and disruptive trading.

## **NET ASSET VALUE**

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As indicated in the Prospectus, the NAV of each Fund is determined by taking the market value of the total assets of each Fund, subtracting the liabilities of each Fund and then dividing the result (net assets) by the number of outstanding shares of each Fund. Each Fund calculates its NAV as of the close of trading on the NYSE (generally 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time) which is open every weekday, Monday through Friday, other than NYSE holidays which can be found at [www.nyse.com](http://www.nyse.com). The NYSE may close early on the day before a holiday as well as on the day after Thanksgiving Day. Since each Fund invests in securities that trade on foreign securities markets, which may be open on days other than a Fund business day, the value of a Fund's portfolio may change on days when shareholders are not able to purchase or redeem Fund shares. In addition, trading in certain portfolio investments may not occur on days when a Fund is open for business, as markets or exchanges other than the NYSE may be closed.

In determining the NAV of the Funds' shares, common stocks and other securities that are listed on a national securities exchange or the NASDAQ National Market System ("Market System") are valued at the last sale price as of the close of the NYSE, on each Business Day or, in the absence of recorded sales, at the last closing price on such exchange or on such Market System. Unlisted securities that are not included in such Market System are valued at the closing price in the over-the-counter market. Valuations of fixed-income securities are supplied by independent pricing services used by each Fund. Valuations of fixed-income securities are based upon a consideration of yields or prices of obligations of comparable quality, coupon, maturity and type, indications as to value from recognized dealers, and general market conditions. The pricing service may use electronic data processing techniques and/or computerized matrix system to determine valuations. Fixed-income securities for which market quotations are readily available are valued based upon those quotations. The procedures used by the pricing service are reviewed by the applicable Fund under the general supervision of the Trustees. The Trustees may deviate from the valuation provided by the pricing service whenever, in their judgment, such valuation is not indicative of the fair value of the obligation.

Foreign securities are valued at the last quoted sales price, or the most recently determined closing price calculated according to local market convention, available at the time each Fund is valued. Prices are obtained from the broadest and most representative market on which the securities trade. If events which materially affect the value of each Fund's investments occur after the close of the securities markets on which such securities are primarily traded, those investments may be valued by such methods as the Board of Trustees deems in good faith to reflect fair value. In determining each Fund's NAV per share, all assets and liabilities initially expressed in foreign currencies will be converted into U.S. dollars.

Securities and other assets for which market quotations are not readily available are valued by appraisal at their fair value as determined in good faith by the Adviser under procedures established by and under the general supervision and responsibility of the Board of Trustees and the Fair Value Committee. Debt securities which mature in less than sixty (60) days may be valued at amortized cost.

## **DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAX STATUS**

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The Funds typically distribute their respective net income or capital gains one time during each calendar year, usually in December. For the convenience of investors, each Fund reinvests all income dividends and capital gains distributions in full and fractional shares of the respective Fund unless the shareholder has given prior written notice to the Transfer Agent that the payment should be made in cash.

The following summarizes certain additional tax considerations generally affecting the Funds and their shareholders that are not described in the Prospectus. No attempt is made to present a detailed explanation of the tax treatment of the Funds or their shareholders. The discussions here and in the Prospectus are not intended as a substitute for careful tax planning and are based on tax laws and regulations that are in effect on the date hereof, and which may be changed by legislative, judicial or administrative action. Investors are advised to consult their tax advisors with specific reference to their own tax situations.

All dividends from net investment income together with those derived from the excess of net short-term capital gain over net long-term capital loss (collectively, "income dividends"), will be taxable as ordinary income to shareholders whether or not paid in additional shares. Any distributions derived from the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss ("capital gains distributions") are taxable as long-term capital gains to shareholders regardless of the length of time a shareholder has owned his shares. Any loss realized upon the redemption of shares within six months after the date

of their purchase will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of amounts treated as distributions of net long-term capital gain during such six-month period.

Income dividends and capital gains distributions are taxed in the manner described above, regardless of whether they are received in cash or reinvested in additional shares. Shareholders of each Fund will receive information annually on Form 1099 with respect to the amount and nature of dividend income and capital gain distributions to assist them in reporting the prior calendar year's distributions on their federal income tax return.

Distributions that are declared in October, November or December but which are not paid to shareholders until the following January will be treated for tax purposes as if received on December 31 of the year in which they were declared.

The exchange of one Fund's shares for shares of another Fund will be treated as a sale and any gain thereon may be subject to federal income tax.

Each Fund may liquidate the account of any shareholder who fails to furnish its certificate of taxpayer identification number within thirty (30) days after date the account was opened.

Each Fund has qualified and elected to be treated as a "regulated investment company" under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") during its previous fiscal periods and intends to continue to do so in the future. A fund that is qualified under Subchapter M will not be subject to federal income tax on the part of its net ordinary income and net realized capital gains which it distributes to its shareholders. None of the Funds anticipate being subject to federal income or excise taxes because each Fund intends to distribute all of its net investment income and net capital gains to its shareholders each fiscal year in accordance with the timing requirements of the Code and to meet other requirements of the Code relating to the sources of income and diversification of its assets.

When an income dividend or capital gains distribution is paid by a Fund, the NAV per share of the appropriate Fund is reduced automatically by the amount of the dividend and/or distribution. If the NAV per share is reduced below a shareholder's cost basis as a result, such a distribution may still be taxable to the shareholder as ordinary income or capital gain (as the case may be) although in effect it represents a return of invested capital. For this reason, investors should consider carefully the desirability of purchasing shares immediately prior to a distribution date.

None of the Funds intend to invest in foreign issuers which meet the definition in the Code of "passive foreign investment company" ("PFICs"). However, foreign corporations are not required to certify their status as PFICs to potential U.S. investors, and the Funds may unintentionally acquire stock in a PFIC. Each Fund's income and gain, if any, from the holding of PFIC stock may be subject to a non-deductible tax at the Fund level.

A portion of each Fund's income dividends may be eligible for the dividends-received deduction allowed to corporations under the Code, if certain requirements are met. Investment income received by each Fund from sources within foreign countries may be subject to foreign income taxes withheld at the source.

Under the Code, the Funds may be required to impose backup withholding at a rate of 24% on income dividends and capital gains distributions, and payment of redemption proceeds to individuals and other non-exempt shareholders, if such shareholders have not provided a correct taxpayer identification number and made the certifications required by the Internal Revenue Service on the account application. A shareholder in any Fund may also be subject to backup withholding if the Internal Revenue Service or a broker notifies the applicable Fund that the shareholder is subject to backup withholding.

The treatment of income dividends and capital gains distributions to shareholders of the Funds under the various foreign, state, and local income tax laws may not parallel that under the Federal law. Shareholders should consult their tax adviser with respect to applicable foreign, state, and local taxes.

## **PERFORMANCE INFORMATION**

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From time to time, the Funds may publish their total return in advertisements and communications to investors. Total return information will include a Fund's average annual compounded rate of return for periods of one year, five years, and ten years or since inception (as applicable). The Funds may also advertise aggregate and average total return information over different periods of time. A Fund's total return will be based upon the value of the shares acquired through a hypothetical \$1,000 investment at the beginning of the specified period and the NAV of such shares at the end of the period, assuming reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value. Total return figures will reflect all recurring charges against the Fund's income.

Investors should note that the investment results of the Funds will fluctuate over time, and any presentation of the Funds' total return for any period should not be considered as a representation of what an investor's total return may be in any future period.

In reports or other communications to shareholders and in advertising material, the Funds may compare performance with that of other mutual funds as listed in the rankings prepared by Lipper Analytical Services, Inc., Morningstar, Inc. and similar independent services that monitor the performance of mutual funds, or unmanaged indices of securities of the type in which the Funds invest.

### **BALANCED FUND**

The average annual rates of return as of the end of the most recent fiscal year ended March 31, 2019, for the Balanced Fund are as follows:

	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>10 Years</b>	<b>Since Inception (May 24, 1997)</b>
Return before taxes	(8.77)%	3.29%	7.84%	5.27%
Return after taxes on Distributions	(10.16)%	1.35%	6.41%	3.36%
Return after taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	(4.54)%	2.15%	6.08%	3.67%

The Adviser (formerly Cornerstone Capital Corp.) has been investment adviser to the Balanced Fund since its inception following a reorganization of The Atlanta Growth Fund, Inc. on May 24, 1997, which resulted in the Balanced Fund assuming certain assets and liabilities of The Atlanta Growth Fund, Inc.

### **SMALL-CAP VALUE FUND**

The average annual rates of return as of the most recent fiscal year ended March 31, 2019, for the Investor Shares of the Small-Cap Value Fund are as follows:

	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>10 Years</b>	<b>Since Inception (September 30, 1992)</b>
Return before taxes	(14.82)%	3.96%	13.60%	8.99%
Return after taxes on Distributions	(18.11)%	0.77%	11.28%	7.40%
Return after taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	(7.31)%	2.35%	10.80%	7.40%

The Adviser (formerly Cornerstone Capital Corp.) became the investment adviser to the Small-Cap Value Fund in September 1992. Prior to that time, the Small-Cap Value Fund was known by other names and was advised and managed by other entities. The Small-Cap Value Fund was originally organized on January 6, 1986.

### **LARGE/MID-CAP VALUE FUND**

The average annual rates of return as of the end of the most recent fiscal year ended March 31, 2019, for the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund are as follows:

	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>10 Years</b>	<b>Since Inception (July 27, 2000)</b>
Return before taxes	(14.12)%	4.01%	10.84%	2.95%
Return after taxes on Distributions	(15.62)%	1.75%	9.57%	2.02%
Return after taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	(7.53)%	2.68%	8.75%	2.19%

The Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund began operations on July 27, 2000. Prior to July 29, 2010, the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund was known as the Contrarian Fund. Prior to October 11, 2004, the Fund was known as the CornerCap Micro-Cap Fund; and prior to September 17, 2002, it was known as the CornerCap Emerging Growth Fund. As of December 11, 2004, the Fund's strategy was changed to multi-cap contrarian. The Cornerstone Microcap Fund, L.P., a private, unregistered fund,

transferred its assets to the Contrarian Fund on July 27, 2000. The Cornerstone Microcap Fund was managed by the same Adviser as the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund. It pursued the same objective and employed the same strategies as the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund.

## PERFORMANCE CALCULATION

The following is a brief description of how performance is calculated. Quotations of average annual total return for the Funds will be expressed in terms of the average annual compounded rate of return of a hypothetical investment in the Fund over periods of one year, five years, ten years and since inception (as applicable). These are the average annual total rates of return that would equate the initial amount invested to the ending redeemable value.

The average annual total return (before taxes) is calculated with the following formula:

$$P(1+T)^n = ERV$$

(where P = a hypothetical initial payment of \$1,000; T = average annual total return; ERV = ending redeemable value of a hypothetical initial payment of \$1,000; and n = number of years).

The average annual total return (after taxes on distributions) is calculated with the following formula:

$$P(1+T)^n = ATV_D$$

(where P = a hypothetical initial payment of \$1,000; T = average annual total return (after taxes on distributions);  $ATV_D$  = ending redeemable value of a hypothetical initial payment of \$1,000, after taxes on fund distributions but not after taxes on redemption; and n = number of years).

The average annual total return (after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares) is calculated with the following formula:

$$P(1+T)^n = ATV_{DR}$$

(where P = a hypothetical initial payment of \$1,000; T = average annual total return (after taxes on distributions and redemptions);  $ATV_{DR}$  = ending redeemable value of a hypothetical initial payment of \$1,000, after taxes on fund distributions and redemption; and n = number of years).

All total return figures reflect the deduction of a proportional share of Fund expenses on an annual basis, and assume that all dividends and distributions are reinvested when paid.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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The financial statements for the Balanced Fund, the Small-Cap Value Fund, and the Large/Mid-Cap Value Fund and the report of the independent registered public accounting firm are included in the Funds' Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019, which is incorporated by reference into this SAI.

## APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS

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**DEFINITIONS:** Some of the terms used in the Fund’s Prospectus and this SAI are described below.

**Money Market:** The term “money market” refers to the marketplace composed of the financial institutions which handle the purchase and sale of liquid, short-term, high-grade debt instruments. The money market is not a single entity, but consists of numerous separate markets, each of which deals in a different type of short-term debt instrument. These include U.S. Government obligations, commercial paper, certificates of deposit and bankers’ acceptances, which are generally referred to as money market instruments.

**U.S. Government Obligations:** U.S. government obligations are debt securities (including bills, notes and bonds) issued by the U.S. treasury or issued by an agency or instrumentality of the U.S. government which is established under the authority of an Act of Congress. Such agencies or instrumentalities include, but are not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Government National Mortgage Association, the Federal Farm Credit Bank, and the Federal Home Loan Bank. Although all obligations of agencies, authorities and instrumentalities are not direct obligations of the U.S. treasury, payment of the interest and principal on these obligations is generally backed directly or indirectly by the U.S. government. This support can range from the backing of the full faith and credit of the United States to U.S. Treasury guarantees, or to the backing solely of the issuing instrumentality itself. In the case of securities not backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, the investor must look principally to the agency issuing or guaranteeing the obligation for ultimate repayment, and may not be able to assert a claim against the United States itself in the event the agency or instrumentality does not meet its commitments.

**Bank Obligations:** Bank obligations include certificates of deposit which are negotiable certificates evidencing the indebtedness of a commercial bank to repay funds deposited with it for a definite period of time (usually from 14 days to one year) at a stated interest rate.

**Bankers’ Acceptances:** Bankers’ acceptances are credit instruments evidencing the obligation of a bank to pay a draft which has been drawn on it by a customer. These instruments reflect the obligation both of the bank and of the drawer to pay the face amount of the instrument upon maturity.

**Time Deposits:** Time deposits are non-negotiable deposits maintained in a banking institution for a specified period of time at a stated interest rate.

**Commercial Paper:** Commercial paper consists of short-term (usually one to 180 days) unsecured promissory notes issued by corporations in order to finance their current operations.

**Corporate Debt Obligations:** Corporate debt obligations are bonds and notes issued by corporations and other business organizations, including business trusts, in order to finance their long-term credit needs.

**Certificates of Deposit:** Certificates of deposit are negotiable certificates issued against funds deposited in a commercial bank for a definite period of time and earning a specified return.

**Mortgage-Backed Securities:** Mortgage-backed securities are interests in a pool of mortgage loans. Most mortgage securities are pass-through securities, which means that they provide investors with payments consisting of both principal and interest as mortgages in the underlying mortgage pool are paid off by the borrowers. The dominant issuers or guarantors of mortgage securities are the Government National Mortgage Association (“GNMA”), the Federal National Mortgage Association (“FNMA”) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“FHLMC”).

**Collateralized Mortgage Obligations:** Collateralized mortgage obligations (“CMOs”) are hybrid instruments with characteristics of both mortgage-backed and mortgage pass-through securities. Similar to a bond, interest and prepaid principal on a CMO are paid, in most cases, semi-annually. CMOs may be collateralized by whole mortgage loans but are more typically collateralized by portfolios of mortgage pass-through securities guaranteed by GNMA, FHLMC, or FNMA. CMOs are structured into multiple classes, with each class bearing a different stated maturity. Monthly payments of principal, including prepayments, are first returned to investors holding the shortest maturity class; investors holding the longer maturity classes receive principal only after the first class has been retired.

**Municipal Bonds:** Municipal bonds are debt obligations which generally have a maturity at the time of issue in excess of one year and are issued to obtain funds for various public purposes. The two principal classifications of municipal bonds are “general obligation” and “revenue” bonds. General obligation bonds are secured by the issuer’s pledge of its full faith, credit and taxing power for the payment of principal and interest. Revenue 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 specific revenue source. Industrial development bonds or private activity bonds are issued by or on behalf of public authorities to obtain funds for privately operated facilities and are, in most cases, revenue bonds which do not generally carry the pledge of the full faith and credit of the issuer of such bonds, but depend for payment on the ability of the industrial user to meet its obligations (or any property pledged as security).

**Zero Coupon Bonds:** Zero coupon bonds are debt obligations issued without any requirement for the periodic payment of interest. Zero coupon bonds are issued at a significant discount from face value. The discount approximates the total amount of interest the bonds would accrue and compound over the period until maturity at a rate of interest reflecting the market rate at the time of issuance. A Fund, if it holds zero coupon bonds in its portfolio, however, would recognize income currently for federal tax purposes in the amount of the unpaid, accrued interest (determined under tax rules) and generally would be required to distribute dividends representing such income to shareholders currently, even though funds representing such income would not have been received by the Fund. Cash to pay dividends representing unpaid, accrued interest may be obtained from sales proceeds of portfolio securities and Fund shares and from loan proceeds. Because interest on zero coupon obligations is not paid to the Fund on a current basis but is in effect compounded, the value of the securities of this type is subject to greater fluctuations in response to changing interest rates than the value of debt obligations which distribute income regularly.

**RATINGS OF CORPORATE DEBT OBLIGATIONS:** The characteristics of corporate debt obligations rated by Moody's are generally as follows:

**Aaa** — Bonds which are rated Aaa are judged to be of the best quality. They carry the smallest degree of investment risk and are generally referred to as "gilt edge." Interest payments are protected by a large or by an exceptionally stable margin and principal is secure. While the various protective elements are likely to change, such changes as can be visualized are most unlikely to impair the fundamentally strong position of such issues.

**Aa** — Bonds which are rated Aa are judged to be of high quality by all standards. Together with the Aaa group they comprise what are generally known as high grade bonds. They are rated lower than the best bonds because margins of protection may not be as large as in Aaa securities or fluctuation of protective elements may be of greater amplitude or there may be other elements present which make the long-term risks appear somewhat larger than in Aaa securities.

**A** — Bonds which are rated A possess many favorable investment attributes and are to be considered as upper medium grade obligations. Factors giving security to principal and interest are considered adequate but elements may be present which suggest a susceptibility to impairment sometime in the future.

**Baa** — Bonds which are rated Baa are considered as medium grade obligations, *i.e.*, they are neither highly protected nor poorly secured. Interest payments and principal security appear adequate for the present but certain protective elements may be lacking or may be characteristically unreliable over any great length of time. Such bonds lack outstanding investment characteristics and in fact have speculative characteristics as well.

**Ba** — Bonds which are rated Ba are judged to have speculative elements. The future of such bonds cannot be considered as well assured.

**B** — Bonds which are rated B generally lack characteristics of a desirable investment.

**Caa** — Bonds rated Caa are of poor standing. Such issues may be in default or there may be present elements of danger with respect to principal or interest.

**Ca** — Bonds rated Ca are speculative to a high degree.

**C** — Bonds rated C are the lowest rated class of bonds and are regarded as having extremely poor prospects.

The characteristics of corporate debt obligations rated by S&P are generally as follows:

**AAA** — This is the highest rating assigned by S&P to a debt obligation and indicates an extremely strong capacity to pay

principal and interest.

**AA** — Bonds rated AA also qualify as high quality debt obligations. Capacity to pay principal and interest is very strong, and in the majority of instances they differ from AAA issues only in small degree.

**A** — Debt rated A has a strong capacity to pay interest and repay principal although it is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than debt in higher rated categories.

**BBB** — Debt rated BBB is regarded as having an adequate capacity to pay interest and repay principal. Whereas it normally exhibits adequate protection parameters, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity to pay interest and repay principal for debt in this category than in higher rated categories.

**BB** — Debt rated BB is predominantly speculative with respect to capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with terms of the obligation. BB indicates the lowest degree of speculation; CC indicates the highest degree of speculation.

**BB, B, CCC, CC** — Debt in these ratings is predominantly speculative with respect to capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with terms of the obligation. BB indicates the lowest degree of speculation and CC the highest.

A bond rating is not a recommendation to purchase, sell or hold a security, inasmuch as it does not comment as to market price or suitability for a particular investor.

The ratings are based on current information furnished by the issuer or obtained by the rating services from other sources which they consider reliable. The ratings may be changed, suspended or withdrawn as a result of changes in or unavailability of, such information, or for other reasons.

**RATINGS OF COMMERCIAL PAPER:** Commercial paper rated A-1 by Standard & Poor's has the following characteristics: liquidity ratios are adequate to meet cash requirements; the issuer's long-term debt is rated "A" or better; the issuer has access to at least two additional channels of borrowing; and basic earnings and cash flow have an upward trend with allowances made for unusual circumstances. Typically, the issuer's industry is well established and the issuer has a strong position within the industry.

Commercial paper rated Prime 1 by Moody's is the highest commercial paper assigned by Moody's. Among the factors considered by Moody's in assigning ratings are the following: (1) evaluation of the management of the issuer; (2) economic evaluation of the issuer's industry or industries and an appraisal of speculative-type risks which may be inherent in certain areas; (3) evaluation of the issuer's products in relation to competition and consumer acceptance; (4) liquidity; (5) amount and quality of long-term debt; (6) trend of earnings over a period of ten years; (7) financial strength of a parent company and the relationships which exist with the issuer; and (8) recognition by the management of obligations which may be present or may arise as a result of public interest questions and preparations to meet such obligations. Relative strength or weakness of the above factors determines how the issuer's commercial paper is rated within various categories.

Determination of Credit Quality of Unrated Securities. In determining whether an unrated debt security is - of comparable quality to a rated security, the Adviser may consider the following factors, among others:

- (1) other securities of the issuer that are rated;
- (2) the issuer's liquidity, debt structure, repayment schedules, and external credit support facilities;
- (3) the reliability and quality of the issuer's management;
- (4) the length to maturity of the security and the percentage of the portfolio represented by securities of that issuer;
- (5) the issuer's earnings and cash flow trends;
- (6) the issuer's industry, the issuer's position in its industry, and an appraisal of speculative risks which may be inherent in the industry;
- (7) the financial strength of the issuer's parent and its relationship with the issuer;
- (8) the extent and reliability of credit support, including a letter of credit or third party guarantee applicable to payment of principal and interest;
- (9) the issuer's ability to repay its debt from cash sources or asset liquidation in the event that the issuer's backup credit facilities are unavailable;
- (10) other factors deemed relevant by the Adviser.

## **APPENDIX B: PROXY VOTING POLICY**

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### **Proxy Voting Policy**

Voting Guidelines: The Adviser has engaged the proxy voting advisory service, Proxy Monitor, Inc. (“Proxy Monitor”) to provide the Adviser with recommendations with respect to proxy voting decisions (the “Recommendations”). Proxy Monitor’s proxy voting guidelines are subject to change in Proxy Monitor’s discretion, but a summary of Proxy Monitor’s voting guidelines is set forth below:

#### Independent Boards of Directors

- We *support* an independent board of directors. Ordinarily, we will not vote against a slate of directors simply because it fails to meet the independence standard. We will do so, however, if corporate performance, over a reasonable period of time, is unsatisfactory.
- We prefer that each board has an independent nominating committee. We will not ordinarily vote against a slate of directors simply because the board lacks a properly constituted nominating committee. We will do so if corporate performance, over a suitable time frame, is unsatisfactory.

#### Independent Auditors

- We will generally *support* the choice of auditors recommended by the corporation’s directors, specifically by the audit committee of these directors. The instances of auditors being changed other than as a result of routine rotation will be reviewed on a *case-by-case* basis.
- A significant majority of revenues generated by the accounting firm through its relationship with the company should come from the audit function proper. Where there is no disclosure, or a breakdown of the fees and the non-audit fee is greater than the audit fee without further clarification, we will not support the re-election of the outside auditor.
- Where non-audit fees have been detailed, we will consider each fee on a case-by-case basis, but we will not support a renewal of the auditor on the grounds that the independence of the auditor has been compromised.

#### Compensation Review Process

- We *support* the establishment of an independent compensation committee. We will not ordinarily vote against a slate of directors simply because the board lacks a properly constituted compensation committee. We will do so if corporate performance, over a suitable time frame, is unsatisfactory.

#### Board Size

- We *support* a board size of 5 to 16 members. We will not ordinarily vote against a slate of directors simply because the size of the board is outside the guideline. We will do so if corporate performance, over a suitable time frame, is unsatisfactory.

#### Cumulative Voting

- We will review cumulative voting proposals on a *case-by-case* basis, voting for such proposals when they ensure an independent voice on an otherwise unresponsive board of directors.

#### Classified or Staggered Boards

- We prefer the annual election of all directors. We will generally not support proposals that provide for staggered terms for board members.
- When a proposal to adopt staggered terms for directors has been approved by a vote of shareholders, we will generally *support* the directors who are standing for staggered terms in those instances in which a vote for such directors is viewed to be in the financial interest of the shareholders and in conformity

with the guidelines for the election of directors. We do not believe it is appropriate to vote against such directors simply as an indication of disagreement with the manner in which directors are elected.

#### Separation of Board and Management Roles

- We *support* the separation of board and management roles. We will not ordinarily vote against a slate of directors where there does not exist a separation of board and management roles. We will do so if corporate performance, over a suitable time frame, is unsatisfactory.

#### Director Liability and Indemnification

- We will generally *support* proposals that limit directors' liability and provide indemnification, subject to the qualifications outlined below.

#### Management and Director Compensation/Stock Option Plans

- We assess proposed stock option plans on a *case-by-case* basis. We review the features of each plan together with the other aspects of total compensation and, after considering each of the issues, determine whether the plan on the whole is reasonable.
- We look to support stock option plans with some or all of the following features:
  - Total potential dilution is ideally less than 5%, but in any circumstances, is less than 10%.
  - The “burn rate”– the number of options granted in a given year expressed as a percentage of shares outstanding – is restricted to less than 1% of the shares outstanding (or 20% of the options available under the plan).
  - There are specific performance criteria for the award of options or the vesting of options already granted.
  - Options granted have a life of five years or less.
  - Options do not vest immediately and vest over a period of at least 40% of the life of the options.
  - Directors do not have the flexibility to set the terms of the options to be granted or modify the terms of options already granted.
  - There are strict limits placed on the director's ability to participate in the plan, in particular, that there is a specific and objective formula for the award of director options.
  - There is not an overly strong concentration of options granted to the most senior executive(s).
- *Form of Vehicle:* We will review the granting of stock options, stock appreciation rights, phantom shares and restricted stock on a *case-by-case* basis.
- *Price:* We will generally *support* plans whose underlying securities are to be issued at no less than 100% of the current market value.
- *Re-pricing:* We will *not support* plans that allow the board of directors to lower the exercise price of options already granted. We will *not support* proposals that, directly or indirectly, would reduce the exercise price of options already granted.
- *Expiry:* We will generally *support* plans whose options have a life of no more than five years. We will review on a case-by-case basis those plans whose options have a life of more than five years. We will generally *not support* “evergreen” stock option plans.
- *Dilution:* We will generally *support* stock option plan amendments if the total potential dilution does not exceed 5%, and the so-called “burn rate” is less than 1% per annum. We will review on a *case-by-case*

basis stock option plans that provide for total potential dilution exceeding 5% but less than 10%, or where the “burn rate” exceeds 1% per annum. We will generally *not support* stock option plans that provide for potential dilution in excess of 10% or where the “burn rate” exceeds 2% per annum.

- *Vesting*: We will generally not support stock option plans that are 100% vested when granted.
- *Performance Vesting*: We will generally *support* stock option plans that link the granting of options, or the vesting of options previously granted, to specific performance targets. This is especially important for plans above the 5% potential dilution threshold.
- *Concentration*: We will generally *not support* stock option plans that authorize allocation of 25% or more of the available options to any one individual.
- *Director Eligibility*: We will generally *support* stock option plans for directors where the terms and conditions of director options are clearly defined and are reasonable. In particular, we look for a specific and objective formula for the award of director options. We will generally *not support* those plans that provide for discretionary director participation.
- *Change in Control*: We will *not support* stock option plans with change in control provisions if the provisions allow option holders to receive more for their options than shareholders would receive for their shares. We will *not support* changes in control arrangements developed in the midst of a takeover fight specifically to entrench management. We will *not support* the granting of options or bonuses to outside directors “in the event” of a change of control as the independence of outside directors will be compromised if they are eligible for additional severance benefits in the event of a change of control.
- *Board Discretion*: We will *not support* plans that give the board broad discretion in setting the terms and conditions of programs. Such programs must be submitted to shareholders with adequate detail regarding their cost, scope, frequency and schedules for exercising the options.
- *Employee Loans*: We will generally *not support* the corporation making loans to employees to allow employees to pay for stock or options. Excessive loans expose the company to risk as a result of potentially uncollectible debts and may inhibit the termination of employees who are in debt to the company. Executives seeking to buy stock or options should be encouraged to obtain credit from more conventional, market-rate sources, such as banks or company credit unions.
- *Omnibus Plans*: We will generally not support omnibus stock option plans (three or more types of awards in one plan). We believe that shareholders should vote on the separate components of such plans rather than be forced to consider the “take-all” approach of an omnibus collection. Although we are opposed to the concept of omnibus plans, we will review each element to determine whether the specific benefits being offered are contrary to our other guidelines in this category.
- *Disclosure*: We strongly support the expensing of foregone option premiums in a company’s income statement, together with detailed footnote disclosure of option costs.

#### Director Compensation

- We will generally *support* proposals that call for a certain percentage of directors’ compensation to be in the form of common stock. We will not ordinarily vote against a slate of directors where there does not exist a practice of paying some percentage of director compensation in common stock. We will do so if corporate performance, over a suitable time frame, is unsatisfactory.

#### Golden Parachutes

- We will review severance compensation arrangements on a *case-by-case* basis. We will *not support* “golden parachutes” that we deem to be excessive.

#### Shareholders Rights Plans

- We will review shareholder rights plans on a *case-by-case* basis. We will generally *not support* shareholder rights plans that go beyond ensuring equal treatment of shareholders in the event of a bid, and allowing the company sufficient time to consider alternatives to a bid.
- We will look to support shareholder rights plans with all or substantially all of the following features:
  - The plan provides that the minimum bid period is not longer than 50 days.
  - The plan allows for partial bids.
  - The plan does not authorize the board to waive the plan’s application unless the plan is waived for all other subsequent bids.
  - The plan does not allow for the redemption of rights without shareholder ratification.
  - The plan does not contain exemptions for private placements.
  - The plan exempts soft lock-up agreements.
  - The plan requires shareholder ratification at least every three years.
  - The plan places a modest limit on the granting of any “break fees.”

#### Going Private Transactions, Leveraged Buyouts and Other Purchase Transactions

- We will evaluate going private transactions, leveraged buyouts and other purchase transactions on a *case-by-case* basis, but we will *not support* transactions that do not adequately compensate minority shareholders.
- Whenever a publicly traded corporation seeks to become privately owned via a “going private transaction” or a “leveraged buyout,” we will carefully evaluate the proposal to determine whether the transaction is in the long-term best economic interests of shareholders or whether it is designed mainly to further the interests of one group of stakeholders at the expense of other shareholders. In addition to such an economic analysis, we will review the process by which the proposal was received. In this regard, we will consider whether:
  - Other potential bidders have had an opportunity to investigate the company and make competing bids; and
  - A valuation and/or “fairness opinion” has been obtained from a qualified and independent party, and the analysis and recommendations contained in that valuation or opinion support the proposal.

#### Lock-Up Arrangements

- While we will evaluate potential arrangements on a *case-by-case* basis, we will generally *not support* “hard” lock-up arrangements (agreements between certain shareholders to sell their shares to a potential acquiring company before a formal offer is made to other shareholders) if these arrangements serve to prevent competing bids for a corporation in a takeover situation.

#### “Crown Jewel” Defenses

- We review transactions on a case-by-case basis. We will generally *not support* crown jewel defenses (the selling of assets to a friendly third party to frustrate an attempted takeover) unless they are clearly in the interests of all shareholders.

#### Payment of Greenmail

- We will *support* proposals that seek to prevent the payment of “greenmail” to an unwanted purchaser of the corporation. We will *not support* the payment of “greenmail” (the payment from corporate funds

of a premium price to selected shareholders (often an unwanted purchaser of a company) without the opportunity for all shareholders to participate in such a purchase program).

#### Fair Price Amendments

- We will *support* proposals that require a bidder for a corporation to pay every shareholder a fair price where a “fair” price is defined as the highest price paid to any shareholder under the offer.

#### Reincorporation

- We will *support* reincorporation proposals (a proposal to re-establish the company in a different legal jurisdiction) when management and the board can demonstrate sound financial or business reasons for the move. However, we will generally not support reincorporation proposals that are made as part of an anti-takeover defense or solely to limit directors’ liability.

#### Shareholders Rights Issues

- We will *support* resolutions to introduce confidential voting.

#### Dual Class Share Structures

- We *support* one class of shares. We will generally *not support* the creation or extension of dual-class share structures.

#### Super-Majority Approval of Business Transactions

- We will review supermajority proposals on a case-by-case basis; however, we will generally *not support proposals in which management seeks to increase the number of votes required on an issue above two-thirds (66.7%) of the outstanding shares.*

#### Increase in Authorized Shares

- We will generally *support* proposals for the authorization of additional common shares provided the amount requested is necessary for sound business reasons. We will generally *not support* proposals that seek a 50% or more increase in authorized common shares when management does not demonstrate a specific need.

#### “Blank-Check” Preferred Shares

- We will generally *not support* either the authorization of, or an increase in, blank check preferred shares.

#### Shareholder Proposals

- We will evaluate shareholder proposals on a *case-by-case* basis. We will generally *not support* proposals that place arbitrary or artificial constraints on the company, its board, or management.
- We will review stakeholder proposals on a case-by-case basis. We will generally *not support* proposals that seek to alter the responsibility of the directors to supervise the management of the business of the corporation or that create a wide range of peripheral considerations the directors must take into account in evaluating a business proposal.

Voting Procedures: Under normal circumstances, the Adviser will vote proxies for the Funds in accordance with the Recommendations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Adviser may vote differently from the Recommendations when the Adviser believes such vote is in the best interests of the Funds and their shareholders.

Conflicts: If with respect to any proxy vote for the Funds, the Adviser is aware of a conflict between the interests of a client and the interests of the Adviser or an affiliated person of the Adviser (*e.g.*, a portfolio company is a client or an affiliate of a client of the Adviser), the Adviser will notify the Funds of the conflict and will vote the Funds’ shares in accordance with the instructions of the Trust’s Proxy Voting Committee.