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This Post-Effective Amendment No. 72 to the Registration Statement of Stone Ridge Trust on Form N-1A (File No. 333-184477) is being filed pursuant to Rule 485(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, to include a prospectus and statement of additional information relating to Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund, a series of the Registrant. No information contained herein is intended to amend or supersede any prior filing relating to any other series of the Registrant.

## **PROSPECTUS**

March 1, 2021

## STONE RIDGE ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC

# A FUND FOR LONG-TERM INVESTORS SEEKING TO INVEST IN REINSURANCE-RELATED SECURITIES:

## STONE RIDGE HIGH YIELD REINSURANCE RISK PREMIUM FUND

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This prospectus describes Class I shares and Class M shares of the above-listed fund (the "Fund"). The Fund is generally sold to (i) institutional investors, including registered investment advisers (RIAs), that meet certain qualifications and have completed an educational program provided by Stone Ridge Asset Management LLC, the Fund's investment adviser; (ii) clients of such institutional investors; and (iii) certain other Eligible Investors (as defined in "Eligibility to Buy Class I Shares and Class M Shares" below). The Fund does not charge sales commissions or loads.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

This prospectus contains important information about the Fund and the services available to shareholders. Please save it for reference.

Effective January 1, 2021, as permitted by regulations adopted by the Commission, paper copies of the Fund's shareholder reports are no longer sent by mail, unless you specifically request paper copies of the reports from your financial intermediary or, if you invest directly through the Fund's transfer agent, U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC (the "Transfer Agent"), from the Transfer Agent. Instead, the reports are made available on a website, and you will be notified by mail each time a report is posted and provided with a website link to access the report.

If you have already elected to receive shareholder reports electronically, you will not be affected by this change and you need not take any action. You may elect to receive shareholder reports and other communications electronically by contacting your financial intermediary.

You may elect to receive all future reports in paper free of charge by contacting your financial intermediary or, if you invest directly through the Transfer Agent, by contacting the Transfer Agent at (855) 609-3680. Your election to receive reports in paper will apply to all funds held in your account if you invest through a financial intermediary or all funds within the fund complex if you invest directly through the Transfer Agent.

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#### **FUND SUMMARY**

### Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund

### **Investment Objective**

The Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund's (the "Fund") investment objective is to seek a high level of total return consisting of income and preservation of capital. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

#### Fees and Expenses

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and example below.

Annual Fund Operating Expenses	Class I	Class M
(expenses you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)		
Management Fees	1.50%	1.50%
Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees	None	0.15%
Other Expenses		
Interest Payments on Borrowed Funds	0.02%	0.02%
Recoupment(1)	0.00%	0.00%
Remainder of Other Expenses(2)	0.18%	0.18%
Total Other Expenses	0.20%	0.20%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	1.70%	1.85%
(Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement)(1)	(0.03)%	(0.03)%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After		
(Fee Waiver/Expense Reimbursement)	1.67%	1.82%

<sup>(1)</sup> Through February 28, 2022, the Adviser (defined below) has contractually agreed to waive its management fee and/or pay or otherwise bear operating and other expenses of the Fund or a Class thereof (including offering expenses, but excluding brokerage and transactional expenses, borrowing and other investment-related costs and fees including interest and commitment fees, short dividend expense, acquired fund fees and expenses, taxes, litigation and indemnification expenses, judgments and extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Fund's business (collectively, the "Excluded Expenses")) solely to the extent necessary to limit the Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses, other than Excluded Expenses, of the applicable Class to 1.65% for Class I shares and 1.80% for Class M shares of the average daily net assets attributable to such Class of shares of the Fund. The Adviser shall be entitled to recoup in later periods expenses attributable to a Class that the Adviser has paid or otherwise borne (whether through reduction of its management fee or otherwise) to the extent that the expenses of the Class of shares (including offering expenses, but excluding Excluded Expenses) after such recoupment do not exceed the lower of (i) the annual expense limitation rate in effect at the time of the actual waiver/reimbursement and (ii) the annual expense limitation rate in effect at the time of the recoupment; provided that the Adviser shall not be permitted to recoup any such fees or expenses beyond three years from the end of the month in which such fee was reduced or such expense was reimbursed. The expense limitation agreement may only be modified by a majority vote of the trustees who are not "interested persons" of the Fund (as defined by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act")) and the consent of the Adviser.

**Example**. This Example is intended to help you compare the costs of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, regardless of whether or not you redeem your shares at the end of such periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses (as described

<sup>(2)</sup> Remainder of Other Expenses have been restated to reflect expenses for the current fiscal year.

above) remain the same and takes into account the effect of the expense reimbursement (if any) during the first year. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Class I Shares	\$ 170	\$ 533	\$ 920	\$ 2,006
Class M Shares	\$ 185	\$ 579	\$ 998	\$ 2,167

#### Portfolio Turnover

The Fund generally does not pay transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells event-linked bonds. However, the prices of event-linked bonds purchased by the Fund reflect a "bid-ask spread" instead of explicit transaction costs. In addition, with respect to certain trades in event-linked bonds and other investments, the Fund may pay transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells such investments (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2020, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 50.26% of the average value of its portfolio. Portfolio turnover will not be a limiting factor should the Adviser deem it advisable to purchase or sell securities.

#### **Principal Investment Strategies**

Stone Ridge Asset Management LLC ("Stone Ridge" or the "Adviser") believes that investing in reinsurance-related securities should involve a long-term view and a systematic focus on sources of expected return, not on security selection or market timing. In constructing an investment portfolio, the Adviser identifies a universe of eligible securities with well-defined risk and return characteristics. It then seeks to obtain broad investment exposure to a meaningful subset of that universe while efficiently managing the portfolio and keeping trading costs low. Because the risks in reinsurance-related securities — largely related to natural or non-natural disasters, such as earthquakes or plane crashes — are not similar to the risks investors bear in traditional equities and debt markets, the Adviser believes that investment in reinsurance-related securities may provide benefits when added to traditional portfolios. As such, the Adviser does not intend to buy or sell securities for the portfolio based on prospects for the economy or based on movements of traditional equities and debt securities markets.

The Fund pursues its investment objective by investing primarily in reinsurance-related securities, including event-linked bonds, shares or notes issued in connection with quota shares ("Quota Share Notes") and, to a lesser extent, shares or notes issued in connection with excess-of-loss, stop-loss or other non-proportional reinsurance ("Excess of Loss Notes"), shares or notes issued in connection with industry loss warranties ("ILW Notes"), event-linked swaps, and equity securities (publicly or privately offered) or the derivatives of equity securities of companies in the reinsurance and insurance industry (collectively, "reinsurance-related securities"). Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in reinsurance-related securities. In addition, the Fund will also invest at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in high yield, high risk debt securities (commonly referred to as "junk bonds").

Reinsurance-related securities typically are "high-yield." High yield securities typically are of below-investment-grade quality, and may either have below-investment-grade credit ratings, which ratings are associated with securities having high risk, speculative characteristics, or may be unrated but of comparable quality to securities with below-investment-grade credit ratings. The Adviser has broad discretion to allocate the Fund's assets among these investment categories. As of December 31, 2020, the median spread above collateral of event-linked bonds was approximately 5.75%, although this may change due to the variable nature of the event-linked bond yields and/or other market circumstances. Consistent with its investment objective and its 80% policies, the Fund may invest in reinsurance-related securities across the yield spectrum, but will generally focus its investments in higher yielding, higher risk securities (i.e., those above the median yield). The Fund has no limit as to the maturity of the securities in which it invests or as to the market capitalization of the issuer.

Event-linked bonds are variable rate debt securities for which the return of principal and payment of interest are contingent on the non-occurrence of a specified trigger event(s) that leads to economic and/or human loss, such as an earthquake of a particular magnitude or a hurricane of a specific category. The most common type of event-linked bonds is known as "catastrophe" or "CAT" bonds. The Fund may invest in event-linked bonds in one or more of three ways: the Fund may purchase event-linked bonds when initially offered; the Fund may purchase event-linked bonds in the secondary, over-the-counter ("OTC") market; or the Fund may gain indirect exposure to event-linked bonds using derivatives. The Fund may pursue other types of event-linked derivative strategies using derivative instruments that are typically contingent, or formulaically related to defined trigger events.

Trigger events may include hurricanes, earthquakes and weather-related phenomena, pandemics, epidemics, non-natural catastrophes, such as plane crashes, or other events resulting in a specified level of physical or economic loss, such as mortality or longevity.

The Fund may invest in both longevity bonds and mortality bonds, which are fixed-income securities, typically issued by special purpose vehicles.

The Fund may also seek to gain exposure to reinsurance contracts by holding notes or preferred shares issued by a special purpose vehicle ("SPV") whose performance is tied to underlying reinsurance transaction(s), including Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes. The Fund, as holder of a note or preferred share issued by the SPV, would be entitled to participate in the underwriting results and investment earnings associated with the SPV's underlying reinsurance contracts.

Investments in Quota Share Notes provide exposure to a form of proportional reinsurance in which an investor participates in the premiums and losses of a reinsurer's portfolio according to a pre-defined percentage. For example, under a 20% quota-share agreement, the SPV would obtain 20% of all premiums of the subject portfolio while being responsible for 20% of all claims, and the Fund, as holder of a Quota Share Note issued by the SPV, would be entitled to its pro rata share of the premiums received by the SPV and would be responsible for its pro rata share of the claims, up to the total amount invested. The Fund will generally seek to gain exposure to geographically diversified natural catastrophe Quota Share Notes and the Quota Share Notes in which the Fund invests will typically be high yield, high risk instruments.

Investments in Excess of Loss Notes provide exposure to a form of reinsurance pursuant to which one party (typically an insurer or reinsurer) purchases protection against losses that exceed a specified threshold up to a set limit. For example, under such an arrangement, an insurer may have a book of business with \$6 billion of total risk in respect of large, catastrophic losses. Such an insurer can purchase reinsurance protection from an SPV for 40% of single-event losses the insurer suffers between \$4 billion and \$5 billion by paying the SPV a fixed premium. In this example, if the insurer suffered a loss of \$5 billion due to one event, it would cover the first \$4 billion itself and file a reinsurance claim with the SPV to pay 40% of the further \$1 billion in losses (i.e., \$400 million) and pay the remaining \$600 million itself. If the insurer had losses of \$6 billion, it would cover the first \$4 billion itself, look to the SPV to pay 40% of \$1 billion (again paying the \$600 million itself) and would further retain the obligation to pay the additional \$1 billion that exceeds the reinsurance (which, in this example, covered losses between \$4 billion and \$5 billion). The "trigger" for this type of reinsurance contract would be losses in excess of the specified amount. The Fund, as a holder of an Excess of Loss Note, would be entitled to its pro rata share of the premiums received by the SPV and would be responsible for its pro rata share of the claims, up to the total amount invested.

Investments in ILW Notes provide exposure to a transaction through which one party (typically, an insurance company or reinsurance company, or a reinsurance-related asset manager) purchases protection based on the total loss arising from a catastrophic event to the entire insurance industry rather than the losses of any particular insurer. For example, the buyer of a "\$100 million limit US Wind ILW attaching at \$20 billion" will pay an upfront premium to a protection writer (i.e., the reinsurer or an SPV) and in return will receive \$100 million if total losses to the insurance industry from a single US hurricane exceed \$20 billion. The industry loss (\$20 billion in this case) is often referred to as the "trigger" and is reported by an independent third party after an

event has occurred. The amount of protection offered by the contract (\$100 million in this case) is referred to as the "limit." ILW Notes could also provide exposure to transactions linked to an index not linked to insurance industry losses, such as wind speed or earthquake magnitude and location. The Fund, as holder of an ILW Note, would be entitled to a return linked to the premium paid by the sponsor and the occurrence or non-occurrence of the trigger event.

The Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in below-investment-grade securities ("junk bonds") (i.e., those rated below Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and lower than BBB- by S&P Global Ratings). Because most event-linked bonds, Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes are unrated, a substantial portion of the Fund's assets will typically be invested in unrated securities determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality to below-investmentgrade securities, similar in some respects to high yield corporate bonds. Event-linked catastrophe bonds, Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes are exposed to catastrophic insurance risk whereas high yield bonds are typically exposed to the potential default of financially distressed issuers. The Fund has no limit as to the maturity of the securities in which it invests or as to the market capitalization of the issuer. The Fund may invest in event-linked bonds, Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes, ILW Notes and debt securities of any credit rating, including those rated below investment grade or, if unrated, determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality. With respect to event-linked bonds, the rating, if any, primarily reflects the rating agency's calculated probability that a pre-defined trigger event(s) will occur, as well as the overall expected loss to the bond principal. In addition to ratings issued by rating agencies, event-linked bonds are generally issued with an attachment probability and expected loss percentage determined by an independent modeler (a "risk model"). A risk model is created based on historical data and averages as well as scientific and probabilistic analysis and is used to inform investors and others on the potential impact of a wide variety of catastrophic events or other specified events that result in physical and/or economic loss. The Adviser, in selecting investments for the Fund, will generally consider risk models created by independent third parties, the sponsor of a reinsurance-related security or a broker. The Adviser may also consider its own risk models based on comparable prior transactions, quantitative analysis, and industry knowledge.

In implementing the Fund's investment strategy, Stone Ridge will seek to invest in reinsurance-related securities tied to a varied group of available perils and geographic regions. Further, within each region and peril, Stone Ridge seeks to hold a balance of exposures to underlying insurance and reinsurance carriers, trigger types, and lines of business. The Adviser will continue to monitor the risk of the Fund's investments on a regular basis. Because the majority of reinsurance-related security issuers are domiciled outside the United States, the Fund will normally invest significant amounts of its assets in foreign (non-U.S.) entities.

The Fund retains the flexibility to invest in other instruments as the Adviser may consider appropriate from time to time, including registered investment companies, U.S. government securities, cash and cash equivalents. The Fund may also enter into other types of investments that enable the Fund to provide risk transfer services, as the Adviser may consider appropriate from time to time.

#### **Borrowing and Leverage**

The Fund may obtain leverage through borrowings in seeking to achieve its investment objective. The Fund's borrowings, which would typically be in the form of loans from banks, may be on a secured or unsecured basis and at fixed or variable rates of interest.

The 1940 Act requires the Fund to maintain continuous asset coverage of not less than 300% with respect to all borrowings. This means that the value of the Fund's total indebtedness may not exceed one-third of the value of its total assets (including such indebtedness). The Fund also may borrow money from banks or other lenders for temporary purposes in an amount not to exceed 5% of the Fund's assets. Such temporary borrowings are not subject to the asset coverage requirements discussed above. Investments or trading practices that involve contractual obligations to pay in the future are subject to the same requirements unless the Fund designates liquid assets in an amount the Fund believes to be equal to the Fund's contractual obligations (marked-to-market on a daily basis) or, for certain instruments, appropriately "covers" such obligations with offsetting positions.

Leverage can have the effect of magnifying the Fund's exposure to changes in the value of its assets and may also result in increased volatility in the Fund's net asset value ("NAV"). This means the Fund will have the potential for greater gains, as well as the potential for greater losses, than if the Fund owned its assets on an unleveraged basis. The value of an investment in the Fund will be more volatile and other risks tend to be compounded if and to the extent that the Fund is exposed to leverage.

## **Principal Investment Risks**

The Fund is generally sold to (i) institutional investors, including registered investment advisers (RIAs), that meet certain qualifications and have completed an educational program provided by the Adviser; (ii) clients of such institutional investors; and (iii) certain other Eligible Investors (as defined in "Eligibility to Buy Class I Shares and Class M Shares" below). Investors should carefully consider the Fund's risks and investment objective, as an investment in the Fund may not be appropriate for all investors and is not designed to be a complete investment program.

An investment in the Fund involves a high degree of risk. The reinsurance-related securities in which the Fund invests are typically considered "high yield" and many reinsurance-related debt securities may be considered "junk bonds." It is possible that investing in the Fund may result in a loss of some or all of the amount invested. Before making an investment/allocation decision, investors should (i) consider the suitability of this investment with respect to an investor's or a client's investment objectives and individual situation and (ii) consider factors such as an investor's or a client's net worth, income, age, and risk tolerance. Investment should be avoided where an investor/client has a short-term investing horizon and/or cannot bear the loss of some or all of the investment.

The Fund's shares will fluctuate in price, which may result in a loss of a portion or all of the money invested in the Fund. Many factors influence a mutual fund's performance.

The following is a summary of certain risks of investing in the Fund. Before investing, please be sure to read the additional information under "Investment Objectives, Strategies and Risks — More Information Regarding the Risks of Investing" below.

Reinsurance-Related Securities Risk. The principal risk of an investment in a reinsurance-related security is that a triggering event(s) (e.g., (i) natural events, such as a hurricane, tornado or earthquake of a particular size/magnitude in a designated geographic area; or (ii) non-natural events, such as large aviation disasters) will occur, and as a result, the Fund will lose all or a significant portion of the principal it has invested in the security and the right to additional interest payments with respect to the security. If multiple triggering events occur that impact a significant portion of the portfolio of the Fund, the Fund could suffer substantial losses and an investor will lose money. A majority of the Fund's assets will be invested in reinsurance-related securities tied to natural events and/or non-natural disasters and there is inherent uncertainty as to whether, when or where such events will occur. There is no way to accurately predict whether a triggering event will occur and, because of this significant uncertainty, reinsurance-related securities carry a high degree of risk.

Event-Linked Bonds. Event-linked or catastrophe bonds carry large uncertainties and major risk exposures to adverse conditions. If a trigger event, as defined within the terms of the bond, involves losses or other metrics exceeding a specific magnitude in the geographic region and time period specified therein, the Fund may lose a portion or all of its investment in such security, including accrued interest and/or principal invested in such security. Such losses may be substantial. Because catastrophe bonds cover "catastrophic" events that, if they occur, will result in significant losses, catastrophe bonds carry a high degree of risk of loss and are considered "high yield" or "junk bonds." The rating, if any, primarily reflects the rating agency's calculated probability that a pre-defined trigger event will occur. Thus, lower-rated bonds have a greater likelihood of a triggering event occurring and loss to the Fund.

Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes. The Fund may gain exposure to reinsurance contracts through Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes. These securities are subject to the same risks

discussed herein for event-linked or catastrophe bonds. In addition, because Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes represent an interest, either proportional or non-proportional, in one or more underlying reinsurance contracts, the Fund has limited transparency into the individual underlying contract(s) and, therefore, must rely upon the risk assessment and sound underwriting practices of the sponsor. Accordingly, it may be more difficult for the Adviser to fully evaluate the underlying risk profile of the Fund's investment in Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes, which will place the Fund's assets at greater risk of loss than if the Adviser had more complete information. The lack of transparency may also make the valuation of Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes more difficult and potentially result in mispricing that could result in losses to the Fund. See "Illiquidity and Restricted Securities Risk" and "Valuation Risk" below. In Quota Share Notes trades, ILW Notes trades and Excess of Loss Notes trades, the Fund cannot lose more than the amount invested.

Risk-Modeling Risk. The Adviser, in selecting investments for the Fund, will generally consider risk models created by independent third parties, the sponsor of a reinsurance-related security or a broker. The Adviser may also consider its own risk models based on comparable prior transactions, quantitative analysis, and industry knowledge. Risk models are designed to assist investors, governments, and businesses understand the potential impact of a wide variety of catastrophic events and allow such parties to analyze the probability of loss in regions with the highest exposure. The Adviser will use the output of the risk models before and after investment to assist the Adviser in assessing the risk of a particular reinsurance-related security or a group of such securities. Risk models are created using historical, scientific and other related data, and they may use quantitative methods. Because such risk models are based in part upon historical data and averages, there is no guarantee that such information will accurately predict the future occurrence, location or severity of any particular catastrophic event and thus may fail to accurately calculate the probability of a trigger event and may underestimate the likelihood of a trigger event. Securities or other investments selected using quantitative methods may perform differently from the market as a whole or from their expected performance for many reasons, including factors used in building the quantitative analytical framework, the weights placed on each factor, and changing sources of market returns, among others. In addition, any errors or imperfections in a risk model (quantitative or otherwise), analyses, the data on which they are based or any technical issues with the construction of the models (including, for example, data problems and/or software or other implementation issues) could adversely affect the ability of the Adviser to use such analyses or models effectively, which in turn could adversely affect the Fund's performance. Risk models are used by the Adviser as one input in its risk analysis process for Fund investments. There can be no assurance that these methodologies will help the Fund to achieve its investment objective.

Longevity and Mortality Risk. Longevity risk is the risk that members of a reference population will live longer, on average, than anticipated. Mortality risk is the risk that members of a reference population will live shorter, on average, than anticipated. Such risks are among the most significant faced by life insurers, annuity providers and pension funds because changes in longevity or mortality rates can significantly affect the liabilities and cash needs of those entities. Longevity bonds and mortality bonds purchased by the Fund involve the risk that the Adviser may incorrectly predict the actual level of longevity or mortality, as applicable, for the reference population of people, and the Fund will lose all or a portion of the amount of its investment in the bond. With respect to mortality bonds held by the Fund, there is also the risk that an epidemic or other catastrophic event could strike the reference population, resulting in mortality rates exceeding expectations and in the Fund losing all or a portion of its investment in the bond.

*Illiquidity and Restricted Securities Risk.* Illiquidity risk is the risk that the investments held by the Fund may be difficult or impossible to sell at the time that the Fund would like without significantly changing the market value of the investment. As a relatively new type of financial instrument, there is limited trading history for reinsurance-related securities, even for those securities deemed to be liquid.

The Fund may invest at the time of purchase up to 15% of its net assets in securities that are illiquid. The Adviser believes a sufficient liquid market exists for reinsurance-related securities in order to meet these requirements. However, there can be no assurance that a liquid market for the Fund's investments will be maintained. The

Fund's ability to realize full value in the event of the need to liquidate certain assets may be impaired and/or result in losses to the Fund. The Fund may be unable to sell its investments, even under circumstances when the Adviser believes it would be in the best interests of the Fund to do so. Illiquid investments may also be difficult to value and their pricing may be more volatile than more liquid investments, which could adversely affect the price at which the Fund is able to sell such instruments. Illiquid investments may involve greater risk than liquid investments. Illiquidity risk also may be greater in times of financial stress. The risks associated with illiquid instruments may be particularly acute in situations in which the Fund's operations require cash (such as in connection with redemptions) and could result in the Fund borrowing to meet its short-term needs or incurring losses on the sale of illiquid instruments.

Certain of the instruments in which the Fund may invest are subject to restrictions on resale by the federal securities laws or otherwise, such as securities offered privately pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "1933 Act") and securities issued pursuant to Rule 144A under the 1933 Act. While certain restricted securities may, notwithstanding their limitations on resale, be treated as liquid if the Adviser determines, pursuant to the applicable procedures, that such treatment is warranted, there can be no guarantee that any such determination will continue. Restricted securities previously determined to be liquid may subsequently become illiquid while held by the Fund. Even if such restricted securities are not deemed to be illiquid, they may nevertheless be difficult to value and the Fund may be required to hold restricted securities when it otherwise would sell such securities or may be forced to sell securities at a price lower than the price the Fund has valued such securities, and the Fund may incur additional expense when disposing of restricted securities, including costs to register the sale of the securities. This may result in losses to the Fund and investors.

Valuation Risk. The Fund is subject to valuation risk, which is the risk that one or more of the securities in which the Fund invests are priced incorrectly, due to factors such as incomplete data, market instability, or human error. In addition, pricing of reinsurance-related securities is subject to the added uncertainty caused by the inability to generally predict whether, when or where a natural disaster or other triggering event will occur. Even after a natural disaster or other triggering event occurs, the pricing of reinsurance-related securities is subject to uncertainty for a period of time until event parameters, ultimate loss amounts and other factors are finalized and communicated to the Fund. The Fund's investments in reinsurance-related securities for which market quotations are not available will be valued pursuant to procedures adopted by the board of trustees of Stone Ridge Trust (the "Board"). Even for reinsurance-related securities for which market quotations are generally readily available, upon the occurrence or possible occurrence of a trigger event, and until the completion of the settlement and auditing of applicable loss claims, the Fund's investment in a reinsurance-related security may be priced using fair value methods. Many of the Fund's reinsurance-related securities are priced using fair value methods. Portfolio securities that are valued using techniques other than market quotations, including fair valued securities, may be subject to greater fluctuation in their value from one day to the next than would be the case if market quotations were used. There is no assurance that the Fund could sell a portfolio security for the value established for it at any time and it is possible that the Fund would incur a loss because a portfolio security is sold at a discount to its established value. If securities are mispriced, shareholders could lose money upon redemption or could pay too much for shares purchased.

Moral Hazard Risk. Reinsurance-related securities are generally subject to one or more types of triggers, including so-called "indemnity triggers." An indemnity trigger is a trigger based on the actual losses of the ceding sponsor (i.e., the party seeking reinsurance). Reinsurance-related securities subject to indemnity triggers are often regarded as being subject to potential moral hazard, since such reinsurance-related securities are triggered by actual losses of the ceding sponsor and the ceding sponsor may have an incentive to take actions and/or risks that would have an adverse effect on the Fund. For example, if an event-linked bond issued will be triggered at \$500 million in losses to the sponsor, once that trigger is hit (i.e., the sponsor experiences \$500 million in losses under the contracts it has written), the bond purchaser will lose all or a portion of its principal invested (plus any additional interest). In this situation, the ceding sponsor has an incentive to pay the claims more generously when the loss amount is near the trigger amount set in the bond (i.e., to claim \$500 million in losses, when perhaps it could be argued that actual losses were \$499.9 million). Thus, bonds with indemnity triggers may be subject to moral hazard, because the trigger depends on the ceding sponsor to properly

identify and calculate losses that do and do not apply in determining whether the trigger amount has been reached. In short, "moral hazard" refers to this potential for the sponsor to influence bond performance, as payouts are based on the individual policy claims against the sponsor and the way the sponsor settles those claims.

Limited Availability and Reinvestment Risk. Investments in reinsurance-related securities may be limited, which may limit the amount of assets the Fund may be able to invest in reinsurance-related securities. The limited availability of reinsurance-related securities may be due to a number of factors, including seasonal concentration of issuances, limited selection that meets the Fund's investment objective and lack of availability of reinsurance-related securities in the secondary market. Original issuances of event-linked bonds (and in particular hurricane-related catastrophe bonds) may be concentrated in the first two calendar quarters of each year while original issuances of Quota Share Notes and Excess of Loss Notes may be concentrated in particular reinsurance renewal months (January, and to a lesser extent, April, June, and July). Thereafter, the availability of reinsurance-related securities is subject to natural fluctuations in the secondary market. Therefore, if reinsurance-related securities held by the Fund mature or if the Fund must sell securities to meet redemption requests, the Fund may be required to hold more cash than it normally would until reinsurance-related securities meeting the Fund's investment objective become available. Due to the potentially limited availability of additional reinsurance-related securities, the Fund may be forced to reinvest in securities that are lower yielding or less desirable than the securities the Fund sold. This is known as reinvestment risk, and may reduce the overall return on its portfolio securities.

Investments in Non-Voting Securities Risk. If the reinsurance-related securities in which the Fund invests carry voting rights, the Fund ordinarily will limit such investments to 5% or less of the issuing SPV's outstanding voting securities. However, to enable the Fund to invest more of its assets in certain SPVs deemed attractive by the Adviser, the Fund may also contractually forego its right to vote securities or may purchase non-voting securities of such SPVs. If the Fund does not limit its voting rights and is deemed an "affiliate" of the SPV, the ability of the Fund to make future investments in the SPV or to engage in other transactions would be severely limited by the requirements of the 1940 Act. Such limitations may interfere with portfolio management of the Fund which may adversely impact the Fund's performance. To the extent the Fund holds non-voting securities of an SPV, or contractually foregoes its right to vote securities of an SPV, it will not be able to vote to the full extent of its economic interest on matters that require the approval of the investors in the SPV, including matters that could adversely affect the Fund's investment in the SPV.

Reinsurance Industry Risk. The performance of reinsurance-related securities and the reinsurance industry itself are tied to the occurrence of various triggering events, including weather, natural disasters (hurricanes, earthquakes, etc.), non-natural large catastrophes and other specified events causing physical and/or economic loss. Triggering events are typically defined by three criteria: an event; a geographic area in which the event must occur; and a threshold of economic or physical loss (either actual or modeled) caused by the event, together with a method to measure such loss. Generally, the event is either a natural or non-natural peril of a kind that results in significant physical or economic loss. Natural perils include disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes, windstorms, pandemics, epidemics, fires and floods. Non-natural perils include disasters resulting from human activity, such as commercial and industrial accidents or business interruptions. Major natural disasters in populated areas (such as in the cases of hurricane Katrina in New Orleans in 2005, super storm Sandy in the New York City metropolitan area in 2012 and hurricane Irma in Florida and the Caribbean in 2017) or related to high-value insured property (such as plane crashes) can result in significant losses and investors in reinsurance-related securities tied to such exposures may also experience substantial losses. If the likelihood and severity of natural and other large disasters increase, the risk of significant losses to reinsurers may increase. Typically, one significant triggering event (even in a major metropolitan area) will not result in financial failure to a reinsurer. However, a series of major triggering events could cause the failure of a reinsurer. Similarly, to the extent the Fund invests in reinsurance-related securities for which a triggering event occurs, losses associated with such event will result in losses to the Fund and a series of major triggering events affecting a large portion of the reinsurance-related securities held by the Fund will result in substantial losses to the Fund. In addition, unexpected events such as natural disasters or terrorist attacks could lead to government intervention. Political,

judicial and legal developments affecting the reinsurance industry could also create new and expanded theories of liability or regulatory or other requirements; such changes could have a material adverse effect on the Fund.

Floating-Rate Instrument Risks. A significant percentage of the reinsurance-related securities in which the Fund invests are variable rate, or floating-rate, event-linked bonds. Floating-rate instruments and similar investments may be illiquid or less liquid than other investments. In addition, while the collateral securing most event-linked bonds in which the Fund currently intends to invest is typically invested in low-risk investments, certain SPVs in which the Fund invests may permit investment of collateral in higher risk, higher yielding investments. Thus, the value of collateral, if any, securing the Fund's investments in event-linked bonds can decline or may be insufficient to meet the issuer's obligations, and the collateral, if repaid to the Fund, may be difficult to liquidate. Market quotations for these securities may be volatile and/or subject to large spreads between bid and ask prices.

Below-Investment-Grade Securities and Unrated Securities Risk. The Fund has exposure and may, without limitation, continue to have exposure to reinsurance-related securities that are rated below investment grade or that are unrated but are judged by the Adviser to be of comparable quality. Below-investment-grade debt securities, which are commonly called "junk bonds," are rated below BBB-by S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") or Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., ("Moody's"), or have comparable ratings by another rating organization. Accordingly, certain of the Fund's unrated investments could constitute a highly risky and speculative investment, similar to an investment in "junk bonds."

The rating primarily reflects the rating agency's calculated probability that a pre-defined trigger event will occur. Therefore, securities with a lower rating reflect the rating agency's assessment of the substantial risk that a triggering event will occur and result in a loss. The rating also reflects the reinsurance-related security's credit risk and the model used to calculate the probability of the trigger event. The rating system for reinsurance-related securities is relatively new and significantly less developed than that of corporate bonds and continues to evolve as the market develops. There is no minimum rating on the instruments in which the Fund may invest.

Borrowing and Leverage Risk. The Fund may obtain financing to meet redemption requests, to make investments in reinsurance-related securities and to address cash flow timing mismatches. Therefore, the Fund is subject to leverage risk. The Fund's borrowings, which would typically be in the form of loans from banks, may be on a secured or unsecured basis and at fixed or variable rates of interest. Leverage magnifies the Fund's exposure to declines in the value of one or more underlying reference assets or creates investment risk with respect to a larger pool of assets than the Fund would otherwise have and may be considered a speculative technique. This risk is enhanced for the Fund because it invests substantially all its assets in reinsurance-related securities. Reinsurance-related securities can quickly lose all or much of their value if a triggering event occurs. Thus, to the extent assets subject to a triggering event are leveraged, the losses could substantially outweigh the Fund's investment and result in significant losses to the Fund. The value of an investment in the Fund will be more volatile and other risks tend to be compounded if and to the extent the Fund borrows or uses derivatives or other investments that have embedded leverage. The Fund's ability to obtain leverage through borrowings is dependent on its ability to establish and maintain an appropriate line of credit or other borrowing facility. Borrowing gives rise to interest expense and may require the Fund to pay other fees. Unless the rate of return, net of applicable Fund expenses, on the Fund's investments exceeds the costs to the Fund of the leverage it utilizes, the investment of the Fund's net assets attributable to leverage will generate less income than will be needed to pay the costs of the leverage to the Fund, resulting in a loss to the Fund, even if the rate of return on those assets is positive.

**Derivatives Risk**. The Fund may invest in a variety of derivatives, including options, futures contracts and swaps. The use of derivatives involves risks that are in addition to, and potentially greater than, the risks of investing directly in securities and other more traditional assets. Derivatives are financial contracts the value of which depends on, or is derived from, an asset or other underlying reference. Derivatives involve the risk that changes in their value may not move as expected relative to changes in the value of the underlying reference asset they are designed to track. The Fund may invest in derivatives for investment purposes and for hedging and

risk management purposes. Derivatives risk may be more significant when derivatives are used to enhance return or as a substitute for a cash investment option, rather than solely to hedge the risk of a position held by the Fund. See the Statement of Additional Information for additional information of the various types and uses of derivatives in the Fund's strategy.

The Fund may be required to provide more margin for its derivative investments during periods of market disruptions or stress.

Derivatives also present other risks described herein, including market risk, illiquidity risk, currency risk, counterparty risk and credit risk. OTC derivatives are generally highly illiquid. Many derivatives, in particular OTC derivatives, are complex and their valuation often requires modeling and judgment, which increases the risk of mispricing or improper valuation.

The Fund's use of OTC derivatives exposes it to the risk that the counterparties will be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments or otherwise honor their obligations. If the counterparty defaults, the Fund will still have contractual remedies but may not be able to enforce them. The Fund may invest in derivatives with a limited number of counterparties, and events affecting the creditworthiness of any of those counterparties may have a pronounced effect on the Fund.

The Fund's use of derivatives may not be effective or have the desired results. Moreover, suitable derivatives will not be available in all circumstances. The Adviser may decide not to use derivatives to hedge or otherwise reduce the Fund's risk exposures, potentially resulting in losses for the Fund.

Many derivatives have embedded leverage (i.e., a notional value in excess of the assets needed to establish and/or maintain the derivative position). Derivatives in which the Fund may invest (e.g., options, futures and swaps) may have embedded leverage, depending on their specific terms. As a result, adverse changes in the value or level of the underlying investment may result in a loss substantially greater than the amount invested in the derivative itself. See "Borrowing and Leverage Risk" above.

In October 2020, the Commission adopted new Rule 18f-4 under the 1940 Act ("Rule 18f-4") providing for the regulation of a registered investment company's use of derivatives and certain related instruments. Among other things, Rule 18f-4 limits a fund's derivatives exposure through a value-at-risk ("VaR") test and requires the adoption and implementation of a derivatives risk management program for certain derivatives users. In connection with the adoption of Rule 18f-4, the Commission also eliminated the asset segregation framework arising from prior Commission guidance for covering derivatives and certain financial instruments. Compliance with Rule 18f-4 will not be required until August 2022. When the Fund comes into compliance, the Fund's treatment of investments or trading practices that involve contractual obligations to pay in the future described above under "Borrowing and Leverage" will change. Most such investments or trading practices will be considered to be derivatives under Rule 18f-4, and will therefore be subject to the VaR test set forth in the rule. The approach to asset segregation and coverage requirements described in this prospectus will also be impacted. For certain investments, such as reverse repurchase agreements and similar financing transactions, the Fund will have the option to either treat them as (1) senior securities under Section 18 of the 1940 Act, in which case they would be subject to the 300% asset coverage requirement described above, or (2) derivatives subject to the VaR test imposed by Rule 18f-4. Rule 18f-4 could restrict the Fund's ability to engage in certain derivatives transactions and/or increase the costs of such derivatives transactions, which could adversely affect the value or performance of the Fund.

Specific risks involved in the use of certain types of derivatives in which the Fund may invest include:

Swaps Risk. The Fund may obtain event-linked exposure by investing in, among other things, event-linked swaps, which typically are contingent, or formulaically related to defined trigger events, or by pursuing similar event-linked derivative strategies. Trigger events include hurricanes, earthquakes, weather-related phenomena and other criteria determined by independent parties. If a trigger event(s) occurs, the Fund may lose the swap's notional amount. As derivative instruments, event-linked swaps are subject to risks in addition to the risks of investing in reinsurance-related securities, including risks associated with the counterparty and leverage.

Epidemic and Pandemic Risk. The COVID-19 pandemic, which began in December 2019 and has spread worldwide, has caused many governments to implement measures to slow the spread of the outbreak through quarantines, travel restrictions, heightened border scrutiny and other measures. The outbreak and government measures taken in response have also had a significant impact, both directly and indirectly, on businesses and commerce, as worker shortages have occurred, supply chains have been disrupted, facilities and production have been suspended and demand for certain goods and services, such as medical services and supplies, has spiked, while demand for other goods and services, such as travel, has fallen. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected the economies of many nations or the entire global economy, the financial performance of individual issuers, borrowers and sectors and the health of capital markets and other markets generally in potentially significant and unforeseen ways. The COVID-19 crisis has also exacerbated other pre-existing political, social and economic risks in certain countries or globally. Other public health crises that may arise in the future could have similar or other unforeseen effects. The duration of the COVID-19 outbreak or any such future outbreak and its effects cannot be determined with certainty. The COVID-19 outbreak has led, and in the future the COVID-19 outbreak or other future public health crises could lead, to a significant economic downturn or recession, increased market volatility, a greater number of market closures, higher default rates and adverse effects on the values and liquidity of securities or other assets. Such impacts, which may vary across asset classes, may adversely affect the performance of the Fund's investments, the Fund and your investment in the Fund. The impact of COVID-19 or any future public health crisis may also heighten the other risks disclosed in this prospectus.

Credit Risk. The reinsurance-related securities in which the Fund invests will be subject to credit risk. The principal invested in many reinsurance-related securities is held by the SPV in a collateral account and invested in various permissible assets set forth under the terms of the SPV. In these cases, typically, the collateral account is invested in high quality U.S. government securities (i.e., U.S. Treasury bonds). However, in certain reinsurance-related securities, the collateral account may be invested in high yielding, higher risk securities, which may include securities issued by entities managed by the Adviser. Collateral will generally be invested in accordance with the terms of the SPV and overseen by a collateral manager appointed by the SPV; therefore, the Fund is dependent upon the manager to invest the collateral account proceeds appropriately. A small portion of the reinsurance-related securities in which the Fund invests may, in lieu of such collateral account arrangements, provide for the collateral to be held by the reinsurer. When a collateral account is invested in higher yielding, higher risk securities or when the collateral is held directly by the reinsurer, the Fund will be subject to the risk of non-payment of scheduled principal and interest on such collateral. Such non-payments and defaults may reduce the income to the Fund and negatively impact the value of Fund shares.

Foreign Investing Risk. The Fund may invest in reinsurance-related securities issued by foreign sovereigns and foreign entities that are corporations, partnerships, trusts or other types of business entities. Because the majority of reinsurance-related security issuers are domiciled outside the United States, the Fund will normally invest significant amounts of its assets in foreign (non-U.S.) entities. Accordingly, the Fund may invest without limitation in securities issued by foreign entities, including those in emerging market countries. Certain SPVs in which the Fund invests may be sponsored by foreign insurers that are not subject to the same regulation as that to which U.S. insurers are subject. Such SPVs may pose a greater risk of loss, for example, due to less stringent underwriting and/or risk-retention requirements. The Fund's investments in event-linked bonds, Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes provide the Fund with contractual rights under the terms of the issuance. While the contractual rights of such instruments are similar whether they are issued by a U.S. issuer or a foreign issuer, there may be certain additional risks associated with foreign issuers. For example, foreign issuers could be affected by factors not present in the U.S., including expropriation, confiscatory taxation, lack of uniform accounting and auditing standards, less publicly available financial and other information, potential difficulties in enforcing contractual obligations, and increased costs to enforce applicable contractual obligations outside the U.S. Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates and exchange controls may adversely affect the market value of the Fund's investments in foreign securities. See "Currency Risk" below. Settlements of securities transactions in foreign countries are subject to risk of loss, may be delayed and are generally less frequent than in the U.S., which could affect the liquidity of the Fund's assets.

Currency Risk. The Fund's shares are priced in U.S. dollars and the distributions paid by the Fund are paid in U.S. dollars, and it is expected that a substantial portion of the Fund's investments in reinsurance-related securities will be U.S. dollar denominated investments. However, a portion of the Fund's assets may be denominated in foreign (non-U.S.) currencies and income received by the Fund from a portion of its investments may be paid in foreign currencies, and to the extent the Fund invests in non-U.S. dollar denominated instruments, a change in the value of a foreign currency against the U.S. dollar will result in a change in the U.S. dollar value of securities denominated in that foreign currency. If the U.S. dollar rises in value against a foreign currency, a security denominated in that currency will be worth less in U.S. dollars and if the U.S. dollar decreases in value against a foreign currency, a security denominated in that currency will be worth more in U.S. dollars. Currency risk also includes the risk that a currency to which the Fund has obtained exposure through hedging declines in value relative to the currency being hedged, in which event the Fund may realize a loss both on the hedging instrument and on the currency being hedged. Currency exchange rates can fluctuate significantly for many reasons. Derivative transactions in foreign currencies (such as futures, forwards, options and swaps) may involve leverage risk in addition to currency risk. Some countries have and may continue to adopt internal economic policies that affect their currency valuations in a manner that may be disadvantageous for U.S. investors or U.S. companies seeking to do business in those countries.

Equity Investing Risk. The Fund may at times invest in equity securities, which may be publicly or privately offered. The equity securities in which the Fund invests may be more volatile than the equity markets as a whole. Equity investing risk is the risk that the value of equity instruments to which the Fund is exposed will fall due to general market or economic conditions; overall market changes; local, regional or global political, social or economic instability; currency, interest rate and commodity price fluctuations; perceptions regarding the industries in which the issuers participate, and the particular circumstances and performance of the issuers. Market conditions may affect certain types of equity securities to a greater extent than other types. Although equities have historically generated higher average returns than debt securities over the long term, equity securities also have experienced significantly more volatility in returns. Finally, the prices of equities are also sensitive to rising interest rates, as the costs of capital rise and borrowing costs increase.

**Non-Diversification Risk**. The Fund is classified as a "non-diversified" fund under the 1940 Act. Accordingly, the Fund may invest a greater portion of its assets in the securities of a single issuer than if it were a "diversified" fund. To the extent that the Fund invests a higher percentage of its assets in the securities of a single issuer, the Fund is subject to a higher degree of risk associated with and developments affecting that issuer than a fund that invests more widely.

**Market Risk.** The value of the Fund's investments may decline, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably, due to general economic conditions that are not specifically related to a particular issuer, such as real or perceived adverse economic or political conditions throughout the world, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. The value of the Fund's investments also may decline because of factors that affect a particular industry or industries.

Management and Operational Risk. The Fund is subject to management risk because it relies on the Adviser's ability to achieve its investment objective. The Fund runs the risk that the Adviser's investment techniques will fail to produce desired results and cause the Fund to incur significant losses. The Adviser may select investments that do not perform as anticipated by the Adviser, may choose to hedge or not to hedge positions at disadvantageous times and may fail to use derivatives effectively.

Any imperfections, errors, or limitations in quantitative analyses and models used by the Adviser as part of its investment process could affect the Fund's performance.

The Fund also is subject to the risk of loss as a result of other services provided by the Adviser and other service providers, including pricing, administrative, accounting, tax, legal, custody, transfer agency and other services. Operational risk includes the possibility of loss caused by inadequate procedures and controls, human error and cyber attacks, disruptions and failures affecting, or by, a service provider.

Tax Risk. The Fund currently intends to qualify for treatment as a regulated investment company ("RIC") under Subchapter M of Chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). In order to qualify for such treatment, the Fund must derive at least 90% of its gross income each taxable year from qualifying income, meet certain asset diversification tests at the end of each fiscal quarter, and distribute at least 90% of its investment company taxable income for each taxable year. The Fund's investment strategy will potentially be limited by its intention to qualify for treatment as a RIC. The tax treatment of certain of the Fund's investments under one or more of the qualification or distribution tests applicable to RICs is not certain. An adverse determination or future guidance by the IRS or a change in law might affect the Fund's ability to qualify for such treatment.

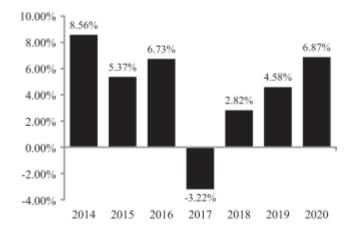
If, in any year, the Fund were to fail to qualify for treatment as a RIC under the Code for any reason, and were not able to cure such failure, the Fund would be subject to tax on its taxable income at corporate rates, and all distributions from earnings and profits, including any distributions of net tax-exempt income and net long-term capital gains, would be taxable to shareholders as dividends.

**Expense Risk.** Your actual costs of investing in the Fund may be higher than the expenses shown in "Annual Fund Operating Expenses" for a variety of reasons. The Fund's expense limitation agreement, which generally remains in effect for a period of one year, mitigates this risk. However, there is no assurance that the Adviser will renew such expense limitation agreement from year-to-year.

An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

#### **Performance**

The bar chart and table below provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the performance of the Fund's Class I Shares from year to year and by comparing the Fund's average annual total returns for the periods indicated with those of a broad measure of market performance. Past performance (before and after taxes) is not an indication of future performance. Performance data current to the most recent month end may be obtained by calling (855) 609-3680.



Best Quarter Worst Quarter Year to Date
(as of December 31, 2020) (as of December 31, 2020) (as of December 31, 2020)
Q3 2020 4.50% Q3 2017 (8.81)% 6.87%

Average Annual Total Returns for the periods ended December 31, 2020			
	One Year	Five Years	Since Inception (2/1/2013)
Class I Shares			
Return Before Taxes	6.87%	3.49%	4.80%
Return After Taxes on Distributions	4.17%	1.21%	2.24%
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of			
Fund Shares	4.02%	1.65%	2.52%
Class M Shares			
Return Before Taxes	6.70%	3.35%	4.66%
ICE BofA Merrill Lynch 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill			
Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	0.67%	1.20%	0.78%

After-tax returns are shown for Class I Shares only. After-tax returns for Class M Shares will differ. After tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. The "Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares" is higher, in some cases, than other return figures because when a capital loss occurs upon redemption of Fund shares, a tax deduction is provided that benefits the investor. Actual after-tax returns depend on your situation and may differ from those shown. Furthermore, the after-tax returns shown are not relevant to those who hold their shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts ("IRAs").

#### Management

Investment Adviser

Stone Ridge Asset Management LLC is the Fund's investment adviser.

Portfolio Managers

Paul Germain, Alexander Nyren, Benjamin Robbins, Ross Stevens and Igor Zhitnitsky (the "Portfolio Managers") are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. Mr. Stevens has been a Portfolio Manager since the Fund's inception, except for the period from February 2020 to February 2021. Mr. Nyren has been a Portfolio Manager since February 2014. Mr. Robbins has been a Portfolio Manager since May 2015. Mr. Germain, and Mr. Zhitnitsky have been Portfolio Managers since February 2021.

#### **Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares**

Investors may purchase the Fund's Class I shares and Class M shares by first contacting the Adviser at (855) 609-3680 to notify the Adviser of the proposed investment. Once notification has occurred, the investor will be directed to the Fund's transfer agent to complete the purchase or sale transaction. The Fund is generally sold to (i) institutional investors, including registered investment advisers (RIAs), that meet certain qualifications and have completed an educational program provided by the Adviser; (ii) clients of such institutional investors; and (iii) certain other Eligible Investors (as defined in "Eligibility to Buy Class I Shares and Class M Shares" below). All investments are subject to approval of the Adviser. The Fund may close at any time to new investments, and if the Fund closes, its shares will only be available for purchase after the Fund has notified investors that it is no longer closed to new investments. See "Shareholder Information – Fund Closings" below.

The minimum initial investment (which may be waived or reduced in certain circumstances) is \$25 million for Class I shares and \$250,000 for Class M shares. These minimums may be modified and/or applied in the aggregate for certain intermediaries that submit trades on behalf of underlying investors (e.g., registered investment advisers or benefit plans). Differences in the policies of different intermediaries may include different minimum investment amounts. There is no minimum for subsequent investments. All share purchases are subject to approval of the Adviser.

Fund shares may be redeemed on any business day, which is any day the New York Stock Exchange is open for business, by writing to Stone Ridge Trust, c/o U.S. Bank Global Fund Services, 615 East Michigan Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, or by calling (855) 609-3680. Investors who invest in the Fund through an intermediary should contact their intermediary regarding redemption procedures.

#### **Tax Information**

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income and/or capital gains, unless you are exempt from taxation or investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or an individual retirement account. If you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, you may be taxed upon withdrawals from that arrangement.

## Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries

The Fund is not generally sold through financial intermediaries other than certain registered investment advisers, and no sales loads are charged to investors or paid to financial intermediaries. See "Distribution Arrangements" below.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE, STRATEGIES AND RISKS

Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in reinsurance-related securities. In addition, the Fund will also invest at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in high yield, high risk debt securities (commonly referred to as "junk bonds"). (Together, these are referred to as the "80% Policies"). High yield securities typically are of below-investment-grade quality, and may either have below-investment-grade credit ratings, which ratings are associated with securities having high risk, speculative characteristics, or may be unrated but of comparable quality to securities with below-investment-grade credit ratings. The Fund's investment objective and policies may be changed without shareholder approval unless an objective or policy is identified in the prospectus or in the Statement of Additional Information as "fundamental." The Fund will provide written notice to shareholders at least 60 days prior to a change in its 80% Policy.

## **More Information Regarding Investment Strategies**

The Fund pursues its investment objective by investing primarily in reinsurance-related securities, including event-linked bonds, Quota Share Notes and, to a lesser extent, in Excess of Loss Notes, ILW Notes, event-linked swaps, and equity securities (publicly or privately offered) or the derivatives of equity securities of companies in the reinsurance and insurance industry (collectively, "reinsurance-related securities").

Event-linked bonds are variable rate debt securities for which the return of principal and payment of interest are contingent on the non-occurrence of a specified trigger event(s) that leads to economic and/or human loss, such as an earthquake of a particular magnitude or a hurricane of a specific category. The most common type of event-linked bonds is known as "catastrophe" or "CAT" bonds. The Fund may invest in event-linked bonds in one or more of three ways: the Fund may purchase event-linked bonds when initially offered; the Fund may purchase event-linked bonds in the secondary, over-the-counter ("OTC") market; or the Fund may gain indirect exposure to event-linked bonds using derivatives. The Fund may pursue other types of event-linked derivative strategies using derivative instruments that are typically contingent, or formulaically related to defined trigger events.

Trigger events may include hurricanes, earthquakes and weather-related phenomena, pandemics, epidemics, non-natural catastrophes, such as plane crashes, or other events resulting in a specified level of physical or economic loss, such as mortality or longevity. Trigger events are typically defined by three criteria: an event; a geographic area in which the event must occur; and a threshold of economic or physical loss (either actual or modeled) caused by the event, together with a method to measure such loss. In order for a trigger event to be deemed to have occurred, each of the three criteria must be satisfied while the bond is outstanding or the derivative position remains open. The Fund has no limit as to the types of events, geographic areas or thresholds of loss referenced by event-linked bonds in which it can invest. Generally, the event is either a natural or non-natural peril of a kind that results in significant physical or economic loss. Natural perils include disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes, windstorms, pandemics, epidemics, fires and floods. Non-natural perils include disasters resulting from human activity such as commercial and industrial accidents or business interruptions. Some event-linked bonds reference only a single event. Other event-linked bonds may reference multiple events, the occurrence of any one (or other number) of which would satisfy these criteria. Alternatively, an event-linked bond may not specify a particular peril. In these cases, only the geographic area and threshold of physical or economic loss determines whether a trigger event has occurred. For example, certain event-linked bonds, commonly referred to as "mortality" bonds (discussed further below), have trigger events that are deemed to occur if a specific number of deaths occur in an identified geographic area regardless of the peril which caused the loss of life.

If the trigger event(s) occurs prior to a bond's maturity, the Fund may lose all or a portion of its principal and forgo additional interest. In this regard, event-linked bonds typically have a special condition that states that if the sponsor suffers a loss from a particular pre-defined catastrophe or other event that results in physical and/or economic loss, then the issuer's obligation to pay interest and/or repay the principal is either deferred or completely forgiven. For example, if the Fund holds a bond that covers a sponsor's losses due to a hurricane with

a "trigger" at \$1 billion and a hurricane hits causing \$1 billion or more in losses to such sponsor, then the Fund will lose all or a portion of its principal invested in the bond and forgo all or a portion of any future interest payments. If the trigger event(s) does not occur, the Fund will recover its principal plus interest. Interest typically accrues and is paid on a quarterly basis for the specified duration of the bond, as long as the trigger event(s) does not occur. Although principal typically is repaid only on the maturity date, it may be repaid in installments, depending on the terms of the bond.

The Fund may invest in both longevity bonds and mortality bonds, which are fixed-income securities, typically issued by special purpose vehicles. The terms of a longevity bond typically provide that the investor in the bond will receive less than the bond's par amount at maturity if the actual average longevity (life span) of a specified population of people observed over a specified period of time (typically measured by a longevity index) is higher than a specified level. If longevity is higher than expected, the bond will return less than its par amount at maturity, and could return no principal at maturity. Other types of longevity bonds may provide that if the actual average longevity of two separate populations of people observed over a specified period of time diverge by more than a specified amount, the bonds will pay less than their par amount at maturity. A mortality bond, in contrast to a longevity bond, typically provides that the investor in the bond will receive less than the bond's par amount at maturity if the mortality rate of a specified population of people observed over a specified period of time (typically measured by a mortality index) is higher than a specified level. Some mortality bonds, often referred to as "extreme mortality bonds" contain remote event triggers, which provide that the bonds will lose principal only if the mortality rate of the specified population is substantially higher than the expected level. During their term, both longevity bonds and mortality bonds typically pay a floating rate of interest to investors. The Fund may also gain this type of exposure through event-linked derivative instruments, such as swaps, that are contingent on or formulaically related to longevity or mortality risk.

When selecting event-linked bonds, Quota Share Notes and other reinsurance-related securities for investment, Stone Ridge Asset Management LLC ("Stone Ridge" or the "Adviser") evaluates the evolving universe of reinsurance-related securities by performing its own analysis based on quantitative and qualitative research. The Adviser may rely upon information and analysis obtained from brokers, dealers and ratings organizations, among other sources. The Adviser then uses quantitative and qualitative analysis to select appropriate reinsurance-related securities within each trigger-event category. Trigger event categories include "indemnity triggers," which are tied to the losses of the issuer; "parametric triggers," which are tied to the non-occurrence of specific events with defined parameters; "industry loss triggers," which are tied to industry-wide losses; and "modeled loss triggers," which are tied to the hypothetical losses resulting from a modeled event and could be issuer-specific or industry-wide. Certain investments may have multiple triggers or a combination of the different types of triggers. The Adviser's qualitative and quantitative analysis may consider various factors, such as trigger transparency, sponsor basis risk, call provisions, moral hazard, and correlation with other investments, and will also guide the Adviser in determining the desired allocation of reinsurance-related securities by peril and geographic exposure.

The Fund may also seek to gain exposure to reinsurance contracts by holding notes or preferred shares issued by a special purpose vehicle ("SPV") whose performance is tied to underlying reinsurance transaction(s), including Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes. The Fund, as holder of a note or preferred share issued by the SPV, would be entitled to participate in the underwriting results and investment earnings associated with the SPV's underlying reinsurance contracts.

The Fund may also enter into other types of investments that enable the Fund to provide risk transfer services, as the Adviser may consider appropriate from time to time.

**Reinsurance-Related Securities**. The Fund will invest substantially in reinsurance-related securities, including "event-linked" bonds (a type of reinsurance-related security, which sometimes are referred to as "insurance-linked" or "catastrophe" bonds), Quota Share Notes, ILW Notes and Excess of Loss Notes.

Event-Linked Bonds. Event-linked bonds are variable rate debt securities for which the return of principal and payment of interest are contingent on the non-occurrence of a specified trigger event(s) that leads to economic

and/or human loss, such as an earthquake of a particular magnitude or a hurricane of a specific category. In most cases, the trigger event(s) will not be deemed to have occurred unless the event(s) happened in a particular geographic area and was of a certain magnitude (based on independent scientific readings) and/or caused a certain amount of actual or modeled loss. Geographic areas identified by event-linked bonds range broadly in scope. A limited number of event-linked bonds do not identify a geographic area, meaning that the event can occur anywhere. The majority of event-linked bonds relate to events occurring within the United States (or a single state or group of states within the United States), Europe (or a single European country) or Japan. Event-linked bonds also identify a threshold of physical or economic loss. The trigger event is deemed to have occurred only if the event meets or exceeds the specified threshold of physical or economic loss. Some event-linked bonds base the occurrence of the trigger event on losses reported by a specific insurance company or by the insurance industry. Other event-linked bonds base the occurrence of the trigger event on modeled payments (for a single insurer or across the insurance industry), an industry index or indices, or readings of scientific instruments. Some event-linked bonds utilize a combination of the aforementioned thresholds. The Fund is entitled to receive principal and interest payments so long as no trigger event(s) occurs of the description and magnitude specified by the instrument. Event-linked bonds may be sponsored by government agencies, insurance companies, reinsurers, special purpose corporations or other on-shore or off-shore entities. Event-linked bonds are typically rated by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating agency, but also may be unrated. The rating for an event-linked bond, if any, primarily reflects the rating agency's calculated probability that a pre-defined trigger event(s) will occur. This rating also reflects the event-linked bond's credit risk and the model used to calculate the probability of a trigger event.

Other Event-Linked Securities. The Fund may also seek to gain exposure to reinsurance contracts by holding notes or preferred shares issued by an SPV whose performance is tied to underlying reinsurance transaction(s). In implementing the Fund's investment strategy, Stone Ridge will seek to invest in reinsurance-related securities tied to a varied group of available perils and geographic regions. Further, within each region and peril, Stone Ridge seeks to hold a balance of exposures to underlying insurance and reinsurance carriers, trigger types, and lines of business.

Investments in Quota Share Notes provide exposure to a form of proportional reinsurance in which an investor participates in the premiums and losses of a reinsurer's portfolio according to a pre-defined percentage. For example, under a 20% quota-share agreement, the SPV would obtain 20% of all premiums of the subject portfolio while being responsible for 20% of all claims, and the Fund, as holder of a Quota Share Note issued by the SPV, would be entitled to its pro rata share of the premiums received by the SPV and would be responsible for its pro rata share of the claims, up to the total amount invested. The Fund will generally seek to gain exposure to geographically diversified natural catastrophe Quota Share Notes and the Quota Share Notes in which the Fund invests will typically be high yield, high risk instruments.

Investments in Excess of Loss Notes provide exposure to a form of reinsurance pursuant to which one party (typically an insurer or reinsurer) purchases protection against losses that exceed a specified threshold up to a set limit. For example, under such an arrangement, an insurer may have a book of business with \$6 billion of total risk in respect of large, catastrophic losses. Such an insurer can purchase reinsurance protection from an SPV for 40% of single-event losses the insurer suffers between \$4 billion and \$5 billion by paying the SPV a fixed premium. In this example, if the insurer suffered a loss of \$5 billion due to one event, it would cover the first \$4 billion itself and file a reinsurance claim with the SPV to pay 40% of the further \$1 billion in losses (i.e., \$400 million) and pay the remaining \$600 million itself. If the insurer had losses of \$6 billion, it would cover the first \$4 billion itself, look to the SPV to pay 40% of \$1 billion (again paying the \$600 million itself) and would further retain the obligation to pay the additional \$1 billion that exceeds the reinsurance (which, in this example, covered losses between \$4 billion and \$5 billion). The "trigger" for this type of reinsurance contract would be losses in excess of the specified amount. The Fund, as a holder of an Excess of Loss Note, would be entitled to its pro rata share of the premiums received by the SPV and would be responsible for its pro rata share of the claims, up to the total amount invested.

Investments in ILW Notes provide exposure to a transaction through which one party (typically, an insurance company or reinsurance company, or a reinsurance-related asset manager) purchases protection based on the total loss arising from a catastrophic event to the entire insurance industry rather than the losses of any particular insurer. For example, the buyer of a "\$100 million limit US Wind ILW attaching at \$20 billion" will pay an upfront premium to a protection writer (i.e., the reinsurer or an SPV) and in return will receive \$100 million if total losses to the insurance industry from a single US hurricane exceed \$20 billion. The industry loss (\$20 billion in this case) is often referred to as the "trigger" and is reported by an independent third party after an event has occurred. The amount of protection offered by the contract (\$100 million in this case) is referred to as the "limit." ILW Notes could also provide exposure to transactions linked to an index not linked to insurance industry losses, such as wind speed or earthquake magnitude and location. The Fund, as holder of an ILW Note, would be entitled to a return linked to the premium paid by the sponsor and the occurrence or non-occurrence of the trigger event.

SPVs. If a "sponsor," such as an insurance company or reinsurance company (a company that insures insurance companies), wants to transfer some or all of the risk it assumes in insuring against certain losses, it can set up a separate legal structure — commonly known as an SPV. Municipal, state and foreign governments and private companies may also sponsor catastrophe bonds as a hedge against natural or non-natural disasters. The SPV is a passive and independent intermediary structure standing between the bond holders and the sponsor. Immediately after issuing the bonds to investors, the SPV enters into a "cover agreement" with the sponsor, through which the SPV provides the sponsor with a measure of protection against specified catastrophic or other similar events. The SPV generally puts the proceeds received from the bond issuance (the "principal") into a trust account. The SPV uses this principal amount as "collateral" in order to secure its obligation under the cover agreement. The principal amount from the bond issuance held as collateral is generally invested into high-quality instruments (such as U.S. Treasury securities or U.S. Treasury money market funds). The earnings on these instruments, as well as insurance or reinsurance premiums paid by the sponsor, are used to make periodic, variable rate interest payments to investors (e.g., the Fund). The reinsurance-related securities typically have rates of interest that reflect the returns of such short-term collateral investments, plus a premium.

As long as the corresponding trigger event(s) covered by the bond — whether a windstorm in Europe or an earthquake in California — does not occur during the time investors own the bond, investors will receive their interest payments and, when the bond matures, their principal back from the SPV. Many catastrophe bonds mature in three years, although terms generally range from one to five years, depending on the bond. If the event does occur, however, the sponsor's right to the collateral is "triggered." This means the sponsor receives the collateral, instead of investors receiving it when the bond matures, causing investors to lose most — or all — of their principal and unpaid interest payments. When this happens, the SPV might also have the right to extend the maturity of the bonds to verify that the trigger did occur or to process and audit insurance claims. Depending on the bond, the extension can last anywhere from three months to two years or more.

Illiquid and Restricted Securities. The board of trustees of Stone Ridge Trust (the "Board") has delegated to the Adviser the responsibility for determining whether the securities in which the Fund invests are liquid or illiquid, which Stone Ridge carries out on a case-by-case basis based on procedures approved by the Board that set forth various factors relating to the Fund's ability to dispose of such securities in an appropriate manner. Certain of the instruments in which the Fund may invest, including most event-linked bonds, Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes, are restricted securities in that their disposition is restricted by the federal securities laws or otherwise, such as securities offered privately pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "1933 Act") and securities issued pursuant to Rule 144A under the 1933 Act. Notwithstanding these limitations on resale, certain restricted securities may be treated as liquid if the Adviser determines pursuant to the applicable procedures that such treatment is warranted. The Board will monitor and periodically review liquidity determinations. The Fund may invest at the time of purchase up to 15% of its net assets in securities that are illiquid, which may be difficult to value properly and may involve greater risks than liquid securities. For certain risks related to the Fund's investments in illiquid instruments, see "More Information Regarding the Risks of Investing — Illiquidity and Restricted Securities Risk" below.

Below-Investment-Grade Securities. Because most event-linked bonds, Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes are unrated, a substantial portion of the Fund's assets will typically be invested in unrated securities determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality to below-investment-grade securities, similar in some respects to high yield corporate bonds. Event-linked catastrophe bonds, Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes are exposed to catastrophic insurance risk, whereas high yield bonds are typically exposed to the potential default of financially distressed issuers. The Fund has no limit as to the maturity of the securities in which it invests or as to the market capitalization of the issuer. The Fund may invest in event-linked bonds, Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes, ILW Notes and debt securities of any credit rating, including those rated below investment grade (commonly referred to as "junk bonds") or, if unrated, determined by the Adviser, to be of comparable quality. With respect to event-linked bonds, the rating, if any, primarily reflects the rating agency's calculated probability that a pre-defined trigger event(s) will occur, as well as the overall expected loss to the bond principal. In addition to ratings issued by rating agencies, event-linked bonds are generally issued with an attachment probability and expected loss percentage determined by an independent modeler (a "risk model"). A risk model is created based on historical data and averages as well as scientific and probabilistic analysis and is used to inform investors and others on the potential impact of a wide variety of catastrophic events or other specified events that result in physical and/or economic loss. The Adviser, in selecting investments for the Fund, will generally consider risk models created by independent third parties, the sponsor of a reinsurancerelated security or a broker. The Adviser may also consider its own risk models based on comparable prior transactions, quantitative analysis, and industry knowledge. The event-linked bonds in which the Fund may invest may also be subordinated or "junior" to more senior securities of the issuer. The investor in a subordinated security of an issuer is generally entitled to payment only after other holders of debt in that issuer have been paid.

A substantial amount of the reinsurance-related securities in which the Fund intends to invest are structured as variable rate, or floating-rate, debt securities, which will be secured by the collateral contributed by the Fund and other investors to the relevant SPVs sponsored by the ceding insurer. The collateral is typically invested in short-term instruments, such as U.S. Treasury securities or U.S. Treasury money market funds. The reinsurance-related securities typically have rates of interest that reflect the returns of such short-term collateral instruments, plus a premium.

**Derivatives**. The Fund may enter into derivatives transactions with respect to any security or other instrument in which it is permitted to invest or any security, instrument, index or economic indicator related to such instruments ("reference instruments"). Derivatives are financial instruments the value of which is derived from an underlying reference instrument. Derivatives transactions can involve substantial risk. Derivatives typically allow the Fund to increase or decrease the level of risk to which it is exposed more quickly and efficiently than transactions in other types of instruments. The Fund incurs costs in connection with opening and closing derivatives positions. The Fund may engage in the derivative transactions set forth below, as well as in other derivative transactions with substantially similar characteristics and risks. The Fund may but is not required to use futures and options on securities, indices and currencies, forward foreign currency exchange contracts, stock index futures, swaps, including event-linked swaps and other derivative instruments. The Fund may use derivatives for a variety of purposes, including (i) as a hedge against adverse changes in the market prices of securities, interest rates or, to a lesser extent, currency exchange rates, (ii) as a substitute for purchasing or selling securities, (iii) to seek to increase the Fund's return as a non-hedging strategy that may be considered speculative, or (iv) to manage portfolio exposures.

Derivative transactions may give rise to a form of leverage. Leverage may cause the Fund to be more volatile than if it had not been leveraged, as certain types of leverage may exaggerate the effect of any increase or decrease in the value of the Fund's portfolio securities. The loss on leverage transactions may substantially exceed the initial investment. The Fund may be required to segregate or "earmark" liquid assets or otherwise cover the Fund's obligation created by a transaction that gives rise to leverage.

**Foreign Investments**. The Fund may invest without limit in foreign government and foreign corporate debt securities. Because the majority of reinsurance-related security issuers are domiciled outside the United States,

the Fund will normally invest significant amounts of its assets in foreign entities. Foreign issuers are issuers that are organized and/or have their principal offices outside of the United States. Foreign securities may be issued by foreign governments, banks or corporations, private issuers, or certain supranational organizations, such as the World Bank and the European Union. Economic or other sanctions imposed on a foreign country or issuer by the U.S., or on the U.S. by a foreign country, could impair the Fund's ability to buy, sell, hold, receive, deliver, or otherwise transact in certain securities. Sanctions could also affect the value and/or liquidity of a foreign security. The Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, which regulates auditors of U.S. public companies, is unable to inspect audit work papers in certain foreign countries. Investors in foreign countries often have limited rights and few practical remedies to pursue shareholder claims, including class actions or fraud claims, and the ability of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the U.S. Department of Justice and other authorities to bring and enforce actions against foreign issuers or foreign persons is limited.

**U.S. Government Securities.** The Fund may invest in U.S. government securities, which are obligations of, or guaranteed by, the U.S. government, its agencies or government-sponsored entities. U.S. government securities include issues by non-governmental entities (like financial institutions) that carry direct guarantees from U.S. government agencies as part of government initiatives. Although the U.S. government guarantees principal and interest payments on securities issued by the U.S. government and some of its agencies, such as securities issued by the Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), this guarantee does not apply to losses resulting from declines in the market value of these securities. Some of the U.S. government securities that the Fund may hold are not guaranteed or backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government, such as those issued by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Equity Securities. Equity securities include common stocks, warrants and rights, as well as "equity equivalents" such as preferred stocks and securities convertible into common stock. The equity securities in which the Fund invests may be publicly or privately offered. Preferred stocks generally pay a dividend and rank ahead of common stocks and behind debt securities in claims for dividends and for assets of the issuer in a liquidation or bankruptcy. The dividend rate of preferred stocks may cause their prices to behave more like those of debt securities. A convertible security is one that can be converted into or exchanged for common stock of an issuer within a particular period of time at a specified price, upon the occurrence of certain events or according to a price formula. Convertible securities offer the Fund the ability to participate in equity market movements while also seeking some current income. Convertible debt securities pay interest and convertible preferred stocks pay dividends until they mature or are converted, exchanged or redeemed. The Fund considers some convertible securities to be "equity equivalents" because they are convertible into common stock. The credit ratings of those convertible securities generally have less impact on the investment decision, although they may still be subject to credit and interest rate risk.

Borrowing and Leverage. The Fund may obtain leverage through borrowings in seeking to achieve its investment objective. The Fund's borrowings, which would typically be in the form of loans from banks, may be on a secured or unsecured basis and at fixed or variable rates of interest. The 1940 Act requires the Fund to maintain continuous asset coverage of not less than 300% with respect to all borrowings. This means that the value of the Fund's total indebtedness may not exceed one-third of the value of its total assets (including such indebtedness). The Fund also may borrow money from banks or other lenders for temporary purposes in an amount not to exceed 5% of the Fund's assets. Such temporary borrowings are not subject to the asset coverage requirements discussed above. Investments or trading practices that involve contractual obligations to pay in the future are subject to the same requirements unless the Fund designates liquid assets in an amount the Fund believes to be equal to the Fund's contractual obligations (marked-to-market on a daily basis) or, for certain instruments, appropriately "covers" such obligations with offsetting positions. Borrowing money involves transaction and interest costs. The Fund may pay a commitment fee or other fees to maintain a line of credit, and will pay interest on amounts it borrows.

Leverage can have the effect of magnifying the Fund's exposure to changes in the value of its assets and may also result in increased volatility in the Fund's net asset value ("NAV"). This means the Fund will have the potential for greater gains, as well as the potential for greater losses, than if the Fund owned its assets on an

unleveraged basis. The value of an investment in the Fund will be more volatile and other risks tend to be compounded if and to the extent that the Fund is exposed to leverage.

Reverse Repurchase Agreements. The Fund may enter into reverse repurchase agreements pursuant to which the Fund transfers securities to a counterparty in return for cash and agrees to repurchase the securities at a later date and for a higher price. Reverse repurchase agreements are treated as borrowings by the Fund, are a form of leverage and may make the value of an investment in the Fund more volatile and increase the risks of investing in the Fund. Entering into reverse repurchase agreements and other borrowing transactions may cause the Fund to liquidate positions at a disadvantageous time or price in order to satisfy its obligations or meet segregation requirements.

To the extent required by Commission guidelines, if a transaction (such as a reverse repurchase agreement) exposes the Fund to an obligation to another party it will either: (1) enter an offsetting ("covered") position for the same type of financial asset; (2) segregate cash or liquid securities with a value sufficient at all times to cover its potential obligations; or (3) treat such obligation as a senior security under Section 18 of the 1940 Act. To the extent that such instruments are covered, or if the Fund has segregated assets in respect of its obligations under such instruments, they will not be considered "senior securities" under the 1940 Act and, therefore, will not be subject to the 300% asset coverage requirement otherwise applicable to senior securities issued by the Fund. Assets used as cover or segregated cannot be sold while the position(s) requiring cover is open unless replaced with other appropriate assets.

Cash Management and Temporary Investments. Normally, the Fund invests substantially all of its assets to meet its investment objective. The Fund may invest the remainder of its assets in securities with remaining maturities of less than one year or cash equivalents, or may hold cash. For temporary defensive purposes, including during periods of unusual cash flows, the Fund may depart from its principal investment strategies and invest part or all of its assets in these securities or may hold cash. The Fund may adopt a defensive strategy when the Adviser believes securities in which the Fund normally invests have special or unusual risks or are less attractive due to adverse market, economic, political or other conditions.

#### **Additional Investment Practices**

In addition to the investment strategies described above, the Fund may also use other investment techniques, including the following from time to time.

**Short-Term Trading**. At times, the Fund may engage in short-term trading, usually with respect to certain derivative instruments on the types of instruments the Fund is permitted to hold in its portfolio. If the Fund engages in frequent short-term trading, it may incur additional operating expenses, which would reduce performance, and could cause shareholders to incur a higher level of taxable income or capital gains.

Securities Lending. The Fund may earn additional income from lending securities. The value of securities loaned may not exceed 331/3% of the value of the Fund's total assets, which includes the value of collateral received. To the extent the Fund loans a portion of its securities, the Fund will generally receive collateral consisting of cash or U.S. government securities. Collateral received will be marked to market daily and will generally be at least equal at all times to the value of the securities on loan. Subject to its stated investment policies, the Fund will generally invest cash collateral received for the loaned securities in securities of the U.S. government or its agencies, repurchase agreements collateralized by securities of the U.S. government or its agencies, and unaffiliated registered and unregistered money market funds. For purposes of this paragraph, agencies include both agency debentures and agency mortgage backed securities.

**Investments in Other Investment Companies**. The Fund may invest in the securities of other investment companies, which can include open-end funds, closed-end funds, unit investment trusts and business development companies. The Fund may invest in exchange-traded funds (ETFs), which are typically open-end funds or unit investment trusts listed on a stock exchange. One reason the Fund might do so is to gain exposure to

segments of the markets represented by another fund at times when the Fund might not be able to buy the particular type of securities directly. As a shareholder of an investment company, the Fund would be subject to its ratable share of that investment company's expenses, including its advisory and administration expenses. The Fund does not intend to invest in other investment companies unless the Adviser believes that the potential benefits of the investment justify the payment of any premiums or sales charges. Absent Commission exemptive or similar relief, the Fund's investments in the securities of other investment companies are subject to the limits that apply to those types of investments under the 1940 Act.

**Corporate Debt Obligations**. The Fund may purchase debt obligations, such as bonds, debentures, notes and preferred stock issued by U.S. and foreign corporations, partnerships or other business entities. Debt securities purchased by the Fund may be subordinate to other liabilities of the issuer. If a borrower becomes insolvent, the borrower's assets may be insufficient to meet its obligations.

#### More Information Regarding the Risks of Investing

Before investing or allocating shares of the Fund to a client's account, investors should carefully consider the Fund's risks and investment objective, as an investment in the Fund may not be appropriate for all investors or clients and is not designed to be a complete investment program. An investment in the Fund involves a high degree of risk. The reinsurance-related securities in which the Fund invests are typically considered "high yield" and many reinsurance-related debt securities may be considered "junk bonds." It is possible that investing in the Fund may result in a loss of some or all of the amount invested. Before making an investment/allocation decision, investors should (i) consider the suitability of this investment with respect to an investor's or a client's investment objectives and individual situation and (ii) consider factors such as an investor's or a client's net worth, income, age, and risk tolerance. Investment should be avoided where an investor/client has a short-term investing horizon and/or cannot bear the loss of some or all of the investment.

The Fund is subject to the principal risks described below. As with any mutual fund, there is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its investment objective. You could lose all or part of your investment in the Fund, and the Fund could underperform other investments.

**Reinsurance-Related Securities Risk**. The principal risk of an investment in a reinsurance-related security is that a triggering event(s) (e.g., (i) natural events, such as a hurricane, tornado or earthquake of a particular size/magnitude in a designated geographic area; or (ii) non-natural events, such as large aviation disasters) will occur, and as a result, the Fund will lose all or a significant portion of the principal it has invested in the security and the right to additional interest payments with respect to the security. If multiple triggering events occur that impact a significant portion of the portfolio of the Fund, the Fund could suffer substantial losses and an investor will lose money. A majority of the Fund's assets will be invested in reinsurance-related securities tied to natural events and/or non-natural disasters and there is inherent uncertainty as to whether, when or where such events will occur. There is no way to accurately predict whether a triggering event will occur and, because of this significant uncertainty, reinsurance-related securities carry a high degree of risk.

Event-Linked Bonds. Event-linked or catastrophe bonds carry large uncertainties and major risk exposures to adverse conditions. If a trigger event, as defined within the terms of the bond, involves losses or other metrics exceeding a specific magnitude in the geographic region and time period specified therein, the Fund may lose a portion or all of its investment in such security, including accrued interest and/or principal invested in such security. Such losses may be substantial. Because catastrophe bonds cover "catastrophic" events that, if they occur, will result in significant losses, catastrophe bonds carry a high degree of risk of loss and are considered "high yield" or "junk bonds." The rating, if any, primarily reflects the rating agency's calculated probability that a pre-defined trigger event will occur. Thus, lower-rated bonds have a greater likelihood of a triggering event occurring and loss to the Fund.

Catastrophe bonds are also subject to extension risk. The sponsor of such an investment might have the right to extend the maturity of the bond or note to verify that the trigger event did occur or to process and audit insurance claims. The typical duration of mandatory and optional extensions of maturity for reinsurance-related securities

currently is between three months to two years. In certain circumstances, the extension may exceed two years. An extension to verify the potential occurrence of a trigger event will reduce the value of the bond or note due to the uncertainty of the occurrence of the trigger event and will hinder the Fund's ability to sell the bond or note. Even if it is determined that the trigger event did not occur, such an extension will delay the Fund's receipt of the bond's or note's principal and prevent the reinvestment of such proceeds in other, potentially higher yielding securities.

Catastrophe bonds have been in use only since the mid-1990s. As a relatively new type of financial instrument, there is limited trading history for these securities, and in certain instances there may be a limited or no active trading market, which may impair the ability of the Fund to realize full value in the event of the need to liquidate such assets.

Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes. These securities are subject to the same risks discussed herein for event-linked or catastrophe bonds. In addition, because Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes represent an interest, either proportional or non-proportional, in one or more underlying reinsurance contracts, the Fund has limited transparency into the individual underlying contract(s) and, therefore, must rely upon the risk assessment and sound underwriting practices of the sponsor. Accordingly, it may be more difficult for the Adviser to fully evaluate the underlying risk profile of the Fund's investment in Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes, which will place the Fund's assets at greater risk of loss than if the Adviser had more complete information. The lack of transparency may also make the valuation of Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes more difficult and potentially result in mispricing that could result in losses to the Fund. See "Illiquidity and Restricted Securities Risk" and "Valuation Risk" below. In Quota Share Notes trades, ILW Notes trades and Excess of Loss Notes trades, the Fund cannot lose more than the amount invested.

Risk-Modeling Risk. The Adviser, in selecting investments for the Fund, will generally consider risk models created by independent third parties, the sponsor of a reinsurance-related security or a broker. The Adviser may also consider its own risk models based on comparable prior transactions, quantitative analysis, and industry knowledge. Risk models are designed to assist investors, governments, and businesses understand the potential impact of a wide variety of catastrophic events and allow such parties to analyze the probability of loss in regions with the highest exposure. The Adviser will use the output of the risk models before and after investment to assist the Adviser in assessing the risk of a particular reinsurance-related security or a group of such securities. Risk models are created using historical, scientific and other related data, and they may use quantitative methods. Because such risk models are based in part upon historical data and averages, there is no guarantee that such information will accurately predict the future occurrence, location or severity of any particular catastrophic event and thus may fail to accurately calculate the probability of a trigger event and may underestimate the likelihood of a trigger event. Securities or other investments selected using quantitative methods may perform differently from the market as a whole or from their expected performance for many reasons, including factors used in building the quantitative analytical framework, the weights placed on each factor, and changing sources of market returns, among others. In addition, any errors or imperfections in a risk model (quantitative or otherwise), analyses, the data on which they are based or any technical issues with the construction of the models (including, for example, data problems and/or software or other implementation issues) could adversely affect the ability of the Adviser to use such analyses or models effectively, which in turn could adversely affect the Fund's performance. Risk models are used by the Adviser as one input in its risk analysis process for Fund investments. There can be no assurance that these methodologies will help the Fund to achieve its investment objective.

*Illiquidity and Restricted Securities Risk*. Illiquidity risk is the risk that the investments held by the Fund may be difficult or impossible to sell at the time that the Fund would like without significantly changing the market value of the investment. As a relatively new type of financial instrument, there is limited trading history for reinsurance-related securities, even for those securities deemed to be liquid.

The Fund may invest at the time of purchase up to 15% of its net assets in securities that are illiquid. The Adviser believes a sufficient liquid market exists for reinsurance-related securities in order to meet these requirements. However, there can be no assurance that a liquid market for the Fund's investments will be maintained. The Fund's ability to realize full value in the event of the need to liquidate certain assets may be impaired and/or result in losses to the Fund. The Fund may be unable to sell its investments, even under circumstances when the Adviser believes it would be in the best interests of the Fund to do so. Illiquid investments may also be difficult to value and their pricing may be more volatile than more liquid investments, which could adversely affect the price at which the Fund is able to sell such instruments. Illiquid investments may involve greater risk than liquid investments. Illiquidity risk also may be greater in times of financial stress. The risks associated with illiquid instruments may be particularly acute in situations in which the Fund's operations require cash (such as in connection with redemptions) and could result in the Fund borrowing to meet its short-term needs or incurring losses on the sale of illiquid instruments.

Certain of the instruments in which the Fund may invest are subject to restrictions on resale by the federal securities laws or otherwise, such as securities offered privately pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) of the 1933 Act and securities issued pursuant to Rule 144A under the 1933 Act. While certain restricted securities may, notwithstanding their limitations on resale, be treated as liquid if the Adviser determines, pursuant to the applicable procedures, that such treatment is warranted, there can be no guarantee that any such determination will continue. Restricted securities previously determined to be liquid may subsequently become illiquid while held by the Fund. Even if such restricted securities are not deemed to be illiquid, they may nevertheless be difficult to value and the Fund may be required to hold restricted securities when it otherwise would sell such securities or may be forced to sell securities at a price lower than the price the Fund has valued such securities, and the Fund may incur additional expense when disposing of restricted securities, including costs to register the sale of the securities. This may result in losses to the Fund and investors.

Valuation Risk. The Fund is subject to valuation risk, which is the risk that one or more of the securities in which the Fund invests are priced incorrectly, due to factors such as incomplete data, market instability, or human error. In addition, pricing of reinsurance-related securities is subject to the added uncertainty caused by the inability to generally predict whether, when or where a natural disaster or other triggering event will occur. Even after a natural disaster or other triggering event occurs, the pricing of reinsurance-related securities is subject to uncertainty for a period of time until event parameters, ultimate loss amounts and other factors are finalized and communicated to the Fund. The Fund's investments in reinsurance-related securities for which market quotations are not available will be valued pursuant to procedures adopted by the Board. Even for reinsurance-related securities for which market quotations are generally readily available, upon the occurrence or possible occurrence of a trigger event, and until the completion of the settlement and auditing of applicable loss claims, the Fund's investment in a reinsurance-related security may be priced using fair value methods. Many of the Fund's reinsurance-related securities are priced using fair value methods. Portfolio securities that are valued using techniques other than market quotations, including fair valued securities, may be subject to greater fluctuation in their value from one day to the next than would be the case if market quotations were used. There is no assurance that the Fund could sell a portfolio security for the value established for it at any time and it is possible that the Fund would incur a loss because a portfolio security is sold at a discount to its established value. If securities are mispriced, shareholders could lose money upon redemption or could pay too much for shares purchased.

Moral Hazard Risk. Reinsurance-related securities are generally subject to one or more types of triggers, including so-called "indemnity triggers." An indemnity trigger is a trigger based on the actual losses of the ceding sponsor (i.e., the party seeking reinsurance). Reinsurance-related securities subject to indemnity triggers are often regarded as being subject to potential moral hazard, since such reinsurance-related securities are triggered by actual losses of the ceding sponsor and the ceding sponsor may have an incentive to take actions and/or risks that would have an adverse effect on the Fund. For example, if an event-linked bond issued will be triggered at \$500 million in losses to the sponsor, once that trigger is hit (i.e., the sponsor experiences \$500 million in losses under the contracts it has written), the bond purchaser will lose all or a portion of its

principal invested (plus any additional interest). In this situation, the ceding sponsor has an incentive to pay the claims more generously when the loss amount is near the trigger amount set in the bond (i.e., to claim \$500 million in losses, when perhaps it could be argued that actual losses were \$499.9 million). Thus, bonds with indemnity triggers may be subject to moral hazard, because the trigger depends on the ceding sponsor to properly identify and calculate losses that do and do not apply in determining whether the trigger amount has been reached. In short, "moral hazard" refers to this potential for the sponsor to influence bond performance, as payouts are based on the individual policy claims against the sponsor and the way the sponsor settles those claims.

Limited Availability and Reinvestment Risk. Investments in reinsurance-related securities may be limited, which may limit the amount of assets the Fund may be able to invest in reinsurance-related securities. The limited availability of reinsurance-related securities may be due to a number of factors, including seasonal concentration of issuances, limited selection that meets the Fund's investment objective and lack of availability of reinsurance-related securities in the secondary market. Original issuances of event-linked bonds (and in particular hurricane-related catastrophe bonds) may be concentrated in the first two calendar quarters of each year while original issuances of Quota Share Notes and Excess of Loss Notes may be concentrated in particular reinsurance renewal months (January, and to a lesser extent, April, June, and July). Thereafter, the availability of reinsurance-related securities is subject to natural fluctuations in the secondary market. Therefore, if reinsurance-related securities held by the Fund mature or if the Fund must sell securities to meet redemption requests, the Fund may be required to hold more cash than it normally would until reinsurance-related securities meeting the Fund's investment objective become available. Due to the potentially limited availability of additional reinsurance-related securities, the Fund may be forced to reinvest in securities that are lower yielding or less desirable than the securities the Fund sold. This is known as reinvestment risk, and may reduce the overall return on its portfolio securities.

Investments in Non-Voting Securities Risk. If the reinsurance-related securities in which the Fund invests carry voting rights, the Fund ordinarily will limit such investments to 5% or less of the issuing SPV's outstanding voting securities. However, to enable the Fund to invest more of its assets in certain SPVs deemed attractive by the Adviser, the Fund may also contractually forego its right to vote securities or may purchase non-voting securities of such SPVs. If the Fund does not limit its voting rights and is deemed an "affiliate" of the SPV, the ability of the Fund to make future investments in the SPV or to engage in other transactions would be severely limited by the requirements of the 1940 Act. Such limitations may interfere with portfolio management of the Fund, which may adversely impact the Fund's performance.

For various reasons, the Fund may hold some or all of its interest in an SPV in non-voting form. One reason for this is to avoid an SPV being deemed an "affiliated person" of the Fund for purposes of the 1940 Act. Accordingly, the Fund may agree to waive irrevocably any right that the Fund may have to vote securities in amounts in excess of 4.99% of an SPV's outstanding voting securities. The general policy to waive voting rights has been reviewed by the Board. The waiver of the Fund's voting rights does not facilitate investments in an SPV by the Adviser or other clients of the Adviser, either as a practical or a legal matter, and is not intended to confer any benefit on such entities. Interests in a particular SPV, even without voting rights, are selected based on the investment merits of those interests consistent with the fiduciary duties of both the Adviser and the Board, and generally reflect the judgment of the Adviser that such investments are an attractive and appropriate opportunity for the Fund for any number of reasons.

To the extent the Fund holds non-voting securities of an SPV, or contractually foregoes its right to vote securities of an SPV, it will not be able to vote to the full extent of its economic interest on matters that require the approval of the investors in the SPV, including matters that could adversely affect the Fund's investment in the SPV. This restriction could diminish the influence of the Fund in an SPV and adversely affect its investment in the SPV, which could result in unpredictable and potentially adverse effects on shareholders. Moreover, there is a risk that a court or securities regulators could disregard the statutory definition of "affiliated person," and still treat the SPV as an affiliated person of the Fund for purposes of the 1940 Act.

Reinsurance Industry Risk. The performance of reinsurance-related securities and the reinsurance industry itself are tied to the occurrence of various triggering events, including weather, natural disasters (hurricanes, earthquakes, etc.), non-natural large catastrophes and other specified events causing physical and/or economic loss. Triggering events are typically defined by three criteria: an event; a geographic area in which the event must occur; and a threshold of economic or physical loss (either actual or modeled) caused by the event, together with a method to measure such loss. Generally, the event is either a natural or non-natural peril of a kind that results in significant physical or economic loss. Natural perils include disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes, windstorms, pandemics, epidemics, fires and floods. Non-natural perils include disasters resulting from human activity, such as commercial and industrial accidents or business interruptions. Major natural disasters in populated areas (such as in the cases of hurricane Katrina in New Orleans in 2005, super storm Sandy in the New York City metropolitan area in 2012 and hurricane Irma in Florida and the Caribbean in 2017) or related to high-value insured property (such as plane crashes) can result in significant losses and investors in reinsurance-related securities tied to such exposures may also experience substantial losses. If the likelihood and severity of natural and other large disasters increase, the risk of significant losses to reinsurers may increase. Typically, one significant triggering event (even in a major metropolitan area) will not result in financial failure to a reinsurer. However, a series of major triggering events could cause the failure of a reinsurer. Similarly, to the extent the Fund invests in reinsurance-related securities for which a triggering event occurs, losses associated with such event will result in losses to the Fund and a series of major triggering events affecting a large portion of the reinsurance-related securities held by the Fund will result in substantial losses to the Fund. In addition, unexpected events such as natural disasters or terrorist attacks could lead to government intervention. Political, judicial and legal developments affecting the reinsurance industry could also create new and expanded theories of liability or regulatory or other requirements; such changes could have a material adverse effect on the Fund.

Floating-Rate Instrument Risks. A significant percentage of the reinsurance-related securities in which the Fund invests are variable rate, or floating-rate, event-linked bonds. Floating-rate instruments and similar investments may be illiquid or less liquid than other investments. In addition, while the collateral securing most event-linked bonds in which the Fund currently intends to invest is typically invested in low-risk investments, certain SPVs in which the Fund invests may permit investment of collateral in higher risk, higher yielding investments. Thus, the value of collateral, if any, securing the Fund's investments in event-linked bonds can decline or may be insufficient to meet the issuer's obligations and the collateral, if repaid to the Fund, may be difficult to liquidate. Market quotations for these securities may be volatile and/or subject to large spreads between bid and ask prices.

Below-Investment-Grade Securities and Unrated Securities Risk. The Fund has exposure and may, without limitation, continue to have exposure to reinsurance-related securities that are rated below investment grade or that are unrated but are judged by the Adviser to be of comparable quality. Below-investment-grade debt securities, which are commonly called "junk bonds," are rated below BBB-by S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") or Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., ("Moody's"), or have comparable ratings by another rating organization. Accordingly, certain of the Fund's unrated investments could constitute a highly risky and speculative investment, similar to an investment in "junk bonds."

The rating primarily reflects the rating agency's calculated probability that a pre-defined trigger event will occur. Therefore, securities with a lower rating reflect the rating agency's assessment of the substantial risk that a triggering event will occur and result in a loss. The rating also reflects the reinsurance-related security's credit risk and the model used to calculate the probability of the trigger event. The rating system for reinsurance-related securities is relatively new and significantly less developed than that of corporate bonds and continues to evolve as the market develops. There is no minimum rating on the instruments in which the Fund may invest. Most rating agencies rely upon one or more of the reports prepared by the following three independent catastrophe-modeling firms: EQECAT, Inc., AIR Worldwide Corporation and Risk Management Solutions, Inc. The Adviser may also rely on reports from one or more of these modeling firms as part of its investment process or may create its own internal risk model for this purpose. Different methodologies are used to evaluate the probability of various types of pre-defined trigger events. If the reports used by the rating agency are flawed, it may cause a

rating agency to assign a rating to a reinsurance-related security that is not justified. Therefore, to the extent the Adviser relies on rating agency ratings to select securities for the Fund, the Fund may be exposed to greater risks. Additionally, because there are few major independent catastrophe-modeling firms, the effects of a flawed model or report issued by one or more of such firms will be magnified. In addition, such investments may be subject to greater risks than other investments, including greater levels of risk related to changes in interest rates, credit risk (including a greater risk of default), and illiquidity risk. Below-investment-grade investments or unrated investments judged by the Adviser to be of comparable quality may be more susceptible to real or perceived adverse economic and competitive industry or business conditions than higher-grade investments. Yields on below-investment-grade investments will fluctuate and may, therefore, cause the Fund's value to be more volatile. Certain investments of the Fund may be downgraded to below-investment-grade status (or may be judged by the Adviser to be of comparable quality) after the Fund purchases them.

Borrowing and Leverage Risk. The Fund may obtain financing to meet redemption requests, to make investments in reinsurance-related securities and to address cash flow timing mismatches. Therefore, the Fund is subject to leverage risk. The Fund's borrowings, which would typically be in the form of loans from banks, may be on a secured or unsecured basis and at fixed or variable rates of interest. Leverage magnifies the Fund's exposure to declines in the value of one or more underlying reference assets or creates investment risk with respect to a larger pool of assets than the Fund would otherwise have and may be considered a speculative technique. This risk is enhanced for the Fund because it invests substantially all its assets in reinsurance-related securities. Reinsurance-related securities can quickly lose all or much of their value if a triggering event occurs. Thus, to the extent assets subject to a triggering event are leveraged, the losses could substantially outweigh the Fund's investment and result in significant losses to the Fund. The value of an investment in the Fund will be more volatile and other risks tend to be compounded if and to the extent the Fund borrows or uses derivatives or other investments that have embedded leverage.

The Fund's ability to obtain leverage through borrowings is dependent on its ability to establish and maintain an appropriate line of credit or other borrowing facility. Borrowing gives rise to interest expense and may require the Fund to pay other fees. Unless the rate of return, net of applicable Fund expenses, on the Fund's investments exceeds the costs to the Fund of the leverage it utilizes, the investment of the Fund's net assets attributable to leverage will generate less income than will be needed to pay the costs of the leverage to the Fund, resulting in a loss to the Fund, even if the rate of return on those assets is positive. To the extent the Fund is able to secure financing, fluctuations in interest rates could increase the costs associated with the Fund's use of certain forms of leverage, and such costs could reduce the Fund's return.

In addition to any more stringent terms imposed by a lender, the 1940 Act requires the Fund to maintain continuous asset coverage of not less than 300% with respect to all borrowings. To satisfy 1940 Act requirements in connection with leverage or to meet obligations, the Fund may be required to dispose of portfolio securities when such disposition might not otherwise be desirable to maintain continuous asset coverage of not less than 300%. Engaging in such transactions may cause the Fund to liquidate positions when it may not be advantageous to do so to satisfy its obligations or to meet segregation requirements. There can be no assurance that the Fund's use of leverage will be successful.

**Derivatives Risk**. The Fund may invest in a variety of derivatives, including options, futures contracts and swaps. The use of derivatives involves risks that are in addition to, and potentially greater than, the risks of investing directly in securities and other more traditional assets. Derivatives are financial contracts the value of which depends on, or is derived from, an asset or other underlying reference. Derivatives involve the risk that changes in their value may not move as expected relative to changes in the value of the underlying reference asset they are designed to track. The Fund may invest in derivatives for investment purposes and for hedging and risk management purposes. Derivatives risk may be more significant when derivatives are used to enhance return or as a substitute for a cash investment option, rather than solely to hedge the risk of a position held by the Fund. See the Statement of Additional Information for additional information of the various types and uses of derivatives in the Fund's strategy.

The Fund may be required to provide more margin for its derivative investments during periods of market disruptions or stress.

Derivatives also present other risks described herein, including market risk, illiquidity risk, currency risk, counterparty risk and credit risk. OTC derivatives are generally highly illiquid. Many derivatives, in particular OTC derivatives, are complex and their valuation often requires modeling and judgment, which increases the risk of mispricing or improper valuation. The pricing models used may not produce valuations that are consistent with the values the Fund realizes when it closes or sells an OTC derivative. Valuation risk is more pronounced when the Fund enters into OTC derivatives with specialized terms because the value of those derivatives in some cases is determined only by reference to similar derivatives with more standardized terms. As a result, incorrect valuations may result in increased cash payments to counterparties, undercollateralization and/or errors in the calculation of the Fund's NAV.

The Fund's use of derivatives may not be effective or have the desired results. Moreover, suitable derivatives will not be available in all circumstances. The Adviser may decide not to use derivatives to hedge or otherwise reduce the Fund's risk exposures, potentially resulting in losses for the Fund.

Many derivatives have embedded leverage (i.e., a notional value in excess of the assets needed to establish and/or maintain the derivative position). Derivatives in which the Fund may invest (e.g., options, futures and swaps) may have embedded leverage, depending on their specific terms. As a result, adverse changes in the value or level of the underlying investment may result in a loss substantially greater than the amount invested in the derivative itself. See "Borrowing and Leverage Risk" above.

As described in this Derivatives Risk section and elsewhere in this prospectus, government regulation in the U.S. and various other jurisdictions of derivative instruments may restrict the Fund's ability to engage in, or increase the cost to the Fund of derivative transactions, for example, by making some types of derivatives no longer available to the Fund, increasing margin or capital requirements, or otherwise limiting liquidity or increasing transaction costs. In October 2020, the Commission adopted Rule 18f-4 under the 1940 Act providing for the regulation of a registered investment company's use of derivatives and certain related instruments. Among other things, Rule 18f-4 limits a fund's derivatives exposure through a value-at-risk VaR test and requires the adoption and implementation of a derivatives risk management program for certain derivatives users. In connection with the adoption of Rule 18f-4, the Commission also eliminated the asset segregation framework arising from prior Commission guidance for covering derivatives and certain financial instruments. Compliance with Rule 18f-4 will not be required until August 2022. When the Fund comes into compliance, the Fund's treatment of investments or trading practices that involve contractual obligations to pay in the future will change. Most such investments or trading practices will be considered to be derivatives under Rule 18f-4, and will therefore be subject to the VaR test set forth in the rule. The approach to asset segregation and coverage requirements described in this prospectus will also be impacted. For certain investments, such as reverse repurchase agreements and similar financing transactions, the Fund will have the option to either treat them as (1) senior securities under Section 18 of the 1940 Act, in which case they would be subject to the 300% asset coverage requirement described above, or (2) derivatives subject to the VaR test imposed by Rule 18f-4. Rule 18f-4 could restrict the Fund's ability to engage in certain derivatives transactions and/or increase the costs of such derivatives transactions, which could adversely affect the value or performance of the Fund.

The Fund's use of derivatives may be subject to special tax rules, which are in some cases uncertain under current law and could affect the amount, timing and character of distributions to shareholders. See "Distributions and Federal Income Tax Matters" below.

Counterparty Risk. The Fund's use of OTC derivatives exposes it to the risk that the counterparties will be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments or otherwise honor their obligations. An OTC derivatives contract typically can be closed only with the consent of the other party to the contract. Events that affect the ability of the Fund's counterparties to comply with the terms of the derivative contracts may have an adverse effect on the Fund. If the counterparty defaults, the Fund will still have contractual remedies but may not be able to enforce them. In addition, in the event of a counterparty bankruptcy, the Fund may experience significant

delays in obtaining any recovery under the derivative contract in a bankruptcy or other reorganization proceeding or may obtain a limited or no recovery of amounts due to it under the derivative contract, including the return of any collateral that has been provided to the counterparty. The Fund may invest in derivatives with a limited number of counterparties, and events affecting the creditworthiness of any of those counterparties may have a pronounced effect on the Fund. Because the contract for each OTC derivative is individually negotiated, the counterparty may interpret contractual terms differently than the Fund and, if it does, the Fund may decide not to pursue its claims against the counterparty to avoid incurring the cost and unpredictability of legal proceedings. The Fund, therefore, may be unable to obtain payments the Adviser believes are owed to it under OTC derivatives contracts, or those payments may be delayed or made only after the Fund has incurred the costs of litigation.

The Fund may invest in derivatives that (i) do not require the counterparty to post collateral (e.g., foreign currency forwards), (ii) require a counterparty to post collateral but do not provide for the Fund's security interest in it to be perfected, (iii) require the Fund to post significant upfront collateral unrelated to the derivative's fundamental fair (or intrinsic) value or (iv) do not require that collateral be regularly marked-to-market. When a counterparty's obligations are not fully secured by a perfected security interest in collateral, the Fund runs a greater risk of not being able to recover what it is owed if the counterparty defaults because it is essentially an unsecured creditor of the counterparty. Even when derivatives are required by regulation and/or contract to be collateralized, the Fund may not receive the collateral for one or more days after the collateral is required to be posted by the counterparty. Also, in the event of a counterparty's (or its affiliate's) insolvency, the possibility exists that the Fund's ability to exercise remedies, such as the termination of transactions, netting of obligations and realization on collateral, could be stayed or eliminated under new special resolution regimes adopted in the United States, the European Union and various other jurisdictions. Such regimes provide government authorities with broad authority to intervene when a financial institution is experiencing financial difficulty. In particular, the regulatory authorities could reduce, eliminate, or convert to equity the liabilities to the Fund of a counterparty who is subject to such proceedings in the European Union (sometimes referred to as a "bail in").

Counterparty risk is accentuated for contracts with longer maturities where events may intervene to prevent settlement, or where the Fund has concentrated its transactions with a single or small group of counterparties. For example, the creditworthiness of a counterparty may be adversely affected by larger than average volatility in the markets, even if the counterparty's net market exposure is small relative to its capital. The Adviser evaluates the creditworthiness of the counterparties to the Fund's transactions or their guarantors at the time the Fund enters into a transaction; however, the Fund is not restricted from dealing with any particular counterparty or from concentrating any or all transactions with one counterparty. In the absence of a regulated market to facilitate settlement, the potential for losses by the Fund may be increased. In addition, counterparties to derivatives contracts may have the right to terminate such contracts in certain circumstances (or in some cases, at any time for any reason), including if the Fund's NAV declines below a certain level over a specified period of time. The exercise of such a right by the counterparty could have a material adverse effect on the Fund's operations and the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective.

The Fund may also be exposed to documentation risk, which is the risk that ambiguities, inconsistencies or errors in the documentation relating to a derivative transaction may lead to a dispute with the counterparty or unintended investment results. Because the contract for each OTC derivative transaction is individually negotiated, the counterparty may interpret contractual terms (e.g., the definition of default) differently than the Fund, and if it does, the Fund may decide not to pursue its claims against the counterparty to avoid the cost and unpredictability of legal proceedings. The Fund, therefore, may be unable to obtain payments the Adviser believes are owed to the Fund under derivative instruments or those payments may be delayed or made only after the Fund has incurred the cost of litigation.

Specific risks involved in the use of certain types of derivatives in which the Fund may invest include:

Options Risk. A decision as to whether, when and how to use options involves the exercise of skill and judgment, and even a well-conceived and well-executed options program may be adversely affected by market behavior or

unexpected events. Successful options strategies may require the anticipation of future movements in securities prices or other economic factors of the underlying investments. No assurances can be given that the Adviser's judgment in this respect will be correct.

The market price of written options will be affected by many factors, including changes in the market price or other economic attributes of the underlying investment; changes in the realized or perceived volatility of the relevant market and underlying investment; and the time remaining before an option's expiration.

The ability to trade in or exercise options may be restricted, including in the event that trading in the underlying reference becomes restricted. Unlike exchange-traded options, which are standardized with respect to the underlying instrument, expiration date, contract size, and strike price, the terms of OTC options are generally established through negotiation with the other party to the option contract. While this type of arrangement allows the Fund greater flexibility to tailor an option to its needs, OTC options can be less liquid than exchange-traded options and generally involve greater credit risk than exchange traded options, which are guaranteed by the clearing organization of the exchanges where they are traded.

The market price of options, particularly OTC options, may be adversely affected if the market for the options becomes less liquid or smaller. The Fund may close out a written option position by buying the option instead of letting it expire or be exercised. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist when the Fund seeks to close out an option position by buying or selling the option. Reasons for the absence of a liquid secondary market on an exchange include the following: (i) there may be insufficient trading interest in certain options; (ii) restrictions may be imposed by an exchange on opening transactions or closing transactions or both; (iii) trading halts, suspensions or other restrictions may be imposed with respect to particular classes or series of options; (iv) unusual or unforeseen circumstances may interrupt normal operations on an exchange; (v) the facilities of an exchange or clearinghouse may not at all times be adequate to handle current trading volume; or (vi) a regulator or one or more exchanges could, for economic or other reasons, decide to discontinue the trading of options (or a particular class or series of options) at some future date. If trading were discontinued, the secondary market on that exchange (or in that class or series of options) would cease to exist.

Swaps Risk. The use of swaps involves investment techniques and risks that are different from those associated with portfolio security transactions. These instruments are typically not traded on exchanges; under recently adopted rules and regulations, however, transactions in some types of swaps (generally not including equity swaps) are required to be centrally cleared ("cleared swaps"). For OTC swaps, there is a risk that the other party will not perform its obligations to the Fund or that the Fund may be unable to enter into offsetting positions to terminate its exposure or liquidate its position when it wishes to do so. Such occurrences could result in losses to the Fund.

The Fund may obtain event-linked exposure by investing in, among other things, event-linked swaps, which typically are contingent, or formulaically related to defined trigger events, or by pursuing similar event-linked derivative strategies. Trigger events include hurricanes, earthquakes, weather-related phenomena and other criteria determined by independent parties. If a trigger event(s) occurs, the Fund may lose the swap's notional amount. As derivative instruments, event-linked swaps are subject to risks in addition to the risks of investing in reinsurance-related securities, including risks associated with the counterparty and leverage.

Epidemic and Pandemic Risk. The COVID-19 pandemic, which began in December 2019 and has spread worldwide, has caused many governments to implement measures to slow the spread of the outbreak through quarantines, travel restrictions, heightened border scrutiny and other measures. The outbreak and government measures taken in response have also had a significant impact, both directly and indirectly, on businesses and commerce, as worker shortages have occurred, supply chains have been disrupted, facilities and production have been suspended and demand for certain goods and services, such as medical services and supplies, has spiked, while demand for other goods and services, such as travel, has fallen. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected the economies of many nations or the entire global economy, the financial performance of individual issuers, borrowers and sectors and the health of capital markets and other markets generally in

potentially significant and unforeseen ways. The COVID-19 crisis has also exacerbated other pre-existing political, social and economic risks in certain countries or globally. Other public health crises that may arise in the future could have similar or other unforeseen effects. The duration of the COVID-19 outbreak or any such future outbreak and its effects cannot be determined with certainty. The COVID-19 outbreak has led, and in the future the COVID-19 outbreak or other future public health crises could lead, to a significant economic downturn or recession, increased market volatility, a greater number of market closures, higher default rates and adverse effects on the values and liquidity of securities or other assets. Such impacts, which may vary across asset classes, may adversely affect the performance of the Fund's investments, the Fund and your investment in the Fund. The impact of COVID-19 or any future public health crisis may also heighten the other risks disclosed in this prospectus.

Credit Risk. The reinsurance-related securities in which the Fund invests will be subject to credit risk. The principal invested in many reinsurance-related securities is held by the SPV in a collateral account and invested in various permissible assets set forth under the terms of the SPV. In these cases, typically, the collateral account is invested in high quality U.S. government securities (i.e., U.S. Treasury bonds). However, in certain reinsurance-related securities, the collateral account may be invested in high yielding, higher risk securities, which may include securities issued by entities managed by the Adviser. Collateral will generally be invested in accordance with the terms of the SPV and overseen by a collateral manager appointed by the SPV; therefore, the Fund is dependent upon the manager to invest the collateral account proceeds appropriately. A small portion of the reinsurance-related securities in which the Fund invests may, in lieu of such collateral account arrangements, provide for the collateral to be held by the reinsurer. When a collateral account is invested in higher yielding, higher risk securities or when the collateral is held directly by the reinsurer, the Fund will be subject to the risk of non-payment of scheduled principal and interest on such collateral. Such non-payments and defaults may reduce the income to the Fund and negatively impact the value of Fund shares.

Foreign Investing Risk. The Fund may invest in reinsurance-related securities issued by foreign sovereigns and foreign entities that are corporations, partnerships, trusts or other types of business entities. Because the majority of reinsurance-related security issuers are domiciled outside the United States, the Fund will normally invest significant amounts of its assets in foreign (non-U.S.) entities. Accordingly, the Fund may invest without limitation in securities issued by foreign entities, including those in emerging market countries. Certain SPVs in which the Fund invests may be sponsored by foreign insurers that are not subject to the same regulation as that to which U.S. insurers are subject. Such SPVs may pose a greater risk of loss, for example, due to less stringent underwriting and/or risk-retention requirements. The Fund's investments in event-linked bonds, Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes provide the Fund with contractual rights under the terms of the issuance. While the contractual rights of such instruments are similar whether they are issued by a U.S. issuer or a foreign issuer, there may be certain additional risks associated with foreign issuers. For example, foreign issuers could be affected by factors not present in the U.S., including expropriation, confiscatory taxation, lack of uniform accounting and auditing standards, less publicly available financial and other information, potential difficulties in enforcing contractual obligations, and increased costs to enforce applicable contractual obligations outside the U.S. Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates and exchange controls may adversely affect the market value of the Fund's investments in foreign securities. See "Currency Risk" below. Settlements of securities transactions in foreign countries are subject to risk of loss, may be delayed and are generally less frequent than in the U.S., which could affect the liquidity of the Fund's assets.

Currency Risk. The Fund's shares are priced in U.S. dollars and the distributions paid by the Fund are paid in U.S. dollars, and it is expected that a substantial portion of the Fund's direct or indirect investments in reinsurance-related securities will be U.S. dollar denominated investments. However, a portion of the Fund's assets may be denominated in foreign (non-U.S.) currencies and income received by the Fund from a portion of its investments may be paid in foreign currencies, and to the extent the Fund invests in non-U.S. dollar denominated instruments, a change in the value of a foreign currency against the U.S. dollar will result in a change in the U.S. dollar value of securities denominated in that foreign currency. If the U.S. dollar rises in value against a foreign currency, a security denominated in that currency will be worth less in U.S. dollars and if the

U.S. dollar decreases in value against a foreign currency, a security denominated in that currency will be worth more in U.S. dollars. Currency risk also includes the risk that a currency to which the Fund has obtained exposure through hedging declines in value relative to the currency being hedged, in which event the Fund may realize a loss both on the hedging instrument and on the currency being hedged. There can be no assurances or guarantees that any efforts the Fund makes to hedge exposure to foreign exchange rate risks that arise as a result of its investments will successfully hedge against such risks or that adequate hedging arrangements will be available on an economically viable basis, and in some cases, hedging arrangements may result in additional costs being incurred or losses being greater than if hedging had not been used. Currency exchange rates can fluctuate significantly for many reasons. Derivative transactions in foreign currencies (such as futures, forwards, options and swaps) may involve leverage risk in addition to currency risk. Some countries have and may continue to adopt internal economic policies that affect their currency valuations in a manner that may be disadvantageous for U.S. investors or U.S. companies seeking to do business in those countries. For example, a foreign government may unilaterally devalue its currency against other currencies, which typically would have the effect of reducing the U.S. dollar value of investments denominated in that currency. In addition, a country may impose formal or informal currency exchange controls. These controls may restrict or prohibit the Fund's ability to repatriate both investment capital and income, which could undermine the value and liquidity of the Fund's portfolio holdings and potentially place the Fund's assets at risk of total loss. As a result, if the exchange rate for any such currency declines after the Fund's income has been earned and converted into U.S. dollars but before payment to shareholders, the Fund could be required to liquidate portfolio investments to make such distributions. Similarly, if the Fund incurs an expense in U.S. dollars and the exchange rate declines before the expense is paid, the Fund would have to convert a greater amount to U.S. dollars to pay for the expense at that time than it would have had to convert at the time the Fund incurred the expense.

Equity Investing Risk. The Fund may at times invest in equity securities, which may be publicly or privately offered. The equity securities in which the Fund invests may be more volatile than the equity markets as a whole. Equity investing risk is the risk that the value of equity instruments to which the Fund is exposed will fall due to general market or economic conditions; overall market changes; local, regional or global political, social or economic instability; currency, interest rate and commodity price fluctuations; perceptions regarding the industries in which the issuers participate, and the particular circumstances and performance of the issuers. Market conditions may affect certain types of equity securities to a greater extent than other types. Although equities have historically generated higher average returns than debt securities over the long term, equity securities also have experienced significantly more volatility in returns. Equities to which the Fund will be exposed are structurally subordinated to bonds and other debt instruments in a company's capital structure, in terms of priority to corporate income, and, therefore, will be subject to greater dividend risk than debt instruments of such issuers. Finally, the prices of equities are also sensitive to rising interest rates, as the costs of capital rise and borrowing costs increase.

Preferred Securities Risk. Preferred securities may pay fixed or adjustable rates of return. Preferred securities are subject to issuer-specific and market risks applicable generally to equity securities. In addition, preferred securities generally pay a dividend and rank ahead of common stocks and behind debt securities in claims for dividends and for assets of the issuer in a liquidation or bankruptcy. For this reason, the value of preferred securities will usually react more strongly than bonds and other debt to actual or perceived changes in the company's financial condition or prospects. Preferred securities may also be sensitive to changes in interest rates. When interest rates rise, the fixed dividend on preferred securities may be less attractive, causing the price of preferred stocks to decline. Preferred securities of smaller companies may be more vulnerable to adverse developments than preferred stock of larger companies.

**Non-Diversification Risk**. The Fund is classified as a "non-diversified" fund under the 1940 Act. Accordingly, the Fund may invest a greater portion of its assets in the securities of a single issuer than if it were a "diversified" fund. To the extent that the Fund invests a higher percentage of its assets in the securities of a single issuer, the Fund is subject to a higher degree of risk associated with and developments affecting that issuer than a fund that invests more widely.

Market Risk. The value of the Fund's investments may decline, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably, due to general economic conditions that are not specifically related to a particular issuer, such as real or perceived adverse economic or political conditions throughout the world, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. The value of the Fund's investments also may decline because of factors that affect a particular industry or industries. For example, the financial crisis that began in 2008 caused a significant decline in the value and liquidity of many securities.

Management and Operational Risk; Cyber-Security Risk. The Fund is subject to management risk because it relies on the Adviser's ability to achieve its investment objective. The Fund runs the risk that the Adviser's investment techniques will fail to produce desired results and cause the Fund to incur significant losses. The Adviser may select investments that do not perform as anticipated by the Adviser, may choose to hedge or not to hedge positions at disadvantageous times and may fail to use derivatives effectively. In addition, the Adviser's workforce, as well as the workforces of the Fund's other service providers and counterparties, may be adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic or the efforts to mitigate the pandemic, including government-mandated shutdowns, requests or orders for employees to work remotely, and other social distancing measures, which could result in an adverse impact on the Fund's ability to conduct its business.

Any imperfections, errors, or limitations in quantitative analyses and models used by the Adviser as part of its investment process could affect the Fund's performance. Models that appear to explain prior market data can fail to predict future market events. Further, the data used in models may be inaccurate or may not include the most recent information about a company or a security.

The Fund also is subject to the risk of loss as a result of other services provided by the Adviser and other service providers, including pricing, administrative, accounting, tax, legal, custody, transfer agency and other services. Operational risk includes the possibility of loss caused by inadequate procedures and controls, human error and cyber attacks, disruptions, and failures affecting, or by, a service provider. For example, trading delays or errors (both human and systematic) could prevent the Fund from benefiting from potential investment gains or avoiding losses.

The Fund and its service providers' use of internet, technology and information systems may expose the Fund to potential risks linked to cyber-security breaches of those technological or information systems. Cyber-security breaches could allow unauthorized parties to gain access to proprietary information, customer data or Fund assets, or cause the Fund or its service providers to suffer data corruption or lose operational functionality. With the increased use of technology, mobile device and cloud-based service offerings and the dependence on the internet and computer systems to perform necessary business functions, investment companies (such as the Fund) and their service providers (including the Adviser) may be prone to operational and information security risks resulting from cyber attacks and/ or other technological malfunctions. In general, cyber attacks are deliberate, but unintentional events may have similar effects. Cyber attacks include, among others, stealing or corrupting data maintained online or digitally, preventing legitimate users from accessing information or services on a website, ransomware, releasing confidential information without authorization, and causing operational disruption. Successful cyber attacks against, or security breakdowns of, the Fund, the Adviser, or the custodian, Transfer Agent, or other third-party service provider may adversely affect the Fund or its shareholders. For instance, cyber attacks may interfere with the processing of shareholder transactions, interfere with quantitative models, affect the Fund's ability to calculate its NAV, cause the release of private shareholder information or confidential Fund information, impede trading, cause reputational damage, result in theft of Fund assets, and subject the Fund to regulatory fines, penalties or financial losses, reimbursement or other compensation costs, and additional compliance costs. Similar types of cyber-security risks are also present for issuers of securities in which the Fund invests or such issuers' counterparties, which could result in material adverse consequences for such issuers and could cause the Fund's investment in such securities to lose value. While the Adviser has established business continuity plans and systems that it believes are reasonably designed to prevent cyber attacks, there are inherent limitations in such plans and systems including the possibility that certain risks have not been, or cannot be, identified. Service providers may have limited indemnification obligations to the Adviser or the Fund, each of whom could be negatively impacted as a result.

Redemption Risk. The Fund may need to sell portfolio securities to meet redemption requests. Under certain circumstances, the Fund could experience a loss when selling portfolio securities to meet redemption requests, including in the event of (i) significant redemption activity by shareholders, including when a single investor or a few large investors make a significant redemption of Fund shares, (ii) a disruption in the normal operation of the markets in which the Fund buys and sells portfolio securities or (iii) the Fund's inability to sell certain portfolio securities because such securities are illiquid. In such circumstances, the Fund could be forced to sell portfolio securities at unfavorable prices in an effort to generate sufficient cash to pay redeeming shareholders. The Fund may suspend redemptions or the payment of redemption proceeds when permitted by applicable regulations.

Tax Risk. The Fund currently intends to qualify for treatment as a regulated investment company ("RIC") under Subchapter M of Chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). In order to qualify for such treatment, the Fund must derive at least 90% of its gross income each taxable year from qualifying income, meet certain asset diversification tests at the end of each fiscal quarter, and distribute at least 90% of its investment company taxable income for each taxable year. The Fund's investment strategy will potentially be limited by its intention to qualify for treatment as a RIC. The tax treatment of certain of the Fund's investments under one or more of the qualification or distribution tests applicable to RICs is not certain. An adverse determination or future guidance by the IRS or a change in law might affect the Fund's ability to qualify for such treatment.

If, in any year, the Fund were to fail to qualify for treatment as a RIC under the Code for any reason, and were not able to cure such failure, the Fund would be treated as a "C Corporation" and, as such, would be subject to tax on its taxable income at corporate rates, and all distributions from earnings and profits, including any distributions of net tax-exempt income and net long-term capital gains, would be taxable to shareholders as dividends.

Prepayment or Call Risk. Many fixed income securities give the issuer the option to prepay or call the security prior to its maturity date. Issuers often exercise this right when interest rates fall. Accordingly, if the Fund holds a fixed income security that can be prepaid or called prior to its maturity date, it may not benefit fully from the increase in value that other fixed income securities generally experience when interest rates fall. Upon prepayment of the security, the Fund also would be forced to reinvest the proceeds at then current yields, which would be lower than the yield of the security that was prepaid or called. In addition, if the Fund purchases a fixed income security at a premium (at a price that exceeds its stated par or principal value), the Fund may lose the amount of the premium paid in the event of prepayment.

**Extension Risk**. During periods of rising interest rates, the average life of certain types of securities may be extended because of slower than expected principal payments. This may lock in a below market interest rate, increase the security's duration (the estimated period until the security is paid in full) and reduce the value of the security.

**QIB Qualification Risk**. The event-linked bonds and Quota Share Notes in which the Fund invests are only available to qualified institutional buyers ("QIBs"), as defined in Rule 144A under the 1933 Act. At any given time, the Fund may not have sufficient assets to be deemed a QIB for purposes of Rule 144A, whether because investment losses or redemptions cause the Fund's assets to drop below the threshold amount or for other reasons. In the event the Fund does not qualify as a QIB, it will not be able to purchase additional event-linked bonds or Quota Share Notes, which may prevent the Fund from achieving its investment objective.

**Subordinated Securities Risk**. Certain SPVs in which the Fund invests may issue multiple tranches of interests to investors. A holder of securities that are subordinated or "junior" to more senior securities of an issuer is entitled to payment after holders of more senior securities of the issuer. Subordinated securities are more likely to suffer a credit loss than non-subordinated securities of the same issuer, any loss incurred by the subordinated securities is likely to be proportionately greater, and any recovery of interest or principal may take more time. As a result, even a perceived decline in creditworthiness of the issuer is likely to have a greater impact on them.

Government Securities Risk. The Fund may invest in securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government (including U.S. Treasury obligations which differ in their interest rates, maturities and times of issuance) or its agencies and instrumentalities (such as the Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac)). U.S. government securities are subject to market risk, risks related to changes in interest rates, and credit risk. Securities, such as those issued or guaranteed by Ginnie Mae or the U.S. Treasury, that are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States are guaranteed only as to the timely payment of interest and principal when held to maturity and the market prices for such securities will fluctuate. Notwithstanding that these securities are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, circumstances could arise that would prevent the payment of interest or principal. This would result in losses to the Fund. Securities issued or guaranteed by U.S. government related organizations, such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government and no assurance can be given that the U.S. government would provide financial support. Therefore, U.S. government-related organizations may not have the funds to meet their payment obligations in the future. As a result of their high credit quality and market liquidity, U.S. government securities generally provide a lower current return than obligations of other issuers.

The U.S. Treasury Department placed Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac into conservatorship in September 2008. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are continuing to operate as going concerns while in conservatorship and each remains liable for all of its obligations, including its guaranty obligations, associated with its mortgage-backed securities. Although the U.S. government has provided financial support to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, there can be no assurance that it will continue to support these or other government-sponsored entities in the future. Further, the benefits of any such government support may extend only to the holders of certain classes of an issuer's securities.

Focused Investment Risk. Issuers of event-linked bonds and other reinsurance-related securities are generally classified as belonging to the financial services sector; however, the Fund has no current intention to invest in banks or other issuers that may be commonly considered in the financial services sector. As a result of this categorization of reinsurance-related securities, the Fund may be subject to the risks of such focused investing. The industries within the financial services sector are subject to extensive government regulation, which can limit both the amounts and types of loans and other financial commitments they can make, and the interest rates and fees they can charge. Profitability can be largely dependent on the availability and cost of capital funds and the rate of corporate and consumer debt defaults, and can fluctuate significantly when interest rates change. Credit losses resulting from financial difficulties of borrowers can negatively affect the financial services industries. Insurance companies can be subject to severe price competition. The financial services industries are currently undergoing relatively rapid change as existing distinctions between financial service segments become less clear. For example, recent business combinations have included insurance, finance, and securities brokerage under single ownership. Foreign financial services companies, including insurance companies, may be subject to different levels of regulation than that to which similar companies operating in the U.S. are subject. Similarly, to the extent the Fund has exposure to a significant extent in investments tied economically to a specific geographic region, country or a particular market, it will have more exposure to regional and country economic risks than it would if it had more geographically diverse investments.

Cash Management Risk. The value of the investments held by the Fund for cash management or temporary defensive purposes may be affected by changing interest rates and by changes in credit ratings of the investments. To the extent that the Fund has any uninvested cash, the Fund will be subject to risk with respect to the depository institution holding the cash. To the extent the Fund makes temporary or defensive investments in cash or cash equivalents, it might not achieve its investment objective.

Securities Lending Risk. As with other extensions of credit, there are risks of delay and costs involved in recovery of securities or even loss of rights in the securities loaned or in the collateral if the borrower of the securities fails to return the securities in a timely manner or at all, or fails financially. These delays and costs could be greater with respect to foreign securities. The Fund may pay lending fees to the party arranging the Fund's securities loans. Securities lending collateral may be invested in liquid, short-term investments, such as

money market funds, managed by third party advisers or banks. The Fund bears the risk of investments made with the cash collateral received by the Fund in securities lending transactions. Investments of cash collateral may depreciate and/or become illiquid, although the Fund remains obligated to return the collateral amount to the borrower upon termination or maturity of the securities loan and may realize losses on the collateral investments and/or be required to liquidate other portfolio assets in order to satisfy its obligations.

**Investing in Other Investment Companies Risk**. Investing in other investment companies subjects the Fund to the risks of investing in the underlying securities or assets held by those investment companies. When investing in another investment company, the Fund will bear a pro rata portion of the underlying fund's expenses, in addition to its own expenses.

**Expense Risk.** Your actual costs of investing in the Fund may be higher than the expenses shown in "Annual Fund Operating Expenses" for a variety of reasons. For example, expense ratios may be higher than those shown if overall net assets decrease. The Fund's expense limitation agreement, which generally remains in effect for a period of one year, mitigates this risk. However, there is no assurance that the Adviser will renew such expense limitation agreement from year-to-year.

The Fund may invest in exchange-traded funds or other pooled investment vehicles. As an investor in a pooled investment vehicle, the Fund would be subject to its ratable share of that pooled investment vehicle's expenses, including its advisory and administration expenses.

#### **Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings**

A description of the Fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of its portfolio holdings is available in the Statement of Additional Information. The holdings of the Fund are also disclosed quarterly in filings with the Commission on Form N-PORT as of the end of the first and third quarters of the Fund's fiscal year and on Form N-CSR as of the second and fourth quarters of the Fund's fiscal year. The Fund's fiscal year ends on October 31. You can find the Commission filings on the Commission's website, www.sec.gov.

### MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION

#### **Investment Adviser**

Stone Ridge is the Fund's investment adviser. The Adviser was organized as a Delaware limited liability company in 2012. Its primary place of business is at 510 Madison Avenue, 21st Floor, New York, NY 10022. The Adviser's primary business is to provide a variety of investment management services, including an investment program for the Fund. The Adviser is responsible for all business activities and oversight of the investment decisions made for the Fund. As of December 31, 2020, the Adviser's assets under management were approximately \$10 billion.

In return for providing management services to the Fund, the Fund pays the Adviser an annual fee.

For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2020, the Fund paid 1.45% of its average daily net assets to the Adviser, after taking into account its contractual fee waiver/expense reimbursement.

A discussion regarding the basis of the Board's approval of the investment management agreement between Stone Ridge Trust, on behalf of the Fund, and the Adviser is available in the Fund's annual report to shareholders for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2020.

## **Portfolio Managers**

## **Paul Germain**

Paul Germain, Portfolio Manager of the Fund, is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund and its investments jointly with Mr. Nyren, Mr. Robbins, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Zhitnitsky. Prior to joining Stone Ridge

in 2015, Mr. Germain was the Global Head of Prime Services at Credit Suisse, where he worked from 2010 to 2015. Mr. Germain received his MBA from Harvard Business School and his BSE in Management from University of Pennsylvania (Wharton).

## Alexander Nyren

Alexander Nyren, Portfolio Manager of the Fund, is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund and its investments jointly with Mr. Germain, Mr. Robbins, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Zhitnitsky. Prior to joining Stone Ridge in 2013, Mr. Nyren was in the insurance practice of Oliver Wyman since 2010, where he was a Principal. Mr. Nyren received an MPhil in Economics from the University of Cambridge and a BA with highest honors in Applied Mathematics from Harvard University.

## **Benjamin Robbins**

Benjamin Robbins, Portfolio Manager of the Fund, is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund and its investments jointly with Mr. Germain, Mr. Nyren, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Zhitnitsky. Prior to joining Stone Ridge in 2014, Mr. Robbins was a Director at Deutsche Bank, where he worked from 2006 to 2014 and managed a trading book of insurance-linked securities. Mr. Robbins holds a BA, magna cum laude, in Physics from Harvard University and is a CFA charterholder.

#### **Ross Stevens**

Ross Stevens, Portfolio Manager of the Fund, is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund and its investments jointly with Mr. Germain, Mr. Nyren, Mr. Robbins and Mr. Zhitnitsky. Mr. Stevens founded Stone Ridge in 2012. Mr. Stevens received his PhD in Finance and Statistics from the University of Chicago (Booth) and his BSE in Finance from the University of Pennsylvania (Wharton).

#### Igor Zhitnitsky

Igor Zhitnitsky, Portfolio Manager of the Fund, is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund and its investments jointly with Mr. Germain, Mr. Nyren, Mr. Robbins and Mr. Stevens. Prior to joining Stone Ridge in 2016, Mr. Zhitnitsky was a risk manager at SCOR SE, where he oversaw reinsurance planning and capital management. Mr. Zhitnitsky holds an MS in Mathematics from New York University (Courant) and a BS, summa cum laude, in Mathematics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

## Additional Information Regarding the Adviser and Portfolio Managers

The Statement of Additional Information provides additional information about the Adviser, including information about potential conflicts of interest that the Adviser may face in managing the Fund, and about each Portfolio Manager's compensation, other accounts managed by each Portfolio Manager, and each Portfolio Manager's ownership of securities in the Fund. The Statement of Additional Information is part of this prospectus and is available free of charge by calling (855) 609-3680 or at www.stoneridgefunds.com. The information (other than this prospectus, including the Statement of Additional Information) contained on, or that can be accessed through, www.stoneridgefunds.com is not part of this prospectus or the Statement of Additional Information.

### Distributor, Administrator and Transfer Agent

ALPS Distributors, Inc., 1290 Broadway, Suite 1000, Denver, Colorado 80203 is the Fund's distributor (the "Distributor"). U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, doing business as U.S. Bank Global Fund Services, 615 East Michigan Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202 is the Fund's transfer agent (the "Transfer Agent"), administrator (the "Administrator") and accounting agent. The Adviser pays fees to the Distributor as compensation for the services it renders. The Fund compensates the Transfer Agent for its services.

#### SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

#### **Fund Closings**

The Fund may close at any time to new investments and, during such closings, only the reinvestment of dividends by existing shareholders will be permitted. The Fund may re-open to new investment and subsequently close again to new investment at any time at the discretion of the Adviser. In addition, the Fund expects to close to new investors and investments by existing investors for a period of time in the event that the Stone Ridge Post-Event Reinsurance Fund, a closed-end interval fund managed by the Adviser, commences investment operations. During any time the Fund is closed to new investments, Fund shareholders will continue to be able to redeem their shares, as described below.

#### How Fund Share Prices Are Calculated

The NAV per share of the Fund's Class I shares and Class M shares is determined by dividing the total value of the applicable class's proportionate interest in the Fund's portfolio investments, cash and other assets, less any liabilities (including accrued expenses or dividends) allocable to that class, by the total number of shares of that class outstanding. While the assets of each of Class I shares and Class M shares are invested in a single portfolio of securities, the NAV of each respective Class will differ because each of Class I shares and Class M shares have different expenses. The Fund's shares are typically valued as of a particular time (the "Valuation Time") on each day that the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") opens for business. The Valuation Time is ordinarily at the close of regular trading on the NYSE (normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time). In unusual circumstances, the Valuation Time may be at a time other than 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, for example, in the event of an earlier, unscheduled close or halt of trading on the NYSE. Current NAV per share of the Fund's classes may be obtained by contacting the Transfer Agent by telephone at (855) 609-3680.

In accordance with the regulations governing registered investment companies, the Fund's transactions in portfolio securities and purchases and sales of Fund shares (which bear upon the number of Fund shares outstanding) are generally not reflected in the NAV determined for the business day on which the transactions are effected (the trade date), but rather on the following business day.

The Board has approved procedures pursuant to which the Fund values its investments (the "Valuation Procedures"). The Board has established an Adviser Valuation Committee made up of employees of the Adviser to which the Board has delegated responsibility for overseeing the implementation of the Valuation Procedures, including fair value determinations made on behalf of the Board.

Listed below is a summary of certain of the methods generally used currently to value investments of the Fund under the Valuation Procedures:

With respect to pricing of insurance-linked securities for which at least one designated independent broker provides a price, that price (or, if multiple designated independent brokers provide a price, the average of such prices) will be used to value the security. The Funds typically utilize an independent data delivery vendor to obtain the prices, average them and communicate the resulting value to the Administrator. If no designated independent broker provides a price for the security in question, the Adviser Valuation Committee will generally utilize prices provided by one or more other brokers that the Adviser has approved to value the security. For certain securities, an administrator or third-party manager may regularly provide NAVs that may be used to determine the price at which an investor can subscribe for or redeem an investment in that security, subject to any relevant restrictions on the timing of such subscriptions or redemptions. The Adviser Valuation Committee will generally rely upon such valuations, with any

The NYSE is generally open from Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Eastern time. NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE Bonds and NYSE Arca Options markets will generally close on, and in observation of the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Washington's Birthday, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

necessary adjustment to reflect relevant corporate actions (e.g., dividends paid but not yet reflected in the reported NAV).

Non-prime money market funds and cash sweep programs are generally valued at amortized cost.

Other debt securities, including corporate and government debt securities (of U.S. or foreign issuers) and municipal debt securities, loans, mortgage-backed securities, collateralized mortgage obligations and other asset-backed securities (except event-linked bonds) are valued by an independent pricing service at an evaluated (or estimated) mean between the closing bid and asked prices.

For investments in investment companies that are registered under the 1940 Act, the value of the shares of such funds is calculated based upon the NAV per share of such funds. The prospectuses for such funds explain the circumstances under which they will use fair value pricing and its effects.

Equity securities (other than insurance-linked securities that are valued pursuant to the valuation methods described above) are valued at the last sale, official close or if there are no reported sales at the mean between the bid and asked price on the primary exchange on which they are traded. The values of the Fund's investments in publicly-traded foreign equity securities generally will be the closing or final trading prices in the local trading markets but may be adjusted based on values determined by a pricing service using pricing models designed to estimate changes in the values of those securities between the times in which the trading in those securities is substantially completed and the close of the NYSE.

Exchange-traded derivatives, such as options and futures contracts, are valued at the settlement price on the exchange or mean of the bid and asked prices.

Non-exchange traded derivatives, including OTC options, are generally valued on the basis of valuations provided by a pricing service or using quotes provided by a broker/dealer (typically the counterparty).

Generally, the Fund must value its assets using market quotations when they are readily available. If, with respect to any portfolio instrument, market quotations are not readily available or available market quotations are deemed to be unreliable by the Adviser Valuation Committee, then such instruments will be valued as determined in good faith by the Adviser Valuation Committee. In these circumstances, the Fund determines fair value in a manner that seeks to reflect the market value of the security on the valuation date based on consideration by the Adviser Valuation Committee of any information or factors it deems appropriate.

Fair value pricing may require subjective determinations about the value of a portfolio instrument. Fair values may differ from quoted or published prices, or from prices that are used by others, for the same investments. Also, the use of fair value pricing may not always result in adjustments to the prices of securities or other assets or liabilities held by the Fund. It is possible that the fair value determined for a security may be materially different than the value that could be realized upon the sale of such security. Thus, fair valuation may have an unintended dilutive or accretive effect on the value of shareholders' investments in the Fund.

A substantial portion of the Fund's investments are U.S. dollar denominated investments. Investments initially valued in currencies other than the U.S. dollar are converted to U.S. dollars using exchange rates obtained from pricing services. As a result, the NAV of the Fund's shares may be affected by changes in the value of currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar. International markets are sometimes open on days when U.S. markets are closed, which means that the value of foreign securities owned by the Fund could change on days when Fund shares cannot be bought or sold. The value of investments traded in markets outside the U.S. or denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar may be affected significantly on a day that the NYSE is closed, and the NAV of the Fund's shares may change on days when an investor is not able to purchase, redeem or exchange shares. The calculation of the Fund's NAV may not take place contemporaneously with the determination of the prices of foreign securities used in NAV calculations.

### INVESTING IN THE FUND

The Fund offers two classes of shares — Class I shares and Class M shares. This prospectus describes the Class I shares and Class M shares of the Fund.

## Eligibility to Buy Class I and Class M Shares

The Fund's Class I shares and Class M shares are offered to the following groups of investors ("Eligible Investors"):

- 1. Institutional investors, including registered investment advisers (RIAs);
- 2. Clients of institutional investors;
- 3. Tax-exempt retirement plans of the Adviser and its affiliates and rollover accounts from those plans;
- 4. Certain other Eligible Investors as approved from time to time by the Adviser. Eligible Investors include employees, former employees, shareholders, members and directors of the Adviser and the Fund or its affiliates, and friends and family members of such persons; and
- 5. Investment professionals or other financial intermediaries investing for their own accounts and their immediate family members.

Some intermediaries may impose different or additional eligibility requirements. The Fund has the discretion to further modify or waive its eligibility requirements.

Shares of the Fund generally may be sold only to U.S. citizens, U.S. residents, and U.S. domestic corporations, partnerships, trusts or estates. The Fund reserves the right to refuse any request to purchase shares. Each Class of shares is subject to the investment minimums described below.

#### **Investment Minimums**

Class I Shares

The minimum initial investment is \$25 million. For eligibility groups 3, 4 and 5 described above under "Eligibility to Buy Class I Shares and Class M Shares," there will be no minimum investment requirement.

Class M Shares

The minimum initial investment is \$250,000.

These minimums may be waived or reduced in certain circumstances, and they may be modified and/or applied in the aggregate for certain intermediaries that submit trades on behalf of underlying investors (e.g., registered investment advisers or benefit plans). Differences in the policies of different intermediaries may include different minimum investment amounts. There is no minimum for subsequent investments. All share purchases are subject to approval of the Adviser.

## Other Policies

No Certificates

The issuance of shares is recorded electronically on the books of the Fund. You will receive a confirmation of, or account statement reflecting, each new transaction in your account, which will also show the total number of shares of the Fund you own. You can rely on these statements in lieu of certificates. The Fund does not issue certificates representing shares of the Fund.

### Involuntary Redemptions

The Fund reserves the right to redeem an account if the value of the shares in the Fund is \$1,000 or less for any reason, including market fluctuation. Before the Fund redeems such shares and sends the proceeds to the shareholder, it will notify the shareholder that the value of the shares in the account is less than the minimum amount and will allow the shareholder 60 days to make an additional investment in an amount that will increase the value of the account(s) to the minimum amount specified above before the redemption is processed. As a sale of your Fund shares, this redemption may have tax consequences.

In addition, the Fund reserves the right under certain circumstances to redeem all or a portion of an account, without consent of or other action by the shareholder. The Fund may exercise this right, for example, if a shareholder invests in a share class for which the shareholder was not eligible at the time of investment.

#### HOW TO BUY CLASS I AND CLASS M SHARES

## **How to Buy Shares**

The Fund has authorized the Transfer Agent and Distributor to receive orders on its behalf, and the Distributor has authorized select intermediaries to receive orders on behalf of the Fund. These intermediaries may be authorized to designate other intermediaries to receive orders on the Fund's behalf. The Fund is deemed to have received an order when the Transfer Agent, the Distributor, an intermediary, or if applicable, an intermediary's authorized designee, receives the order in good order. Investors who invest in the Fund through an intermediary should contact their intermediary regarding purchase procedures. Investors may be charged a fee if they effect transactions through an intermediary.

The Fund is generally sold to (i) institutional investors, including registered investment advisers (RIAs), that meet certain qualifications and have completed an educational program provided by the Adviser; (ii) clients of such institutional investors; and (iii) certain other Eligible Investors (as defined in "Eligibility to Buy Class I Shares and Class M Shares" above). Certain investors may purchase the Fund's Class I shares and Class M shares directly from the Transfer Agent by first contacting the Adviser at (855) 609-3680 to notify the Adviser of the proposed investment. Once notification has occurred, if approved, the investor will be directed to the Transfer Agent to complete the purchase transaction.

All investments are subject to approval of the Adviser, and all investors must complete and submit the necessary account registration forms in good order. The Fund reserves the right to reject any initial or additional investment and to suspend the offering of shares. Purchase through a financial intermediary does not affect these eligibility requirements.

Purchase through a financial intermediary does not affect these eligibility requirements or those set out in "Investing in the Fund," above.

A purchase of the Fund's Class I shares and Class M shares will be made at the NAV per share next determined following receipt of a purchase order in good order by the Fund, the Transfer Agent, the Distributor, an intermediary or an intermediary's authorized designee if received at a time when the Fund is open to new investments. A purchase, exchange or redemption order is in "good order" when the Fund, the Transfer Agent, the Distributor, an intermediary or, if applicable, an intermediary's authorized designee, receives all required information, including properly completed and signed documents, and the purchase order is approved by the Adviser. Once the Fund (or one of its authorized agents, described above) accepts a purchase order, you may not cancel or revoke it; however, you may redeem the shares. The Fund may withhold redemption proceeds until it is reasonably satisfied it has received your payment. The Fund reserves the right to cancel any purchase or exchange order it receives if the Fund believes that it is in the best interest of the Fund's shareholders to do so.

Clients of investment advisory organizations may also be subject to investment advisory and other fees under their own arrangements with such organizations.

At the discretion of the Adviser, shares of the Fund may be purchased in exchange for securities that are eligible for acquisition by the Fund or otherwise represented in its portfolio as described in this prospectus or as otherwise consistent with the Trust's policies or procedures or in exchange for local currencies in which securities owned by the Fund are denominated or traded. Securities and local currencies accepted by the Fund for exchange and Fund shares to be issued in the exchange will be valued as set forth under "How Fund Share Prices are Calculated" at the time of the next determination of NAV after such acceptance. All dividends, interest, subscription or other rights pertaining to such securities shall become the property of the Fund and, if received by the investor, must be delivered to the Fund by the investor upon receipt from the issuer. Investors who desire to purchase shares with local currencies should first contact the Adviser.

The Fund will not accept securities in exchange for shares unless: (1) such securities are, at the time of the exchange, eligible to be included, or otherwise represented, in the Fund; (2) current market values are available for such securities based on the Trust's valuation procedures; and (3) the investor represents and agrees that all securities offered to be exchanged are not subject to any restrictions upon their sale by the Fund under the 1933 Act, under the laws of the country in which the principal market for such securities exists or otherwise.

Investors who are subject to federal taxation generally will realize gain or loss for federal income tax purposes upon the exchange. The amount of such gain or loss depends upon the difference between the value of Fund shares received and the tax basis of the securities or local currency the Fund accepted in exchange.

Investors interested in such exchanges should contact the Adviser.

#### **Customer Identification Program**

To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person that opens a new account and to determine whether such person's name appears on government lists of known or suspected terrorists and terrorist organizations.

In compliance with the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001, please note that the Transfer Agent or authorized intermediary will verify certain information upon account opening as part of Stone Ridge Trust's Anti-Money Laundering Program. You will be asked to supply certain required information, such as your full name, date of birth, social security number and permanent street address. If you are opening the account in the name of a legal entity (*e.g.*, partnership, limited liability company, business trust, corporation, etc.), you must also supply the identity of the beneficial owners. Mailing addresses containing only a P.O. Box may not be accepted.

If the identity of a customer cannot be verified, the account will be rejected or the customer will not be allowed to perform a transaction on the account until the customer's identity is verified. The Fund also reserves the right to close the account within 5 business days if clarifying information/documentation is not received. If your account is closed for this reason, your shares will be redeemed at the NAV next calculated after the account is closed.

The Fund and its agents will not be responsible for any loss in an investor's account resulting from the investor's delay in providing all required identifying information or from closing an account and redeeming an investor's shares when an investor's identity is not verified.

The Fund may be required to "freeze" your account if there appears to be suspicious activity or if account information matches information on a government list of known terrorists or other suspicious persons.

## HOW TO REDEEM CLASS I AND CLASS M SHARES

Investors who invest in the Fund through an intermediary should contact their intermediary regarding redemption procedures. The Fund is deemed to have received a redemption order when the Transfer Agent, the Distributor, an authorized intermediary, or if applicable, an intermediary's authorized designee, receives the redemption order

in good order. Investors holding Fund shares directly through the Transfer Agent who desire to redeem shares of the Fund must first contact the Adviser at (855) 609-3680. Once notification has occurred, the investor will be directed to the Transfer Agent to complete the sale transaction. A redemption of the Fund's shares will be made at the NAV per share next determined following receipt of a written redemption order in good order by the Fund, the Transfer Agent, the Distributor, an intermediary or an intermediary's authorized designee.

The redemption of all shares in an account will result in the account being closed. A new Account Registration Form will be required for future investments. See "How to Buy Class I Shares and Class M Shares" above. Certificates for shares are not issued.

## **Payments of Redemption Proceeds**

Redemption orders are valued at the NAV per share next determined after the shares are properly tendered for redemption, as described above. Payment for shares redeemed generally will be made within seven days after receipt of a valid request for redemption. The Fund may temporarily stop redeeming shares or delay payment of redemption proceeds when the NYSE is closed or trading on the NYSE is restricted, when an emergency exists and the Fund cannot sell shares or accurately determine the value of assets, or if the Commission orders the Fund to suspend redemptions or delay payment of redemption proceeds.

At various times, the Fund may be requested to redeem shares for which it has not yet received good payment. If this is the case, the forwarding of proceeds may be delayed until payment has been collected for the purchase of the shares. The delay may last 7 days or more. The Fund intends to forward the redemption proceeds as soon as good payment for purchase orders has been received. This delay may be avoided if shares are purchased by wire transfer. Although the Fund generally intends to pay cash for all shares redeemed using cash held by the Fund or generated by the Fund through selling cash equivalents, selling investments, or using overdraft provisions or lines of credit, the Fund reserves the right, under certain circumstances (such as stressed market conditions), to make a redemption payment, in whole or in part, in portfolio securities that have a market value at the time of redemption equal to the redemption price. In cases where the Fund uses assets other than cash for redemption payments, the value of the non-cash assets is determined as of the redemption date; consequently, as a result of changes in market prices, the value of those assets when received by the redeeming shareholder may be lower or higher than their value as of the redemption date. Investors may incur brokerage charges or other transaction costs selling securities that were received in payment of redemptions.

You can arrange for cash proceeds of a redemption to be sent by wire transfer to a single previously designated bank account if you have given authorization for expedited wire redemption on your Account Application. This redemption option does not apply to shares held in broker "street name" accounts. If a request for a wire redemption is received by the Fund prior to the close of the NYSE, the shares will be redeemed that day at the next determined NAV, and the proceeds will generally be sent to the designated bank account the next business day. The bank must be a member of the Federal Reserve wire system. Delivery of the proceeds of a wire redemption request may be delayed by the Fund for up to seven days if deemed appropriate under then current market conditions. Redeeming shareholders will be notified if a delay in transmitting proceeds is anticipated. The Fund cannot be responsible for the efficiency of the Federal Reserve wire system or the shareholder's bank. You are responsible for any charges imposed by your bank. The Fund reserves the right to terminate the wire redemption privilege. To change the name of the single bank account designated to receive wire redemption proceeds, you must send a written request with a signature guarantee to the Fund, c/o U.S. Bank Global Fund Services, 615 East Michigan Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, or contact your financial intermediary.

Signature guarantees can be obtained from domestic banks, brokers, dealers, credit unions, national securities exchanges, registered securities associations, clearing agencies and savings associations, as well as from participants in the New York Stock Exchange Medallion Signature Program and the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program, but not from a notary public.

The Fund and/or the Transfer Agent or your financial intermediary reserve the right to require a signature guarantee in other instances based on the circumstances.

### **Dividend Reinvestment Plan**

Dividends and capital gains distributions are treated in accordance with the instructions on your account opening form, and either are automatically reinvested, without sales charges, into the relevant share class or are distributed to you in cash. Your taxable income is the same regardless of which option you choose. As long as you hold Fund shares, you may change your election to participate in the dividend reinvestment plan by notifying the Transfer Agent or your financial intermediary, as applicable.

For further information about dividend reinvestment, contact the Transfer Agent by telephone at (855) 609-3680 or contact your financial intermediary.

#### **Distributions and Federal Income Tax Matters**

This section summarizes some of the important U.S. federal income tax consequences of investing in the Fund. This discussion does not address all aspects of taxation that may apply to shareholders or to specific types of shareholders such as tax-deferred retirement plans and persons who are not "U.S. persons" within the meaning of the Code. You should consult your tax adviser for information concerning the possible application of federal, state, local, or foreign tax laws to you. Please see the Statement of Additional Information for additional information regarding the tax aspects of investing in the Fund.

The Fund has elected and currently intends to qualify to be treated as a "regulated investment company" under Subchapter M of Chapter 1 of the Code (a "RIC"). A RIC generally is not subject to federal income tax at the fund level on income and gains that are timely distributed to shareholders. To qualify for such treatment, the Fund must meet certain income, asset diversification and distribution requirements.

The Fund's investment strategy will potentially be limited by its intention to qualify for treatment as a regulated investment company. The tax treatment of certain of the Fund's investments under one or more of the qualification or distribution tests applicable to RICs is not certain. An adverse determination or future guidance by the IRS or change in law might affect the Fund's ability to qualify for such treatment.

If, in any year, the Fund were to fail to qualify for treatment as a RIC under the Code for any reason, and were not able to cure such failure, the Fund would be treated as a "C corporation" and, as such, would be subject to tax on its taxable income at corporate rates, and all distributions from earnings and profits, including any distributions of net tax-exempt income and net long-term capital gains, would be taxable to shareholders as dividends. The Fund could in some cases cure such failure, including by paying a Fund-level tax or interest, making additional distributions, or disposing of certain assets.

The Fund invests substantially in foreign securities. Many or most of the Fund's investments in foreign securities may be controlled foreign corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes (each a "CFC"). The Fund will generally be required to include in gross income each year, as ordinary income that is included in net investment income, its share of certain amounts of a CFC's income, whether or not the CFC distributes such amounts to the Fund. Under recently finalized regulations, subpart F inclusions from investments in CFCs will constitute "qualifying income" for the purposes of the 90% gross income requirement to the extent it is either (i) timely and currently repatriated or (ii) derived with respect to the Fund's business of investing in stock, securities or currencies. Investments by the Fund in CFCs could cause the Fund to recognize taxable income in excess of cash generated by such investments, potentially requiring the Fund to borrow money or dispose of investments to make the distributions required to qualify for treatment as a RIC and to eliminate a Fund-level tax and could affect the amount, timing and character of the Fund's distributions. For additional information, please refer to "Tax Status" in the Statement of Additional Information.

The Fund may invest in other foreign securities that are equity securities of passive foreign investment companies ("PFICs") for U.S. federal income tax purposes. A foreign issuer in which the Fund invests will not be treated as a PFIC with respect to the Fund if such issuer is a controlled foreign corporation and the Fund holds (directly, indirectly or constructively) 10% or more of the voting interests in or total value of such issuer. Investments in a PFIC potentially (i) accelerate the recognition of income by the Fund without the receipt of

cash, (ii) increase the amount required to be distributed by the Fund to qualify as a RIC or eliminate a Fund-level tax, (iii) result in a higher percentage of Fund distributions treated as ordinary income, or (iv) subject the Fund to a Fund-level tax that cannot be eliminated through distributions.

The Fund's investment in foreign securities may be subject to foreign withholding and other taxes, which may decrease the Fund's return on those securities. The Fund may be able to pass through to you a deduction or credit for such foreign taxes, as further described in the Statement of Additional Information.

In addition, the Fund's investments in foreign securities, foreign currencies and derivatives may increase or accelerate the Fund's recognition of gain and may affect the timing, amount or character of the Fund's distributions.

The Fund currently intends to make distributions at least annually of all or substantially all of its net investment income and net realized capital gains, if any. If you elect to reinvest distributions, your distributions will be reinvested in additional shares of the same share class of the Fund at the NAV calculated as of the payment date. The Fund will pay distributions on a per-share basis. As a result, on the ex-dividend date of such a payment, the NAV of the Fund will be reduced by the amount of the payment. If you are a shareholder subject to federal income tax, you will be subject to tax on Fund distributions in the manner described herein whether they are paid in cash or reinvested in additional shares of the Fund. For federal income tax purposes, distributions of net investment income are generally taxable to shareholders as ordinary income. The tax treatment of Fund distributions of capital gains is determined by how long the Fund owned (or is deemed to have owned) the investments that generated them, rather than how long you owned your shares. Distributions of net capital gains (the excess of net long-term capital gains over its net short-term capital losses) that are properly reported by the Fund as capital gain dividends ("Capital Gain Dividends") will be taxable as long-term capital gains includible in net capital gain and taxed to individuals at reduced rates. Distributions of net gains from the sale or deemed disposition of investments that the Fund owned (or is deemed to have owned) for one year or less will be taxable as ordinary income.

Distributions of investment income properly reported by the Fund as derived from "qualified dividend income," if any will be taxed to individuals at the rates applicable to long-term capital gains, *provided* that certain holding period and other requirements are met at both the shareholder and Fund level.

If, in and with respect to any taxable year, the Fund makes a distribution to a shareholder in excess of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits, the excess distribution will be treated as a return of capital to the extent of such shareholder's tax basis in its shares, and thereafter as capital gain. A return of capital is not taxable, but it reduces a shareholder's tax basis in its shares, thus reducing any loss or increasing any gain on a subsequent taxable disposition by the shareholder of its shares.

A 3.8% Medicare contribution tax is imposed on the "net investment income" of certain individuals, estates and trusts to the extent that their income exceeds certain threshold amounts. "Net investment income" generally includes dividends, interest, and net gains from the disposition of investment property (including the Fund's ordinary income dividends, Capital Gain Dividends, and capital gains recognized on the sale, redemption, or exchange of Fund shares). Shareholders should consult their own tax advisers regarding the effect, if any, that this provision may have on their investment in Fund shares.

A dividend will be treated as paid on December 31 of a calendar year if it is declared by the Fund in October, November or December with a record date in such a month and paid by the Fund during January of the following calendar year. Early in each year, we will send you a statement showing detailed federal tax information with respect to your distributions for the prior tax year.

Distributions are taxable to you in the manner described herein even if they are paid from income or gains earned before your investment (and thus were included in the price you paid for your shares). For example, if you purchase shares on or just before the record date of the Fund distribution, you will pay full price for the shares and could receive a portion of your investment back as a taxable distribution.

Any gain or loss resulting from the sale or exchange of your shares generally will be treated as capital gain or loss for federal income tax purposes, which will be long-term or short-term depending on how long you have held your shares.

Investments through tax-qualified retirement plans and other tax-advantaged investors are generally not subject to current federal income tax.

In general, dividends (other than Capital Gain Dividends) paid by the Fund to a person who is not a "U.S. person" within the meaning of the Code (a "foreign shareholder") are subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% (or lower applicable treaty rate). However, the Code provides a withholding tax exemption, if the Fund so elects, for certain interest-related dividends and short-term capital gain dividends paid to foreign shareholders.

Sections 1471-1474 of the Code and the U.S. Treasury Regulations and IRS guidance issued thereunder (collectively, "FATCA") generally require the Fund to obtain information sufficient to identify the status of each of its shareholders under FATCA or under an applicable intergovernmental agreement (an "IGA"). If a shareholder fails to provide this information or otherwise fails to comply with FATCA or an IGA, the Fund may be required to withhold under FATCA 30% of ordinary dividends the Fund pays to that shareholder. If a payment by the Fund is subject to FATCA withholding, the Fund or its agent is required to withhold even if such payment would otherwise be exempt from withholding under the rules applicable to foreign shareholders described above. The IRS and the Department of Treasury have issued proposed regulations providing that the gross proceeds of share redemptions or exchanges and Capital Gain Dividends the Fund pays will not be subject to FATCA withholding. Each prospective investor is urged to consult its tax adviser regarding the applicability of FATCA and any other reporting requirements with respect to the prospective investor's own situation, including investments through an intermediary. In addition, foreign countries have implemented or are considering, and may implement, laws similar in purpose and scope to FATCA, as more fully described above.

The discussion above is very general. Please consult your tax adviser about the effect that an investment in the Fund could have on your own tax situation, including possible foreign, federal, state, or local tax consequences, or about any other tax questions you may have.

### Frequent Purchases and Sales of Fund Shares

The Fund is currently intended for long-term investment purposes. Excessive trading, short-term trading and other abusive trading activities may be detrimental to the Fund and its long-term shareholders by disrupting portfolio management strategies, increasing brokerage and administrative costs, harming Fund performance and diluting the value of shares. Such trading may also require the Fund to sell securities to meet redemptions, which could cause taxable events that impact shareholders. The Fund will not knowingly permit shareholders to market time or excessively trade the Fund to the detriment of the long-term shareholders.

The Fund has adopted procedures that are reasonably designed to detect and prevent frequent trading activity that could be harmful to the Fund (the "Procedures"), which include (1) fair valuation of non-U.S. securities, where appropriate and (2) periodic surveillance of shareholder trading activity and inquiry as to the nature of the trading activity when appropriate.

With respect to the periodic surveillance of shareholder trading activity, the Adviser monitors trading in the Fund's shares in an effort to identify trading patterns that appear to indicate market timing or abusive trading practices, to the extent reasonably practicable. In making such a judgement, the Adviser may consider the size of the trades, the frequency and pattern of trades and other factors considered relevant.

If the Adviser determines that the trading history of an account appears to indicate market timing or abusive trading practices, the Fund will provide notice to the shareholder or the applicable financial intermediary to cease such trading activities and, when appropriate, restrict or prohibit further purchases or redemptions of shares for the account. If the trading history of an omnibus account appears to indicate the possibility of market timing or abusive trading practices, the Adviser may request underlying shareholder information from the financial intermediary associated with the omnibus account pursuant to Rule 22c-2 under the 1940 Act in order to make such a determination.

Some financial intermediaries through which shares of the Fund are distributed submit aggregate or net purchase and redemption orders through omnibus accounts. These omnibus accounts often by nature engage in frequent transactions due to the daily trading activity of their underlying investors. Because transactions by omnibus accounts often take place on a net basis, the Adviser's ability to detect and prevent frequent trading is limited. In determining the frequency with which the Adviser will seek shareholder transaction information from a financial intermediary, the Adviser will consider (1) whether or not a Fund imposes a redemption fee, (2) a Fund's trading history (e.g., a history of abnormally large inflows or outflows that may indicate the existence of frequent trading), (3) the risks that frequent trading poses to the Fund and its shareholders in light of the nature of the Fund's investment program, including its typical cash positions and whether its valuation policies mitigate the risks associated with abusive trading practices, (4) the risks to the Fund and its shareholders in light of the size of the transactions relative to the amount of the Fund's assets or the volume of the Fund's subscriptions and redemptions through a financial intermediary and (5) such other factors as are deemed relevant or appropriate under the circumstances.

Although the Procedures are designed to deter frequent trading, none of these measures alone, nor taken together, eliminates the possibility that frequent trading will occur in the Fund, particularly with respect to trades placed by shareholders who invest in the Fund through omnibus accounts maintained by financial intermediaries. It is understood that it may not be possible to identify and monitor all accounts controlled by a potential frequent trader.

### DISTRIBUTION ARRANGEMENTS

### **Distribution Plan**

Financial intermediaries may provide varying investment products, programs, platforms and accounts for the benefit of shareholders. Such intermediaries generally charge fees in connection with a variety of services, which include (i) personal and account maintenance services, sub-transfer agency services and custodial services rendered to Class M shareholders who are customers of the intermediary, including electronic transmission and processing of orders, electronic fund transfers between shareholders and the Fund, reinvestment of distributions, settlement and reconciliation of transactions, liaising with the Transfer Agent, facilitation of electronic delivery to shareholders of Fund documentation, monitoring shareholder accounts for back-up withholding and any other special tax reporting obligations, maintenance of books and records with respect to the foregoing, and other similar services (fees for such services, "servicing fees") and/or (ii) activities or expenses primarily intended to result in the sale of Class M shares (fees for such services, if any, "distribution fees"). Class M shares of the Fund pay Rule 12b-1 fees to compensate financial intermediaries for such services. Such fees may be based on the number of accounts or may be a percentage of the average value of accounts for which the intermediary provides services, and are intended to compensate intermediaries for their provision of services of the type that would be provided by the Transfer Agent or other service providers if the shares were registered on the books of the Fund. The Fund does not believe that any portion of fees currently paid to financial intermediaries are distribution fees.

Servicing fees and distribution fees may be paid pursuant to a Distribution Plan ("12b-1 Plan") adopted by the Fund with respect to its Class M shares, at the maximum annual rate of 0.15% of the Fund's average daily net assets attributable to Class M. These fees are paid out of the Fund's Class M shares' assets on an ongoing basis and may be administered or facilitated by the Distributor. Because Rule 12b-1 fees are paid out of the Fund's Class M shares' assets on an ongoing basis, over time these fees will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than other types of sales charges. The Adviser performs certain services and incurs certain expenses through its employees who are registered representatives of a broker-dealer with respect to the promotion of the Fund's Class M shares and the Adviser also performs certain services in connection with the servicing of shareholders. If amounts remain from the Rule 12b-1 fees after the intermediaries have been paid, such amounts may be used to compensate the Adviser for the services it provides and for the expenses it bears. The Distributor does not retain any portion of the distribution fees. To the extent that there are expenses associated with shareholder services that exceed the amounts payable pursuant to the 12b-1 Plan, the Class M shares of the Fund will bear such expenses.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The financial highlights in the following tables are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the fiscal period indicated. Certain information reflects financial results for a single Fund share. The total return in the tables represents the rate that an investor would have earned or lost on an investment in the Fund (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). This information has been derived from the financial statements audited by Ernst & Young LLP, whose report, along with the Fund's financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

Class I	Year Ended October 31, 2020	Year Ended October 31, 2019	Year Ended October 31, 2018	Year Ended October 31, 2017	Year Ended October 31, 2016
PER SHARE DATA:	2020	2019	2016	2017	2010
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$ 9.30	\$ 9.54	\$ 9.14	\$ 10.50	\$ 10.38
INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:					
Net Investment Income(1)	0.45	0.44	0.46	0.67	0.58
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains					
(Losses)	0.06	(0.19)	0.21	(1.13)	0.09
Total from Investment Operations	0.51	0.25	0.67	(0.46)	0.67
LESS DISTRIBUTIONS:					
Net Investment Income	(0.53)	(0.49)	(0.27)	(0.90)	(0.55)
Net Realized Gains	` <u> </u>	` <u> </u>	` <u> </u>	` <u>—</u>	<u> </u>
Total Distributions	(0.53)	(0.49)	(0.27)	(0.90)(4)	(0.55)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$ 9.28	\$ 9.30	\$ 9.54	\$ 9.14	\$ 10.50
TOTAL RETURN(2)	5.73%	2.87%	7.41%	(4.85)%	6.82%
SUPPLEMENTAL DATA AND					
RATIOS:					
Net Assets, End of Period (000's)	\$886,011	\$800,883	\$815,827	\$910,525	\$434,269
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net					
Assets:					
Before Expense Reimbursement/					
Recoupment	1.73%(3)	1.71%(3)	1.73%(3)	1.81%(3)	1.68%(3)
After Expense Reimbursement/					
Recoupment	1.68%(3)	1.70%(3)	1.68%(3)	1.77%(3)	N/A
Ratio of Net Investment Income (Loss)					
to Average Net Assets:					
Before Expense Reimbursement/	4.050/(2)	4.550/(2)	4.050/(2)	6.500 ( (2)	5.500/(2)
Recoupment	4.87%(3)	4.75%(3)	4.87%(3)	6.78%(3)	5.70%(3)
After Expense Reimbursement/	4.020/(2)	4.7(0/(2)	4.020/(2)	( 020/(2)	NT/A
Recoupment	4.92%(3)	4.76%(3)	4.92%(3)	6.82%(3)	N/A
Portfolio Turnover Rate	50.26%	21.85%	27.71%	29.74%	20.32%

<sup>(1)</sup> Net investment income per share has been calculated based on average shares outstanding during the period.

<sup>(2)</sup> Total Return represents the rate that an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in the Fund (assuming the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions).

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes borrowing and investment-related expenses not covered by the Fund's expense limitation agreement.

 $<sup>(4) \</sup>quad Includes \ less \ than \ \$0.01 \ per \ share \ of \ return \ of \ capital.$ 

Class M	Year Ended October 31, 2020	Year Ended October 31, 2019	Year Ended October 31, 2018	Year Ended October 31, 2017	Year Ended October 31, 2016
PER SHARE DATA:					
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$ 9.30	\$ 9.53	\$ 9.13	\$ 10.49	\$ 10.38
INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:					
Net Investment Income(1)	0.43	0.42	0.45	0.66	0.57
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains					
(Losses)	0.07	(0.18)	0.20	(1.13)	0.08
Total from Investment Operations	0.50	0.24	0.65	(0.47)	0.65
LESS DISTRIBUTIONS:					
Net Investment Income	(0.51)	(0.47)	(0.25)	(0.89)	(0.54)
Net Realized Gains	_	_	_	_	_
Total Distributions	(0.51)	(0.47)	(0.25)	(0.89)(4)	(0.54)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$ 9.29	\$ 9.30	\$ 9.53	\$ 9.13	\$ 10.49
TOTAL RETURN(2)	5.68%	2.78%	7.23%	(5.01)%	6.60%
SUPPLEMENTAL DATA AND					
RATIOS:					
Net Assets, End of Period (000's)	\$113,008	\$116,551	\$116,356	\$186,748	\$63,712
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net					
Assets:					
Before Expense Reimbursement/	1.070/(2)	1.070/(2)	1 000/(2)	1.070/(2)	1.020/(2)
Recoupment After Expense Reimbursement/	1.87%(3)	1.86%(3)	1.88%(3)	1.96%(3)	1.83%(3)
Recoupment	1.82%(3)	1.85%(3)	1.83%(3)	1.91%(3)	N/A
Ratio of Net Investment Income (Loss)	1.02/0(3)	1.03/0(3)	1.03/0(3)	1.91/0(3)	IN/A
to Average Net Assets:					
Before Expense Reimbursement/					
Recoupment	4.72%(3)	4.61%(3)	4.74%(3)	6.60%(3)	5.60%(3)
After Expense Reimbursement/	,	,	,		
Recoupment	4.77%(3)	4.62%(3)	4.79%(3)	6.65%(3)	N/A
Portfolio Turnover Rate	50.26%	21.85%	27.71%	29.74%	20.32%

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#### STONE RIDGE'S PRIVACY NOTICE

## Stone Ridge's Commitment to Its Customers1

Stone Ridge recognizes and respects the privacy expectation of each of its customers. Stone Ridge believes that the confidentiality and protection of its customers' non-public personal information is one of its fundamental responsibilities. This means, most importantly, that Stone Ridge does not sell customers' non-public personal information to any third parties. Stone Ridge uses its customers' non-public personal information primarily to complete financial transactions that its customers request or to make its customers aware of other financial products and services offered by a Stone Ridge affiliated company.

## **Information Stone Ridge Collects About Its Customers**

Stone Ridge collects non-public personal information about its customers from the following sources:

- Account Applications and Other Forms, which may include a customer's name and address, social security number or tax identification number, total assets, income, and accounts at other institutions;
- Account History, which may include information about the transactions and balances in accounts with Stone Ridge; and
- Correspondence, which may include written, telephonic or electronic communications.

## How Stone Ridge Handles Its Customers' Personal Information

As emphasized above, Stone Ridge does not sell non-public personal information about current or former customers to third parties. Below are the details of circumstances in which Stone Ridge may disclose non-public personal information to third parties:

- In order to complete certain transactions or account changes that a customer directs, it may be necessary to provide certain non-public personal information about that customer to companies, individuals, or groups that are not affiliated with Stone Ridge. For example, if a customer asks Stone Ridge to transfer assets from another financial institution, Stone Ridge will need to provide certain non-public personal information about that customer to the company to complete the transaction.
- In order to alert a customer to other financial products and services that a Stone Ridge affiliated company offers, Stone Ridge may share non-public personal information it has about that customer with a Stone Ridge affiliated company.
- In certain instances, Stone Ridge may contract with non-affiliated companies to perform services for or on behalf of Stone Ridge. Where necessary, Stone Ridge will disclose non-public personal information it has about its customers to these third parties. In all such cases, Stone Ridge will provide the third party with only the information necessary to carry out its assigned responsibilities and only for that purpose. In addition, Stone Ridge requires these third parties to treat Stone Ridge customers' non-public information with the same high degree of confidentiality that Stone Ridge does.
- Finally, Stone Ridge will release non-public information about customers if directed by that customer to do so or if Stone Ridge is authorized by law to do so.
- For purposes of this notice, the term "customer" or "customers" includes both individuals who have investments with a Stone Ridge-affiliated company and individuals who have provided non-public personal information to a Stone Ridge affiliated company, but did not invest with a Stone Ridge affiliated company.

## How Stone Ridge Safeguards Its Customers' Personal Information

Stone Ridge restricts access to information about customers to its employees and to third parties, as described above. Stone Ridge maintains physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards reasonably designed to protect the confidentiality of its customers' non-public personal information.

# **Keeping Its Customers Informed**

As required by federal law, Stone Ridge will notify customers of Stone Ridge's Privacy Policy annually. Stone Ridge reserves the right to modify this policy at any time, but in the event that there is a change, Stone Ridge will promptly inform its customers of that change.

#### USEFUL SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

**Trust**. Stone Ridge Trust consists of three series. The series are investment portfolios of Stone Ridge Trust, an open-end series management investment company organized as a Delaware statutory trust.

**Shareholder Reports**. Annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders provide additional information about the Fund's investments. These reports include financial statements, a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Fund's performance, as well as the auditors' report (in the annual report only).

**Statement of Additional Information**. The Statement of Additional Information provides more detailed information about the Fund. It is incorporated by reference into (and is legally a part of) this combined prospectus.

#### How to Obtain Additional Information.

- You can obtain shareholder reports or the Statement of Additional Information (without charge), make inquiries or request other information about the Fund by contacting the Transfer Agent at (855) 609-3680, writing the Fund at Stone Ridge Trust, c/o U.S. Bank Global Fund Services, 615 East Michigan Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, visiting the Fund's website at www.stoneridgefunds.com or calling your financial intermediary.
- You may review and copy information about the Fund, including reports and other information about the Fund, on the EDGAR Database on the Commission's website at www.sec.gov. You may get copies of this information, with payment of a duplication fee, by electronic request at the following E-mail address: publicinfo@sec.gov. You may need to refer to the Fund's file number.

If someone makes a statement about the Fund that is not in this prospectus, you should not rely upon that information. Neither the Fund nor the Distributor is offering to sell shares of the Fund to any person to whom the Fund may not lawfully sell its shares.

#### How to Reach Stone Ridge Trust

Please send all requests for information or transactions to:

Stone Ridge Trust c/o U.S. Bank Global Fund Services 615 East Michigan Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

You may contact us by telephone at (855) 609-3680.

## You can also visit our website at:

## www.stoneridgefunds.com

## Distributor

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## **Investment Adviser**

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Investment Company Act File Number: 811-22761

#### STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### STONE RIDGE TRUST

STONE RIDGE HIGH YIELD REINSURANCE RISK PREMIUM FUND

Class I SHRIX
Class M SHRMX

March 1, 2021

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Stone Ridge Trust consists of three funds, including Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund (the "Fund"). Additional Stone Ridge Trust funds are offered in separate prospectuses and statements of additional information.

The Fund is an investment portfolio of Stone Ridge Trust, an open-end series management investment company organized as a Delaware statutory trust.

This Statement of Additional Information ("SAI") is not a prospectus and is only authorized for distribution when preceded or accompanied by the Fund's current prospectus dated March 1, 2021, as supplemented from time to time (the "Prospectus"). This SAI supplements and should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus. The audited financial statements and notes thereto in the Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal period ended on October 31, 2020, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on January 11, 2021 (File No. 811-22761) (the "Annual Report"), are incorporated into this SAI by reference. The financial statements included in the Annual Report have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, whose report thereon is also incorporated herein by reference. No other parts of the Annual Report are incorporated by reference herein. Copies of the Prospectus and/or Annual Report may be obtained without charge by writing the Fund at the address, or by calling the toll-free telephone number, listed above.

# STONE RIDGE TRUST

# STONE RIDGE HIGH YIELD REINSURANCE RISK PREMIUM FUND

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### ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT INFORMATION, RISKS AND RESTRICTIONS

The Prospectus discusses the investment objective of the Fund, as well as the principal investment strategies it employs to achieve its objective and the principal investment risks associated with those strategies. Additional information about the strategies and other investment practices the Fund may employ and certain related risks of the Fund are described below. The Fund is a non-diversified investment portfolio of Stone Ridge Trust (the "Trust"), an open-end series management investment company organized as a Delaware statutory trust on September 28, 2012.

There is no assurance that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved. Additionally, since the Fund's investment objective has been adopted as a non-fundamental investment policy, the Fund's investment objective may be changed by the Board of Trustees of the Trust (the "Board") without a vote of shareholders.

Capitalized terms used in this SAI and not otherwise defined have the meanings given to them in the Prospectus. References in this SAI to the Fund investing in any instrument, security or strategy includes direct or indirect investment, including gaining exposure through derivatives or other investment companies.

#### Additional Investment Information and Risks

Additional Information about the Fund's Investments in Reinsurance-Related Securities. Reinsurance occurs when insurance or reinsurance companies share risk by purchasing insurance policies from other insurers or reinsurers to limit the total loss the original insurer or reinsurer would experience in case of disaster. Reinsurance involves the practice of insurers or reinsurers transferring portions of risk portfolios to other parties by agreement in order to reduce the likelihood of having to pay a large obligation resulting from an insurance claim. The intent of reinsurance is for an insurance or reinsurance company to reduce the risks associated with underwritten policies by spreading risks across alternative institutions. The party seeking reinsurance is known as the ceding party. The party that accepts a portion of the potential obligation in exchange for a share of the insurance premium is known as the reinsurer.

Event-linked bonds are a type of reinsurance-related security. The Fund may invest in event-linked bonds in one or more of three ways: the Fund may purchase event-linked bonds when initially offered; the Fund may purchase event-linked bonds in the secondary, over-the-counter market; or the Fund may gain indirect exposure to event-linked bonds using derivatives. As the market for event-linked bonds evolves, the Fund expects to participate in that market and to include new types of event-linked bond offerings in its portfolio.

Trigger events are typically defined by three criteria: an event; a geographic area in which the event must occur; and a threshold of economic or physical loss (either actual or modeled) caused by the event, together with a method to measure such loss. In order for a trigger event to be deemed to have occurred, each of the three criteria must be satisfied while the bond is outstanding or the derivative position remains open. The Fund has no limit as to the types of events, geographic areas or thresholds of loss referenced by event-linked bonds in which it can invest. Generally, the event is either a natural or non-natural peril of a kind that results in significant physical or economic loss. Natural perils include disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes, windstorms, pandemics, epidemics, fires and floods. Non-natural perils include disasters resulting from human activity such as commercial and industrial accidents or business interruptions. Some event-linked bonds reference only a single event. Other event-linked bonds may reference multiple events, the occurrence of any one (or other number) of which would satisfy this criteria. Or, an event-linked bond may not specify a particular peril. In these cases, only the geographic area and threshold of physical or economic loss determines whether a trigger event has occurred. For example, certain event-linked bonds, commonly referred to as "mortality" bonds (discussed further below), have trigger events that are deemed to occur if a specific number of deaths occur in an identified geographic area regardless of the peril which caused the loss of life.

*Indemnity Triggers*. Indemnity triggers are based on losses paid and reserved for by an identified insurance company. Generally the identified company sponsored the special purpose vehicle issuing the event-linked

bonds. The trigger event would be considered to have occurred only if that company's losses on catastrophic insurance claims exceeded a certain threshold of insured claims. If the company's losses (paid and reserved for) were less than the pre-determined aggregate amount, then the trigger event would not be considered to have occurred and the Fund would be entitled to recover its principal plus accrued but unpaid interest. Indemnity triggers require investors and rating agencies to understand the risks of the insurance and reinsurance policies underwritten by the company, which may be difficult to obtain and ascertain, particularly in the case of complex commercial insurance and reinsurance policies. In addition, event-linked bond investors are dependent upon the company's ability to estimate and settle catastrophe claims in a manner that would not be disadvantageous to investors' interests.

*Index Triggers*. Index triggers are based on pre-defined formulas, which eliminate the risks relating to a company's insurance claims-handling practices and potential information barriers. However, investors are dependent upon the accuracy of the models and other information received from reporting services used to calculate the loss or metric. Index triggers follow one of the three broad approaches: modeled-loss, industry-loss and parametric.

- *Modeled-Loss*. Modeled-loss triggers are based upon a catastrophe-modeling firm's database estimate of a hypothetical company's losses based on a model policy portfolio.
- *Industry Loss.* Industry loss triggers are based upon the estimated loss for the insurance industry as a whole from a particular catastrophe. Estimates are derived from a reporting service, such as Property Claim Services.
- *Parametric.* Parametric triggers are based upon the occurrence of a catastrophic event with certain defined physical parameters (e.g., wind speed of a hurricane, as measured from a pre-determined location, or magnitude of an earthquake, as measured from a pre-determined location).

Hybrid Triggers. Hybrid triggers involve more than one metric of physical or economic loss in a single event-linked bond transaction. For example, after the occurrence of a qualifying U.S. earthquake, a modeled-loss index is used to establish a company's overall market share, and then applied to the industry-loss index associated with the qualifying event to determine any principal reduction. Hybrid triggers may be more complicated and difficult to understand for investors, and involve the applicable risks associated with the types of triggers described above.

**Debt Investments**. As part of its regular investment program, the Fund can invest directly or indirectly in debt investments other than event-linked bonds. The Fund may have exposure to debt securities of U.S. or foreign issuers. These debt securities may have fixed or floating interest rates; may or may not be collateralized; and may be below investment grade or, if unrated, determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality. The Fund has no limits as to the maturity of debt securities in which the Fund invests directly or indirectly or as to the market capitalization range of the issuers. The Fund does not have investment policies establishing specific maturity ranges for its investments, and it may be within any maturity range (short, medium or long) depending on the Adviser's evaluation of investment opportunities available within the debt securities markets.

The values of debt securities (and other income-producing securities, such as preferred securities and convertible securities) to which the Fund is exposed change in response to interest rate changes. In general, the value of a debt security is likely to fall as interest rates rise. This risk is generally greater for obligations with longer maturities or for debt securities that do not pay current interest (such as zero-coupon securities). Debt securities with floating interest rates can be less sensitive to interest rate changes, although, to the extent the Fund's income is based on short-term interest rates that fluctuate over short periods of time, income received by the Fund may decrease as a result of a decline in interest rates. In response to an interest rate decline, debt securities that provide the issuer with the right to call or redeem the security prior to maturity may be called or redeemed. If a debt security is repaid more quickly than expected, the Fund may not be able to reinvest the proceeds at the same interest rate, reducing the potential for gain. When interest rates increase or for other reasons, debt securities may

be repaid more slowly than expected. As a result, the maturity of the debt instrument is extended, increasing the potential for loss.

Interest rate changes can be sudden and unpredictable, and the Fund may lose money if these changes are not anticipated by the Adviser. A wide variety of factors can cause interest rates to fluctuate (e.g., central bank monetary policies, inflation rates, general economic conditions and market developments), and debt securities may be difficult to value during such periods. Over the past decade, governmental financial regulators, including the U.S. Federal Reserve, have taken steps to maintain historically low interest rates by purchasing bonds. Continued economic recovery, the U.S. Federal Reserve's conclusion of its quantitative easing program and recent increases in interest rates could increase the probability that interest rates will continue to rise in the near future. To the extent the U.S. Federal Reserve continues to raise interest rates, there is a risk that rates across the financial system may rise, which could have an adverse effect on prices for debt securities and on the management of the Fund.

In addition, while debt securities markets have consistently grown over the past three decades, the capacity for traditional dealer counterparties to engage in debt securities trading has not kept pace and in some cases has decreased. As a result, dealer inventories of debt securities, which provide a core indication of the ability of financial intermediaries to "make markets," are at or near historic lows in relation to market size. Because market makers provide stability to a market through their intermediary services, any significant reduction in dealer inventories could potentially lead to decreased liquidity and increased volatility in the debt securities markets.

**Floating Rate and Variable Rate Obligations**. The Fund can invest directly or indirectly in debt securities other than event-linked bonds that have floating or variable interest rates. Those variable rate obligations may have a demand feature that allows the Fund to tender the obligation to the issuer or a third party prior to its maturity. The tender may be at par value plus accrued interest, according to the terms of the obligations.

Because the interest rates on floating rate bonds adjust periodically to reflect current market rates, falling short-term interest rates should tend to decrease the income payable to the Fund on its floating rate investments and rising rates should tend to increase that income. However, investments in floating rate and variable rate obligations should also mitigate the fluctuations in the Fund's net asset value during periods of changing interest rates, compared to changes in values of fixed-rate debt securities. Nevertheless, changes in interest rates can affect the value of the Fund's floating rate investments, especially if rates change sharply in a short period, because the resets of the interest rates on the investments occur periodically and will not all happen simultaneously with changes in prevailing rates. Having a shorter average reset period for its portfolio of investments may help mitigate that risk.

The interest rate on a floating rate demand note is adjusted automatically according to a stated prevailing market rate, such as the Prime Rate, the 91-day U.S. Treasury Bill rate or some other standard. The instrument's rate is adjusted automatically each time the base rate is adjusted. The interest rate on a variable rate note is also based on a stated prevailing market rate but is adjusted automatically at specified intervals. Generally, the changes in the interest rate on such securities reduce the fluctuation in their market value. As interest rates decrease or increase, the potential for capital appreciation or depreciation is less than that for fixed-rate obligations of the same maturity.

Floating rate and variable rate demand notes that have a stated maturity in excess of one year may have features that permit the holder to recover the principal amount of the underlying security at specified intervals not exceeding one year and upon no more than 30 days' notice. The issuer of that type of note normally has a corresponding right in its discretion, after a given period, to prepay the outstanding principal amount of the note plus accrued interest. Generally the issuer must provide a specified number of days' notice to the holder. The Fund can also invest directly or indirectly in step-coupon bonds that have a coupon rate that changes periodically during the life of the security on pre-determined dates that are set when the security is issued.

Additional Information Regarding Equity Securities. The Fund may invest directly or indirectly in public or private equity securities, including common stock, preferred stock, convertible stock and/or warrants. Equity

investments may afford the Fund voting rights as well as the opportunity to receive dividends and/or capital appreciation, although warrants, which are options to purchase equity securities at specific prices valid for a specific period of time, typically have no voting rights, receive no dividends and have no rights with respect to the securities of the issuer unless and until they are exercised for the underlying equity securities. The Fund may also invest directly or indirectly in equity securities of both foreign and U.S. companies. These equity investments may take any of the following forms:

Common Stock. Holders of common stock generally have voting rights in the issuer and are entitled to receive common stock dividends when, as and if declared by the corporation's board of directors. Common stock normally occupies the most subordinated position in an issuer's capital structure.

*Preferred Stocks.* Preferred stock, unlike common stock, has a stated dividend rate payable from the corporation's earnings. Preferred stock dividends may be cumulative or non-cumulative, participating or auction rate. "Cumulative" dividend provisions require all or a portion of prior unpaid dividends to be paid. Preferred stock may be "participating" stock, which means that it may be entitled to a dividend exceeding the stated dividend in certain cases. Preferred stock may have mandatory sinking fund provisions, as well as provisions allowing calls or redemption prior to maturity, which also can have a negative impact on prices when interest rates decline.

Rights and Warrants. Warrants are options to purchase equity securities at specific prices valid for a specific period of time. Their prices do not necessarily move parallel to the values of the underlying securities. Rights are similar to warrants, but normally have a short duration and are distributed directly by the issuer to its shareholders. Rights and warrants have no voting rights, receive no dividends and have no rights with respect to the assets of the issuer.

Convertible Securities. Convertible securities are debt securities or preferred stock that may be converted in whole or in part into common stock or other equity securities. Their prices do not necessarily move parallel to the prices of the underlying securities. Convertible securities generally have no voting rights. The value of a convertible security is a function of its "bond value," which is the value of the debt or preferred stock component of the security, and its "conversion value," which is the value of the right to convert the securities into common stock or other equity securities. The bond value will likely increase when interest rates fall and decrease when interest rates rise, and the conversion value will likely increase when the value of the underlying equity security increases and decrease when the value of the underlying equity security decreases. If the bond value is relatively high compared to the conversion value, the security will behave more like a debt security, and if the conversion value is relatively high compared to the bond value, the security will behave more like an equity security.

Additional Information Regarding Risks of Investing in Equities. Equities fluctuate in price, and their short-term volatility at times may be great. Many factors can affect a particular equity security's price, such as poor earnings reports by the issuer, loss of major customers, major litigation against the issuer or changes in government regulations affecting the issuer or its industry. To the extent that the Fund obtains exposure to equity securities, the value of the Fund's portfolio will be affected by changes in the stock markets. Market risk can affect the Fund's net asset value per share, which will fluctuate as the values of the Fund's portfolio securities change. The prices of individual equity securities do not all move in the same direction uniformly or at the same time. Different stock markets may behave differently from one another. The value of preferred securities will usually react more strongly than bonds and other debt to actual or perceived changes in the company's financial condition or prospects. Preferred securities may also be sensitive to changes in interest rates. When interest rates rise, the fixed dividend on preferred securities may be less attractive, causing the price of preferred stocks to decline. Preferred securities of smaller companies may be more vulnerable to adverse developments than preferred stock of larger companies.

**Additional Information Regarding Derivatives.** In addition to the derivatives transactions described in the Prospectus, the Fund may enter into derivatives contracts with respect to any security or other instrument in

which it is permitted to invest or with respect to any related security, instrument or index ("reference instruments" or "reference securities"). The Fund may enter into a variety of derivative contracts, but typically expects to enter into put and call options, futures contracts, options on futures contracts and swaps. This universe of investments is subject to change under varying market conditions and as these instruments evolve over time. The Fund may enter into derivatives contracts with standardized terms and no or few special or unusual components, which are generally traded on an exchange, as well as derivatives with more complex features, such as caps, floors, knock-outs, look-backs or other "exotic" elements, singly or in combination, which are generally traded over the counter. Over-the-counter ("OTC") derivatives may be standardized or have customized features and may have limited or no liquidity. The Fund's derivatives contracts may be centrally cleared or settled bilaterally directly with a counterparty. The Fund's derivatives contracts may be cash settled or physically settled.

The derivatives contracts the Fund may enter into involve substantial risk. Derivatives typically allow the Fund to seek to increase or decrease the level of risk to which it is exposed more quickly and efficiently than transactions in other types of instruments. The Fund incurs costs in connection with opening and closing derivatives positions.

The use of derivatives can lead to losses because of adverse movements in the price or value of the reference instrument, due to failure of a counterparty or due to tax or regulatory constraints. Derivatives may create economic leverage in the Fund, which magnifies the Fund's exposure to the reference instrument and magnifies potential losses. When derivatives are used to gain or limit exposure to a particular market or market segment, their performance may not correlate as expected to the performance of such market, thereby causing the Fund to fail to achieve its original purpose for using such derivatives. A decision as to whether, when and how to use derivatives involves the exercise of specialized skill and judgment, and a transaction may be unsuccessful in whole or in part because of market behavior, unexpected events or the Adviser's failure to use derivatives effectively. Derivative instruments may be difficult to value, may be illiquid and may be subject to wide swings in valuation caused by changes in the value of the reference instrument.

Set forth below are examples of types of derivatives in which the Fund may invest:

Options. Generally, the Fund may enter into options on various reference instruments, including single equity securities, American Depositary Receipts, ETFs, indices, currencies, forward foreign currency exchange contracts, stock index futures, commodities, swaps (including event-linked swaps), futures, other securities and other derivative instruments. A call option typically gives the option buyer the right (but not the obligation) to buy, and requires the option seller to sell, a reference instrument at an agreed-upon price; a put option gives the option buyer the right (but not the obligation) to sell, and requires the option seller to purchase, a reference instrument at an agreed-upon price. If an option the Fund sells is exercised, the Fund will either purchase or sell the reference instrument at the strike price or pay to the option holder the difference between the strike price and the current price level of the reference instrument, depending on the terms of the option. The premium, the exercise price, the transaction costs and the market value of the applicable underlying instrument together will determine the gain or loss realized by the Fund as the seller of the option.

The value of options may be adversely affected if the market for such options becomes less liquid or smaller. The Fund's ability to close out its position as a seller of an OTC option or exchange listed put option ("put") or call option ("call") is dependent, in part, upon the liquidity of the option market. The Fund's ability to terminate OTC options is more limited than with exchange-traded options and may involve the risk that broker-dealers participating in such transactions will not fulfill their obligations. An exchange-traded option position may be closed out only on a market that provides secondary trading for options of the same series, and there is no assurance that a liquid secondary market will exist for any particular option. The Fund might experience losses if it could not close out a position because of an illiquid market for the future or option.

Options are marked to market daily and their value will be affected by changes in the value of the underlying securities, changes in the dividend rates of the underlying securities, an increase in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived volatility of the stock market and the underlying instruments and the remaining time to the options' expiration. Additionally, the exercise price of an option may be adjusted downward before the option's expiration as a result of the occurrence of certain corporate or other events affecting the underlying instrument, such as extraordinary dividends, stock splits, merger or other extraordinary distributions or events. A reduction in the exercise price of an option would reduce the Fund's capital appreciation potential on the underlying instrument.

The Fund's option activities could affect its portfolio turnover rate and brokerage commissions. The exercise of calls written by the Fund might cause the Fund to sell related portfolio securities, thus increasing its turnover rate. The exercise by the Fund of puts on securities will cause the sale of underlying investments, increasing portfolio turnover. Although the decision whether to exercise a put it holds is within the Fund's control, holding a put might cause the Fund to sell the related investments for reasons that would not exist in the absence of the put.

The Fund could pay a brokerage commission each time it buys a call or put, sells a call or put or buys or sells an underlying investment in connection with the exercise of a call or put. Those commissions could be higher on a relative basis than the commissions for direct purchases or sales of the underlying investments. Premiums paid for options are small in relation to the market value of the underlying investments. Consequently, put and call options offer large amounts of leverage. The leverage offered by trading in options could result in the Fund's net asset value being more sensitive to changes in the value of the underlying investment.

Futures. The Fund may buy and sell a variety of futures contracts that relate to, among other things, debt securities (these are referred to as "interest rate futures"), broadly-based securities indices ("stock index futures" and "bond index futures"), foreign currencies, commodities and individual equity securities ("single stock futures"). Futures are standardized, exchange-traded contracts that obligate a purchaser to take delivery, and a seller to make delivery, of a specific amount of an asset at a specified future date at a specified price. A futures contract on an index is an agreement pursuant to which two parties agree to take or make delivery of an amount of cash equal to the difference between the value of the index at the close of the last trading day of the contract and the price at which the index contract originally was written.

A broadly-based stock index is used as the basis for trading stock index futures. They may in some cases be based on equity securities of issuers in a particular industry or group of industries. A stock index assigns relative values to the securities included in the index and its value fluctuates in response to the changes in value of the underlying securities. A stock index cannot be purchased or sold directly. Bond index futures are similar contracts based on the future value of the basket of securities that comprise the index. These contracts obligate the seller to deliver, and the purchaser to take, cash to settle the futures transaction. There is no delivery made of the underlying securities to settle the futures obligation. Either party may also settle the transaction by entering into an offsetting contract.

An interest rate future obligates the seller to deliver (and the purchaser to take) cash or a specified type of debt security to settle the futures transaction. Either party could also enter into an offsetting contract to close out the position. Similarly, a single stock future obligates the seller to deliver (and the purchaser to take) cash or a specified equity security to settle the futures transaction. Either party could also enter into an offsetting contract to close out the position. Single stock futures trade on a very limited number of exchanges, with contracts typically not fungible among the exchanges.

No money (other than execution and exchange fees for listed futures trades) is paid or received by the Fund on the purchase or sale of a future. Upon entering into a futures transaction, the Fund will be required to deposit an initial margin payment with the futures commission merchant (the "FCM"). Initial margin payments will generally be deposited directly with the FCM. As the future is marked to market (that is, its

value on the Fund's books is changed to reflect changes in its market value), subsequent margin payments, called variation margin, will be paid to or by the FCM daily.

At any time prior to expiration of the future, the Fund may elect to close out its position by taking an opposite position, at which time a final determination of variation margin is made and any additional cash must be paid by or released to the Fund. All futures transactions (except forward contracts) are effected through a clearinghouse associated with the exchange on which the contracts are traded.

The primary risks associated with the use of futures contracts and options are imperfect correlation, liquidity, unanticipated market movement and counterparty risk. A purchase or sale of a futures contract may result in losses in excess of the amount invested in the futures contract. There can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in the futures contracts and in the securities or index positions underlying them. Futures exchanges may limit the amount of fluctuation permitted in certain futures contract prices during a single trading day. Once the daily limit has been reached in a futures contract subject to the limit, no more trades may be made on that day at a price beyond that limit. The daily limit governs only price movements during a particular trading day and therefore does not limit potential losses because the limit may work to prevent the liquidation of unfavorable positions. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Fund seeks to close out a futures contract, and the Fund would remain obligated to meet margin requirements until the position is closed.

Options on Futures. The Fund may enter into options on futures contracts. An option on a futures contract gives the buyer, in return for the premium paid, the right (but not the obligation) to either buy or sell the underlying futures contract during a certain period of time for a fixed price. The writing of a put or call option on a futures contract involves risks similar to the risks applicable to the purchase or sale of futures contracts. However, the difficulty of predicting changes in the value of the underlying futures contract may expose the Fund to a somewhat different set of risks. For example, variations in speculative market demand for futures on the relevant underlying reference asset can cause the value of the futures to change at an unanticipated time or to an unanticipated degree; this or other factors may bring the value of the underlying future closer to the option's strike price, increasing the potential for risk of loss to the Fund. To the extent that the Fund enters into options on futures contracts for hedging purposes, an imperfect correlation between this derivative position and the value of the instrument underlying such a position could lead to losses.

Swaps. The Fund may enter into swap agreements, including interest rate, total return, event-linked, credit default and volatility swaps. Swap agreements are two-party contracts entered into primarily by institutional investors for a specified period of time typically ranging from a few weeks to more than one year. The swapped returns are generally calculated with respect to a notional amount, that is, the return on a particular dollar amount invested in the underlying asset. In a standard swap transaction, two parties agree to exchange the returns (or the difference between the returns) earned or realized on a particular asset, such as an equity or debt security, commodity or currency or non-asset reference, such as an interest rate or index. The Fund may enter into swap agreements to, among other reasons, gain exposure to certain markets in the most economical way possible, protect against currency fluctuations or reduce risk arising from a particular portfolio position.

The Fund may enter into swap transactions with certain counterparties pursuant to master netting agreements. A master netting agreement provides that all swaps done between the Fund and that counterparty shall be regarded as parts of an integral agreement. If amounts are payable on a particular date in the same currency in respect of more than one swap transaction, the amount payable shall be the net amount. In addition, the master netting agreement may provide that if one party defaults generally or on any swap, the counterparty can terminate all outstanding swaps with that party. As a result, to the extent the Fund enters into master netting agreements with a counterparty, the Fund may be required to terminate a greater number of swap agreements than if it had not entered into such an agreement, which may result in losses to the Fund.

The Fund may enter into swaps both directly ("unfunded swaps") and indirectly ("funded swaps") in the form of a swap embedded within a structured security. Unfunded and funded credit default swaps may refer to a single security or a basket of securities.

The following are examples of types of swap transactions in which the Fund may engage:

- *Interest Rate Swaps*. In an interest rate swap, the Fund and another party exchange the right to receive or the obligation to pay interest on a security or other reference rate. For example, they might swap the right to receive floating rate payments for fixed rate payments. There is a risk that, based on movements of interest rates, the payments made by the Fund under a swap agreement will be greater than the payments it receives.
- Total Return Swaps. In a total return swap, one party agrees to pay the other the total return of a defined underlying asset, such as a security or basket of securities, or non-asset reference, such as a securities index, during the specified period in return for periodic payments based on a fixed or variable interest rate or the total return from different underlying assets or references. Total return swaps could result in losses if the underlying asset or reference does not perform as anticipated by the Adviser.
- Credit Default Swaps. A credit default swap enables an investor to buy or sell protection against a credit event, such as a borrower's or issuer's failure to make timely payments of interest or principal, bankruptcy or restructuring. The Fund may seek to enhance returns by selling protection or attempt to mitigate credit risk by buying protection against the occurrence of a credit event by a specified borrower or issuer.

If the Fund buys credit protection using a credit default swap and a credit event occurs, the Fund will deliver the defaulted bond underlying the swap and the swap counterparty will pay the par amount of the bond. If the Fund sells credit protection using a credit default swap and a credit event occurs, the Fund will pay the par amount of the defaulted bond underlying the swap and the swap counterparty will deliver the bond. Rather than exchange the bonds for the par value, a single cash payment may be due from the protection seller representing the difference between the par value of the bonds and the current market value of the bonds (which may be determined through an auction). If the swap is on a basket of assets, the notional amount of the swap is reduced by the par amount of the defaulted asset, and the fixed payments are then made on the reduced notional amount.

Risks of credit default swaps include all the risks of OTC derivatives generally, including counterparty credit risk (if the counterparty fails to meet its obligations) and the risk that the Fund will not properly assess the cost of the instrument based on the lack of transparency in the market. If the Fund is selling credit protection, there is a risk that a credit event will occur and that the Fund will have to pay par value on defaulted bonds. If the Fund is buying credit protection, there is a risk that no credit event will occur and the Fund will receive no benefit for the premium paid. In addition, if the Fund is buying credit protection and a credit event does occur, there is a risk when the Fund does not own the underlying asset, that the Fund will have difficulty acquiring the asset on the open market and may receive adverse pricing.

• Volatility Swap Contracts. The Fund may enter into volatility swaps to hedge the direction of volatility in a particular underlying asset or reference, or for other non-speculative purposes. Volatility swaps involve an exchange between the Fund and a counterparty of periodic payments based on the measured volatility of an underlying asset or security, currency, commodity, interest rate, index or other reference asset over a specified time frame. Volatility swaps are subject to all the risks of OTC derivatives generally, including counterparty credit risks (if the counterparty fails to meet its obligations), and the risk that the Adviser is incorrect in forecasts of volatility of the underlying asset or reference.

• Swaptions and Swap Forwards. The Fund also may enter into swaptions as well as forwards on swaps. A swaption is a contract that gives a counterparty the right (but not the obligation) to enter into a new swap agreement or to shorten, extend, cancel or otherwise modify an existing swap agreement on pre-designated terms. The Fund may write (sell) and purchase put and call swaptions. A swap forward is an agreement to enter into a swap agreement at some point in the future, usually three to six months from the date of the contract.

The writer of the contract receives the premium and bears the risk of unfavorable changes in the preset rate on the underlying swap. The Fund generally will incur a greater risk when it writes a swaption than when it purchases a swaption. When the Fund purchases a swaption it risks losing only the amount of the premium it has paid if the Fund lets the option expire unexercised. When the Fund writes a swaption it will become obligated, upon exercise of the option by the counterparty, according to the terms of the underlying agreement.

The use of swaps involves investment techniques and risks that are different from those associated with portfolio security transactions. These instruments are typically not traded on exchanges; under recently adopted rules and regulations, however, transactions in some types of swaps (including interest rate swaps and credit default swaps on North American and European indices) are required to be centrally cleared ("cleared swaps"). For OTC swaps, there is a risk that the other party to certain of these instruments will not perform its obligations to the Fund or that the Fund may be unable to enter into offsetting positions to terminate its exposure or liquidate its position under certain of these instruments when it wishes to do so. Such occurrences could result in losses to the Fund. For cleared swaps, the Fund's counterparty is a clearinghouse rather than a bank or broker. Since the Fund is not a member of the clearinghouses and only members of a clearinghouse ("clearing members") can participate directly in the clearinghouse, the Fund holds cleared swaps through accounts at clearing members. In cleared swaps, the Fund makes payments (including margin payments) to and receives payments from a clearinghouse through its account at clearing members. Clearing members guarantee performance of their clients' obligations to the clearinghouse.

In some ways, cleared swap arrangements are less favorable to mutual funds than bilateral arrangements. For example, the Fund may be required to provide more margin for cleared swaps positions than for bilateral derivatives positions. Also, in contrast to a bilateral derivatives position, following a period of notice to the Fund, a clearing member generally can require termination of an existing cleared swap position at any time or an increase in margin requirements above the margin that the clearing member required at the beginning of a transaction. Clearinghouses also have broad rights to increase margin requirements for existing positions or to terminate those positions at any time. Any increase in margin requirements or termination of existing cleared derivatives positions by the clearing member or the clearinghouse could interfere with the ability of the Fund to pursue its investment strategy. Further, any increase in margin requirements by a clearing member could expose the Fund to greater credit risk to its clearing member because margin for cleared swaps positions in excess of a clearinghouse's margin requirements typically is held by the clearing member. Also, the Fund is subject to risk if it enters into a derivatives transaction that is required to be cleared (or that the Adviser expects to be cleared), and no clearing member is willing or able to clear the transaction on the Fund's behalf. In those cases, the position might have to be terminated, and the Fund could lose some or all of the benefit of the position, including loss of an increase in the value of the position and loss of hedging protection. In addition, the documentation governing the relationship between the Fund and clearing members is drafted by the clearing members and generally is less favorable to the Fund than typical bilateral derivatives documentation.

Some types of cleared derivatives are required to be executed on an exchange or on a swap execution facility. A swap execution facility is a trading platform where multiple market participants can execute derivatives by accepting bids and offers made by multiple other participants in the platform. While this execution requirement is designed to increase transparency and liquidity in the cleared derivatives market, trading on a swap execution facility can create additional costs and risks for the Fund. For example, swap execution facilities typically charge fees, and if the Fund executes derivatives on a swap execution facility

through a broker intermediary, the intermediary may impose fees as well. Also, the Fund may be required to indemnify a swap execution facility, or a broker intermediary who executes cleared derivatives on a swap execution facility on the Fund's behalf, against any losses or costs that may be incurred as a result of the Fund's transactions on the swap execution facility.

The U.S. government and the European Union have adopted mandatory minimum margin requirements for bilateral derivatives. The Fund is already subject to variation margin requirements under such rules and new initial margin requirements became effective in 2020. Such requirements could increase the amount of margin the Fund needs to provide in connection with its derivatives transactions and, therefore, make derivatives transactions more expensive.

These and other new rules and regulations could, among other things, further restrict the Fund's ability to engage in, or increase the cost to the Fund of, derivatives transactions, for example, by making some types of derivatives no longer available to the Fund, increasing margin or capital requirements or otherwise limiting liquidity or increasing transaction costs. Certain aspects of these regulations are still being implemented, so their potential impact on the Fund and the financial system is not yet known. While the regulations and central clearing of some derivatives transactions are designed to reduce systemic risk (i.e., the risk that the interdependence of large derivatives dealers could cause them to suffer liquidity, solvency or other challenges simultaneously), there is no assurance that they will achieve that result, and in the meantime, as noted above, central clearing and related requirements expose the Fund to new kinds of costs and risks.

Swap agreements may be subject to contractual restrictions on transferability and termination and they may have terms of greater than seven days. The Fund's obligations under a swap agreement will be accrued daily (offset against any amounts owed to the Fund under the swap).

"Structured" Notes. In addition to the types of derivatives described above, the Fund may invest in other types of derivatives, including "structured" notes, which are specially-designed derivative debt investments whose principal payments or interest payments are linked to the value of an underlying asset, such as an equity or debt security, currency or commodity, or non-asset reference, such as an interest rate or index. The terms of the instrument may be "structured" by the purchaser (the Fund) and the borrower issuing the note.

The values of these notes will fall or rise in response to changes in the values of the underlying asset or reference and the Fund might receive less principal or interest if the underlying asset or reference does not perform as anticipated. In some cases, these notes may pay an amount based on a multiple of the relative change in value of the asset or reference. This type of note offers the potential for increased income or principal payments but at a greater risk of loss than a typical debt security of the same maturity and credit quality.

Subordinated "structured" notes, which are subordinated to the right of payment of another class, typically have higher yields and present greater risks than unsubordinated "structured" notes.

The values of these notes are also subject to both credit risk (if the counterparty fails to meet its obligations) and interest rate risk and therefore the Fund could receive more or less than it originally invested when a note matures. The prices of these notes may be very volatile and they may have a limited trading market, making it difficult for the Fund to value them or sell them at an acceptable price.

Foreign Currency Transactions. The Fund also may purchase and sell foreign currency options and foreign currency futures contracts and related options, and may engage in foreign currency transactions either on a spot (cash) basis at the rate prevailing in the currency exchange market at the time or through deliverable and non-deliverable forward foreign currency exchange contracts ("currency forward contracts"). The Fund may (but is not required to) engage in these transactions in order to protect against uncertainty in the level of future foreign exchange rates in the purchase and sale of assets. The Fund may also use foreign currency

options and foreign currency forward contracts to increase exposure to a foreign currency or to shift exposure to foreign currency fluctuations from one country to another. Suitable currency hedging transactions may not be available in all circumstances and the Adviser may decide not to use hedging transactions that are available.

Under a currency forward contract, one party agrees to purchase, and another party agrees to sell, a specific currency at a future date. That date may be any fixed number of days from the date of the contract agreed upon by the parties. The transaction price is set at the time the contract is entered into. These contracts are traded in the inter-bank market conducted directly among currency traders (usually large commercial banks) and their customers.

The Fund may use currency forward contracts to protect against uncertainty in the level of future exchange rates. The use of currency forward contracts does not eliminate the risk of fluctuations in the prices of the underlying securities the Fund owns or intends to acquire, but it does fix a rate of exchange in advance. Although currency forward contracts may reduce the risk of loss from a decline in the value of the hedged currency, at the same time they limit any potential gain if the value of the hedged currency increases.

When the Fund enters into a contract for the purchase or sale of a security denominated in a foreign currency, or when it anticipates receiving dividend payments in a foreign currency, the Fund might desire to "lock-in" the U.S. dollar price of the security or the U.S. dollar equivalent of the dividend payments. To do so, the Fund could enter into a currency forward contract for the purchase or sale of the amount of foreign currency involved in the underlying transaction, in a fixed amount of U.S. dollars per unit of the foreign currency. This is called a "transaction hedge." The transaction hedge will protect the Fund against a loss from an adverse change in the currency exchange rates during the period between the date on which the asset is purchased or sold or on which the payment is declared, and the date on which the payments are made or received.

The Fund could also use currency forward contracts to lock in the U.S. dollar value of portfolio positions. This is called a "position hedge." When the Fund believes that a foreign currency might suffer a substantial decline against the U.S. dollar, it could enter into a currency forward contract to sell an amount of that foreign currency approximating the value of some or all of the Fund's portfolio assets denominated in that foreign currency. When the Fund believes that the U.S. dollar might suffer a substantial decline against a foreign currency, it could enter into a currency forward contract to buy that foreign currency for a fixed dollar amount. Alternatively, the Fund could enter into a currency forward contract to sell a different foreign currency for a fixed U.S. dollar amount if the Fund believes that the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency to be sold pursuant to its currency forward contract will fall whenever there is a decline in the U.S. dollar value of the currency in which portfolio assets of the Fund are denominated. That is referred to as a "cross hedge."

To avoid excess transactions and transaction costs, the Fund may maintain a net exposure to currency forward contracts in excess of the value of the Fund's portfolio securities or other assets denominated in foreign currencies, subject to appropriate cover or asset segregation.

The precise matching of the amounts under currency forward contracts and the value of the assets involved generally will not be possible because the future value of assets denominated in foreign currencies will change as a consequence of market movements between the date the currency forward contract is entered into and the date it is sold. In some cases the Adviser might decide to sell the asset and deliver foreign currency to settle the original purchase obligation. If the market value of the asset is less than the amount of foreign currency the Fund is obligated to deliver, the Fund might have to purchase additional foreign currency on the "spot" (that is, cash) market to settle the security trade. If the market value of the asset instead exceeds the amount of foreign currency the Fund is obligated to deliver to settle the trade, the Fund might have to sell on the spot market some of the foreign currency received upon the sale of the asset. There will be additional transaction costs on the spot market in those cases.

The projection of short-term currency market movements is extremely difficult, and the successful execution of a short-term hedging strategy is highly uncertain. Currency forward contracts involve the risk that anticipated currency movements will not be accurately predicted, causing the Fund to sustain losses on these contracts and to pay additional transaction costs. The use of currency forward contracts in this manner might reduce the Fund's performance if there are unanticipated changes in currency prices to a greater degree than if the Fund had not entered into such contracts.

At or before the maturity of a currency forward contract requiring the Fund to sell a currency, the Fund might sell a portfolio asset and use the sale proceeds to make delivery of the currency. In the alternative the Fund might retain the asset and offset its contractual obligation to deliver the currency by purchasing a second contract. Under that contract the Fund will obtain, on the same maturity date, the same amount of the currency that it is obligated to deliver. Similarly, the Fund might close out a currency forward contract requiring it to purchase a specified currency by entering into a second contract entitling it to sell the same amount of the same currency on the maturity date of the first contract. The Fund would realize a gain or loss as a result of entering into such an offsetting currency forward contract under either circumstance. The gain or loss will depend on the extent to which the exchange rate or rates between the currencies involved moved between the execution dates of the first contract and offsetting contract.

The costs to the Fund of engaging in currency forward contracts varies with factors such as the currencies involved, the length of the contract period and the market conditions then prevailing. Because currency forward contracts are usually entered into on a principal basis, no brokerage fees or commissions are involved. Because these contracts are not traded on an exchange, the Fund must evaluate the credit and performance risk of the counterparty under each currency forward contract.

Although the Fund values its assets daily in terms of U.S. dollars, it does not intend to convert its holdings of foreign currencies into U.S. dollars on a daily basis. The Fund may convert foreign currency from time to time, and will incur costs in doing so. Foreign exchange dealers do not charge a fee for conversion, but they do seek to realize a profit based on the difference between the prices at which they buy and sell various currencies. Thus, a dealer might offer to sell a foreign currency to one Fund at one rate, while offering a lesser rate of exchange if the Fund desires to resell that currency to the dealer.

Hedging with Derivatives. Although it is not obligated to do so, the Fund can use derivatives to hedge. The Fund can use hedging to attempt to protect against declines in the market value of the Fund's portfolio, to permit the Fund to retain unrealized gains in the value of portfolio assets that have appreciated or to facilitate selling assets for investment reasons. The Fund can use hedging to establish a portfolio position as a temporary substitute for purchasing particular assets. In that case, the Fund would normally seek to purchase the assets and then terminate that hedging position. The Fund might also use this type of hedge to attempt to protect against the possibility that its portfolio assets would not be fully included in a rise in value of the market.

The Fund can use derivatives to hedge by taking or long or short positions in the underlying assets, related assets or other derivatives positions. To gain long investment exposure, the Fund may invest in assets directly. To gain short investment exposure, the Fund may use derivatives (including futures). Some of the hedging strategies the Fund can use are described below. The Fund may use additional hedging strategies as discussed elsewhere in this SAI, and it may employ new hedging strategies when they are developed, if those investment methods are consistent with the Fund's investment objective and are permissible under applicable regulations governing the Fund.

The use of hedging strategies requires special skills and knowledge of investment techniques that are different than what is required for normal portfolio management. If the Adviser uses a hedging strategy at the wrong time or judges market conditions incorrectly, hedging strategies may reduce the Fund's return. The Fund could also experience losses if the prices of its hedging positions were not correlated with its other investments.

There is a risk in using short hedging by selling futures, entering into swaps or purchasing puts on broadly-based indices or futures to attempt to protect against declines in the value of the Fund's portfolio assets. The risk is that the prices of the futures or the value of the swap or the applicable index will correlate imperfectly with the behavior of the cash prices of the Fund's assets. For example, it is possible that while the Fund has used derivative instruments in a short hedge, the market may advance and the value of the assets held in the Fund's portfolio might decline. If that occurred, the Fund would lose money on the derivative instruments and also experience a decline in the value of its portfolio assets.

The risk of imperfect correlation increases as the composition of the Fund's portfolio diverges from the assets included in the applicable index. To compensate for the imperfect correlation of movements in the price of the portfolio assets being hedged and movements in the price of the hedging instruments, the Fund might use derivative instruments in a greater dollar amount than the dollar amount of portfolio assets being hedged. It might do so if the historical volatility of the prices of the portfolio assets being hedged is more than the historical volatility of the applicable index.

The ordinary spreads between prices in the cash and futures markets are subject to distortions, due to differences in the nature of those markets. First, all participants in the futures market are subject to margin deposit and maintenance requirements. Rather than meeting additional margin deposit requirements, investors may close futures contracts through offsetting transactions which could distort the normal relationship between the cash and futures markets. Second, the liquidity of the futures market depends on participants entering into offsetting transactions rather than making or taking delivery. To the extent participants decide to make or take delivery, liquidity in the futures market could be reduced, thus producing distortion. Third, from the point of view of speculators, the deposit requirements in the futures market are less onerous than margin requirements in the securities markets. Therefore, increased participation by speculators in the futures market may cause temporary price distortions.

If a covered call written by the Fund is exercised on an underlying investment that has increased in value, the Fund will be required to sell the investment at the call price. It will not be able to realize any profit if the investment has increased in value above the call price.

The Fund can use derivative instruments to establish a position in the market as a temporary substitute for the purchase of individual securities or other assets (long hedging) by buying futures and/or calls on such futures, broadly-based indices or on securities. It is possible that when the Fund does so the market might decline. If the Fund then concludes not to invest in assets because of concerns that the market might decline further or for other reasons, the Fund will realize a loss on the hedge position that is not offset by a reduction in the price of the assets purchased.

Additional Information Regarding Derivatives Counterparty Risk. The Fund is exposed to the credit risk of the counterparties with which, or the brokers, dealers and exchanges through which, it deals in derivatives, whether it engages in exchange traded or off-exchange transactions. If the Fund's FCM becomes bankrupt or insolvent, or otherwise defaults on its obligations to the Fund, the Fund may not receive all amounts owed to it in respect of its trading, despite the clearinghouse fully discharging all of its obligations. The Commodity Exchange Act (the "CEA") requires an FCM to segregate all funds received from its customers with respect to cleared derivatives transactions from such FCM's proprietary funds. If an FCM were not to do so to the full extent required by law, the assets of an account might not be fully protected in the event of the bankruptcy of an FCM. Furthermore, in the event of an FCM's bankruptcy, the Fund would be limited to recovering only a pro rata share of all available funds segregated on behalf of an FCM's combined customer accounts, even though certain property specifically traceable to the Fund (for example, U.S. Treasury bills deposited by the Fund) may be held by the FCM. FCM bankruptcies have occurred in which customers were unable to recover from the FCM's estate the full amount of their funds owed and on deposit with such FCM. Such situations could arise due to various factors, or a combination of factors, including inadequate FCM capitalization, inadequate controls on customer trading and inadequate customer capital. In addition, an FCM will generally provide the clearinghouse the net amount of variation margin required for cleared swaps

for all of its customers in the aggregate, rather than individually for each customer. The Fund is, therefore, subject to the risk that a clearinghouse will not make variation margin payments owed to the Fund if another customer of the clearing member has suffered a loss and is in default. The Fund may also be subject to the risk that it will be required to provide additional variation margin to the clearinghouse before the clearinghouse will move the Fund's cleared derivatives transactions to another clearing member. Furthermore, in the event of the bankruptcy or insolvency of a clearinghouse, the Fund might experience a loss of funds deposited through its FCM as margin with the clearinghouse, a loss of unrealized profits on its open positions and the loss of funds owed to it as realized profits on closed positions. Such a bankruptcy or insolvency might also cause a substantial delay before the Fund could obtain the return of funds owed to it by an FCM who was a member of such clearinghouse.

Because bilateral derivative transactions are traded between counterparties based on contractual relationships, the Fund is subject to the risk that a counterparty will not perform its obligations under the related contracts. There can be no assurance that a counterparty will not default and that the Fund will not sustain a loss on a transaction as a result. In situations where the Fund is required to post margin or other collateral with a counterparty, the counterparty may fail to segregate the collateral or may commingle the collateral with the counterparty's own assets. As a result, in the event of the counterparty's bankruptcy or insolvency, the Fund's collateral may be subject to the conflicting claims of the counterparty's creditors, and the Fund may be exposed to the risk of a court treating the Fund as a general unsecured creditor of the counterparty, rather than as the owner of the collateral.

In the case of cleared swaps, the FCM is required to notify the clearinghouse of the initial margin provided by the clearing member to the clearinghouse that is attributable to each customer. However, if the FCM does not accurately report the Fund's initial margin, the Fund is subject to the risk that a clearinghouse will use the Fund's assets held in an omnibus account at the clearinghouse to satisfy payment obligations of a defaulting customer of the clearing member to the clearinghouse.

The Fund is subject to the risk that issuers of the Fund's portfolio instruments may default on their obligations under those instruments and that certain events may occur that have an immediate and significant adverse effect on the value of those instruments. There can be no assurance that an issuer of an instrument in which the Fund invests will not default or that an event that has an immediate and significant adverse effect on the value of an instrument will not occur and that the Fund will not sustain a loss on a transaction as a result.

Transactions entered into by the Fund may be executed on various U.S. and non-U.S. exchanges and may be cleared and settled through various clearinghouses, custodians, depositories and prime brokers throughout the world. Although the Fund attempts to execute, clear and settle the transactions through entities the Adviser believes to be sound, there can be no assurance that a failure by any such entity will not lead to a loss to the Fund.

Margin. The Fund may post cash, securities or other assets as margin or collateral and these instruments may not be denominated in the same currency as the contract they secure or the underlying instrument of the contract. This may give rise to a form of currency exposure, where changes in the value of foreign currencies can impact the value of the margin on deposit. The Fund may at times have significant margin obligations to broker-dealers or other entities as a result of listed or OTC derivatives positions. The Fund may use a tri-party collateral protection mechanism; tri-party arrangements may result in higher costs than if the Fund had posted margin directly. The Fund may also establish alternative collateral mechanisms in order to achieve a balance between cost and counterparty credit risk to the Fund.

Asset Segregation/Cover. To the extent obligations created by the Fund may be deemed to create "senior securities" (as defined in the 1940 Act), the Fund may be required to segregate or earmark liquid assets or treat the obligations as leverage under the 1940 Act. The Fund segregates with its custodian or otherwise designates on its records ("earmarks") cash, cash equivalents or liquid assets in an amount the Fund believes

to be adequate to ensure that it has sufficient liquid assets to meet its obligations under its derivatives contracts, or the Fund may engage in other measures to "cover" its obligations with respect to such transactions in accordance with applicable requirements under the 1940 Act and related guidance of the Commission and its Staff. The amounts that are segregated or earmarked may be based on the derivative's notional value or on the daily mark-to-market obligation under the derivatives contract and may be reduced by amounts on deposit with the applicable broker or counterparty to the derivatives transaction. The Fund may segregate or earmark amounts in addition to the amounts described above. For example, if the Fund writes a put option, it will typically segregate or earmark liquid assets equal to the strike price of the option, less margin on deposit. Alternatively, the Fund may, in certain circumstances, enter into an offsetting position rather than segregating or designating liquid assets (e.g., the Fund may cover a written put option with a purchased put option with the same or higher exercise price or cover a written call option with a purchased call option with the same or lower exercise price). Although the Adviser attempts to ensure that the Fund has sufficient liquid assets in respect of its obligations under its derivative contracts, it is possible that the Fund's liquid assets may be insufficient to support such obligations under its derivatives positions. The Fund may be unable to use such segregated or earmarked assets for certain other purposes, which could result in the Fund earning a lower return on its portfolio than it might otherwise earn if it did not have to segregate those assets in respect of, or otherwise cover, such portfolio positions. To the extent the Fund's assets are segregated or committed as cover, it could limit the Fund's investment flexibility. The Fund may modify its asset segregation policies from time to time.

Regulatory Issues. With respect to the Fund, the Adviser has claimed an exclusion from the definition of the term commodity pool operator ("CPO") under the CEA pursuant to Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") Rule 4.5. Accordingly, the Adviser (with respect to the Fund) is not subject to registration or regulation as a CPO under the CEA. To remain eligible for the exclusion, the Fund is limited in its ability to use certain financial instruments regulated under the CEA ("commodity interests"), including futures and options on futures and certain swaps transactions.

As a result of the 2010 Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, the Commission and the CFTC require (or will require) a substantial portion of derivative transactions that are currently executed on a bilateral basis in the over-the-counter markets to be executed through a regulated securities, futures or swap exchange or swap execution facility and centrally cleared. Certain CFTC-regulated interest rate and credit derivatives have become subject to these requirements, but it is not yet clear when additional types of CFTC-regulated swaps will become so subject or when the parallel SEC requirements will go into effect. Among other things, in the United States, trades submitted for clearing will be subject to minimum initial and variation margin requirements set by the relevant clearinghouse, as well as possible Commission- or CFTC-mandated margin requirements. The Fund's clearing members may require the Fund to provide collateral for cleared trades beyond regulatory and clearinghouse minimums. Additionally, U.S. regulators, the European Union and certain other jurisdictions have adopted minimum margin and capital requirements for uncleared OTC derivatives transactions. These rules impose minimum margin requirements on derivatives transactions between the Fund and its derivative counterparties and may increase the amount of margin the Fund is required to provide (and the costs associated with providing it). They also impose regulatory requirements on the types of collateral that may be provided and the timing of transferring margin, among other things.

Similar requirements have been adopted under Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories (known as the European Market Infrastructure Regulation, or "EMIR"), which imposes similar clearing and margin requirements that are expected to affect the Fund's derivative activities with European Union-domiciled counterparties. The European Union regulatory framework for derivatives is also affected by the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive and its accompanying European Union Regulation (known respectively as "MiFID II" and "MiFIR"). Moreover, Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 on transparency of securities financing transactions and of reuse imposes requirements that may affect collateral arrangements entered into by the Fund with counterparties based in the European Union, whether in connection with derivative contracts, repurchase agreements or securities lending transactions.

New regulatory requirements may also limit the ability of the Fund to protect its interests in the event of an insolvency of a derivatives counterparty. In the event of a counterparty's (or its affiliate's) insolvency, the Fund's ability to exercise remedies, such as the termination of transactions, netting of obligations and realization on collateral, could be stayed or eliminated under new special resolution regimes adopted in the United States, the European Union and various other jurisdictions. Such regimes provide government authorities with broad authority to intervene when a financial institution is experiencing financial difficulty. In particular, with respect to counterparties who are subject to such proceedings in the European Union, the liabilities of such counterparties to the Fund could be reduced, eliminated, or converted to equity in such counterparties (sometimes referred to as a "bail in").

In October 2020, the Commission also adopted Rule 18f-4 ("Rule 18f-4") under the 1940 Act providing for the regulation of a registered investment company's use of derivatives and certain related instruments. Among other things, Rule 18f-4 limits a fund's derivatives exposure through a value-at-risk ("VaR") test and requires the adoption and implementation of a derivatives risk management program for certain derivatives users. In connection with the adoption of Rule 18f-4, the Commission also eliminated the asset segregation framework arising from prior Commission guidance for covering derivatives and certain financial instruments. Compliance with Rule 18f-4 will not be required until August 2022. When the Fund comes into compliance, the Fund's treatment of investments or trading practices that involve contractual obligations to pay in the future will change. Most such investments or trading practices will be considered to be derivatives under Rule 18f-4, and will therefore be subject to the VaR test set forth in the rule. The approach to asset segregation and coverage requirements described in this SAI will also be impacted.

Legislative and regulatory measures may reduce the availability of some types of derivative instruments, may increase the cost of trading in or maintaining other instruments or positions and may cause uncertainty in the markets for a variety of derivative instruments, any or all of which could adversely affect the value or performance of the Fund. While legislative and regulatory measures may provide protections for some market participants, they are evolving and still being implemented and their effects on derivatives market activities cannot be reliably predicted.

Tax Issues. The Fund's investments in options and other derivative instruments could affect the amount, timing and character of the Fund's distributions; in some cases, the tax treatment of such investments may not be certain. The tax issues relating to these and other types of investments and transactions are described more fully under "Tax Status" below.

Additional Information Regarding Leverage. The Fund may use leverage. Although the use of leverage may create an opportunity for increased returns of the Fund, it also results in additional risks and can magnify the effect of any losses and thus could negatively impact the Fund's business and results of operation and have important adverse consequences to the Fund's investments. The loss on leverage transactions may substantially exceed the initial investment.

The terms of financing arrangements entered into by the Fund may restrict the Fund's operating flexibility, including covenants that, among others, may limit the Fund's ability to: (i) pay distributions in certain circumstances, (ii) incur additional debt and (iii) engage in certain transactions. If the Fund secures its leverage through the pledging of collateral, the Fund may, if the Fund is unable to generate sufficient cash flow to meet principal and interest payments on its indebtedness, be subject to risk that it is required to surrender its collateral and that such collateral may be liquidated at inopportune times or at prices that are not favorable to the Fund and cause significant losses. If a lender seizes and liquidates pledged collateral, such collateral may be sold at distressed price levels. The Fund will fail to realize the full value of such asset in a distressed sale.

The Fund may be required to pay commitment fees and other costs of borrowings under the terms of a credit facility. Moreover, interest on borrowings will be an expense of the Fund. With the use of borrowings, there is a risk that the interest rates paid by the Fund on the amount it borrows will be higher than the return on the Fund's investments. Such additional costs and expenses may affect the operating results of the Fund.

If the Fund cannot generate sufficient cash flow from investments, it may need to refinance all or a portion of indebtedness on or before maturity. During the economic downturn that began in 2008, the U.S. capital markets experienced historic dislocations and liquidity disruptions, which caused financing to be unavailable in many cases and, even if available, caused the cost of prospective financings to increase. These circumstances have materially impacted liquidity in the debt markets, making financing terms for borrowers able to find financing less attractive, and in many cases have resulted in the unavailability of certain types of debt financing. Uncertainty in the debt and equity markets may negatively impact the Fund's ability to access financing on favorable terms or at all. The inability to obtain additional financing could have a material adverse effect on the Fund's operations and on its ability to meet its debt obligations. If it is unable to refinance any of its indebtedness on commercially reasonable terms or at all, the Fund's returns may be harmed.

**Additional Information Regarding Operational Risk**. The Fund, its service providers and other market participants increasingly depend on complex information technology and communications systems to conduct business functions. These systems are subject to a number of different threats or risks that could adversely affect the Fund and its shareholders.

For example, unauthorized third parties may attempt to improperly access, modify, disrupt the operations of or prevent access to these systems or data within them (a "cyber attack"), whether systems of the Fund, the Fund's service providers, counterparties or other market participants. Power or communications outages, acts of God, information technology equipment malfunctions, operational errors (both human and systematic) and inaccuracies within software or data processing systems may also disrupt business operations or impact critical data. Market events also may occur at a pace that overloads current information technology and communication systems and processes of the Fund, the Fund's service providers or other market participants, impacting the ability to conduct the Fund's operations.

Cyber attacks, disruptions or failures that affect the Fund's service providers or counterparties may adversely affect the Fund and its shareholders, including by causing losses for the Fund or impairing Fund operations. In addition, cyber attacks, disruptions or failures may cause reputational damage and subject the Fund or its service providers to regulatory fines, litigation costs, penalties or financial losses, reimbursement or other compensation costs and/or additional compliance costs. The Fund and its service providers may also incur substantial costs for cyber-security risk management in order to prevent or mitigate cyber-security incidents, and the Fund and its shareholders could be negatively impacted as a result of such costs.

Similar types of operational (both human and systematic) and technology risks are also present for issuers of securities or other instruments in which the Fund invests, which could result in material adverse consequences for such issuers and may cause the Fund's investments to lose value. In addition, cyber attacks involving a Fund counterparty could affect such counterparty's ability to meet its obligations to the Fund, which may result in losses to the Fund and its shareholders. Furthermore, as a result of cyber attacks, disruptions or failures, an exchange or market may close or issue trading halts on specific securities or the entire market, which may result in, among other things, the Fund's inability to buy or sell certain securities or financial instruments or to accurately price its investments. The Fund cannot directly control any cyber-security plans or systems put in place by its service providers, Fund counterparties, issuers in which the Fund invests or securities markets and exchanges.

**Money Market Instruments**. The Fund may invest in money market instruments, which are U.S. dollar-denominated, high-quality, short-term debt obligations, to provide liquidity, for temporary defensive purposes or for other purposes. Money market instruments may have fixed, variable or floating interest rates. Examples of money market instruments include obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government (or any of its agencies or instrumentalities); bank obligations, such as time deposits, certificates of deposit and bankers' acceptances; commercial paper; and variable amount master demand notes.

**Obligations Issued or Guaranteed by U.S. Government Agencies or Instrumentalities**. These include direct obligations and mortgage-related securities that have different levels of credit support from the U.S. government.

Some are supported by the full faith and credit of the United States, such as Government National Mortgage Association pass-through mortgage certificates. Some are supported by the right of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury under certain circumstances, such as Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") bonds and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac") obligations. Others are supported only by the credit of the entity that issued them. Securities issued by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are also supported by commitments from the U.S. Treasury to purchase certain of those agencies' securities during market conditions in which the U.S. Treasury deems it necessary for the promotion of market stability. In September 2008, the Federal Housing Finance Agency, an independent regulatory agency, placed the Federal National Mortgage Association and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation into conservatorship. The U.S. Department of Treasury also entered into a secured lending credit facility with those companies and a preferred stock purchase agreement. The preferred stock purchase agreement was designed to ensure that each company maintain a positive net worth, be able to meet its outstanding obligations, and continue providing liquidity to the mortgage market.

**U.S. Treasury Obligations.** These include Treasury bills (which have maturities of one year or less when issued), Treasury notes (which have maturities of one to ten years when issued) and Treasury bonds (which have maturities of more than ten years when issued). Treasury securities are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States as to timely payments of interest and repayments of principal. Similar to other issuers, changes to the financial condition or credit rating of a government may cause the value of the Fund's direct or indirect investment in Treasury obligations to decline.

The Fund can also buy or gain exposure to U.S. Treasury securities whose interest coupons have been "stripped" by a Federal Reserve Bank, zero-coupon U.S. Treasury securities described below and Treasury Inflation-Protection Securities ("TIPS"). The U.S. Treasury securities called "TIPS" are designed to provide an investment that is not vulnerable to inflation. The interest rate paid by TIPS is fixed. The principal value rises or falls semi-annually based on changes in the published Consumer Price Index. If inflation occurs, the principal and interest payments on TIPS are adjusted to protect investors from inflationary loss. If deflation occurs, the principal and interest payments will be adjusted downward, although the principal will not fall below its face amount at maturity.

Any increase in the principal amount of an inflation-indexed bond will be considered taxable ordinary income, even though investors do not receive their principal until maturity.

**Zero-Coupon Securities.** The Fund can invest in zero-coupon securities. Zero-coupon U.S. government securities will typically be U.S. Treasury notes and U.S. Treasury bonds that have been stripped of their interest coupons or certificates representing interests in those stripped debt obligations and coupons.

Zero-coupon securities do not make periodic interest payments and are sold at a deep discount from their face value at maturity. The buyer recognizes a rate of return determined by the gradual appreciation of the security, which is redeemed at face value on a specified maturity date. This discount depends on the time remaining until maturity, as well as prevailing interest rates, the liquidity of the security and the credit quality of the issuer. The discount typically decreases as the maturity date approaches.

Because zero-coupon securities pay no interest and compound semi-annually at the rate fixed at the time of their issuance, their value is generally more volatile than the value of other debt securities that pay interest. Their value may fall more dramatically than the value of interest-bearing securities when interest rates rise. When prevailing interest rates fall, zero-coupon securities tend to rise more rapidly in value because they have a fixed rate of return.

The Fund's investment in zero-coupon securities may cause the Fund to recognize income for federal income tax purposes without a corresponding receipt of cash; this can require the Fund to dispose of investments, including when not otherwise advantageous to do so, to meet distribution requirements.

The Fund may also invest in zero-coupon and delayed interest securities, and "stripped" securities of U.S. and foreign corporations and of foreign government issuers. These are similar in structure to zero-coupon and "stripped" U.S. government securities, but in the case of foreign government securities may or may not be backed by the "full faith and credit" of the issuing foreign government. Zero-coupon securities issued by foreign governments and by corporations will be subject to greater credit risks than U.S. government zero-coupon securities.

**Foreign Government Debt Obligations**. The debt obligations of foreign governments and entities may or may not be supported by the full faith and credit of the foreign government. The Fund may buy securities issued by certain supra-national entities, which include entities designated or supported by governments to promote economic reconstruction or development, international banking organizations and related government agencies.

The governmental members of these supra-national entities are "stockholders" that typically make capital contributions and may be committed to make additional capital contributions if the entity is unable to repay its borrowings. A supra-national entity's lending activities may be limited to a percentage of its total capital, reserves and net income. There can be no assurance that the constituent foreign governments will continue to be able or willing to honor their capitalization commitments for those entities. In the past, U.S. government policies have discouraged certain investments abroad by U.S. investors, through taxation or other restrictions, and it is possible that such restrictions could be re-imposed.

Controlled Foreign Corporations and Passive Foreign Investment Companies. Many or most of the foreign issuers in which the Fund invests may be controlled foreign corporations ("CFCs") for U.S. federal income tax purposes. A U.S. person that owns (directly, indirectly, or constructively) 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of a foreign corporation or 10% or more of the total value of shares of all classes of stock of a foreign corporation is a "U.S. Shareholder" of such foreign corporation for purposes of the CFC provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). If the Fund is a U.S. Shareholder of a foreign issuer in which it invests (directly or indirectly) and a sufficient portion of the voting interests in or total value of such foreign issuer is held directly, indirectly, or constructively by the Fund, individually or together with other U.S. Shareholders, that issuer will be treated as a CFC, in which case the Fund will generally be required to take into account each year, as ordinary income, its share of certain amounts of that issuer's income, whether or not the foreign issuer distributes such amounts to the Fund. Investments by the Fund in CFCs could cause the Fund to recognize taxable income in excess of cash generated by such investments, potentially requiring the Fund to borrow money or to dispose of certain investments to make the distributions required to qualify for treatment as a regulated investment company under subchapter M of Chapter 1 of the Code ("RIC") and to eliminate a Fund-level tax and could affect the amount, timing and character of the Fund's distributions.

Under U.S. federal income tax laws, passive foreign investment companies ("PFICs") are those foreign corporations which generate primarily "passive" income. For federal income tax purposes, a foreign corporation is a PFIC if 75% or more of its gross income during a fiscal year is passive income or if 50% or more of its assets are assets that produce, or are held to produce, passive income.

Subject to the limits under the 1940 Act, the Fund may invest in foreign mutual funds to gain exposure to the securities of companies in countries that limit or prohibit all direct foreign investment. Foreign mutual funds are generally PFICs, since nearly all of the income of a mutual fund is passive income. Some of the other foreign corporations that the Fund may invest in, such as issuers of "event-linked" bonds and other interests, may also be considered PFICs. A foreign issuer in which the Fund invests will not be treated as a PFIC with respect to the Fund if such issuer is a CFC and the Fund is a U.S. Shareholder thereof. Investments in PFICs potentially (i) accelerate the recognition of income without the receipt of cash, (ii) increase the amount required to be distributed by the Fund to qualify as a RIC or eliminate a Fund-level tax, (iii) result in a higher percentage of Fund distributions treated as ordinary income or (iv) subject the Fund to a Fund-level tax that cannot be eliminated through distributions.

Because the Fund can purchase securities denominated in foreign currencies, a change in the value of a foreign currency against the U.S. dollar could result in a change in the amount of income the Fund has available for distribution. Because a portion of the Fund's investment income may be received in foreign currencies, the Fund will be required to compute its income in U.S. dollars for distribution to shareholders, and therefore the Fund will absorb the cost of currency fluctuations. After the Fund has distributed income, subsequent foreign currency losses may result in the Fund's having distributed more income in a particular fiscal period than was available from investment income, which could result in a return of capital to shareholders.

For additional information, see "Tax Status" below.

Additional Information Regarding Securities Lending. The Fund may earn additional income from lending securities. Voting rights or rights to consent with respect to the loaned securities pass to the borrower. The Fund generally will have the right to call securities loans at any time on reasonable notice, and generally intends to do so if both (i) the Adviser receives adequate notice of a proposal upon which shareholders are being asked to vote, and (ii) the Adviser believes that the benefits to the Fund of voting on such proposal outweigh the benefits to the Fund of having the security remain out on loan. However, as described in the Prospectus, the Fund bears the risk of delay in the return of the security or failure to return the security, impairing the Fund's ability to vote on such matters. As with other extensions of credit, there are risks of delay in recovery or even loss of rights in the securities loaned if the borrower of the securities fails financially. Securities loans currently are required to be secured continuously by collateral in cash, cash equivalents (such as money market instruments) or other liquid securities held by the custodian and maintained in an amount at least equal to the market value of the securities loaned.

During the time a security is on loan and the issuer of the security makes an interest or dividend payment, the borrower pays the Fund a substitute payment equal to any interest or dividends the Fund would have received directly from the issuer of the security if the Fund had not loaned the security. When the Fund receives dividends directly from domestic or certain foreign corporations, a portion of the dividends paid by the Fund itself to its shareholders and attributable to those dividends (but not the portion attributable to substitute payments) may be eligible for: (i) treatment as "qualified dividend income" in the hands of individuals; or (ii) the federal dividends received deduction in the hands of corporate shareholders. The Adviser therefore may cause the Fund to terminate a securities loan — and forego any income on the loan after the termination—in anticipation of a dividend payment. By doing so, the Fund would receive the dividend directly from the issuer of the securities, rather than a substitute payment from the borrower of the securities, and thereby preserve the possibility of those tax benefits for certain Fund shareholders. However, the Adviser is under no obligation to do so, and there can be no assurance that the Adviser will do so in all circumstances or at all.

Other "Stripped" Securities. In addition to buying stripped Treasury securities (as described herein), the Fund can invest in stripped mortgage-related securities that are created by segregating the cash flows from underlying mortgage loans or mortgage securities to create two or more new securities. Each has a specified percentage of the underlying security's principal or interest payments. These are a form of derivative investment.

Mortgage securities may be partially stripped so that each class receives some interest and some principal. However, they may be completely stripped. In that case all of the interest is distributed to holders of one type of security, known as an "interest-only" security, or "I/O," and all of the principal is distributed to holders of another type of security, known as a "principal-only" security or "P/O." Strips can be created for pass-through certificates or collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs).

The yields to maturity of I/Os and P/Os are very sensitive to principal repayments (including prepayments) on the underlying mortgages. If the underlying mortgages experience greater than anticipated prepayments of principal, the Fund might not fully recoup its investment in an I/O based on those assets. If underlying mortgages experience less than anticipated prepayments of principal, the yield on the P/Os based on them could decline substantially.

**Investment in Other Investment Companies**. The Fund may invest in the securities of other investment companies, which can include open-end funds, closed-end funds and unit investment trusts, subject to the limits set forth in the 1940 Act that apply to those types of investments. The Fund may invest, for example, in exchange-traded funds, which are typically open-end funds or unit investment trusts, listed on a stock exchange. The Fund might do so as a way of gaining exposure to the segments of the equity, fixed-income or other markets represented by the exchange-traded funds' portfolio, at times when the Fund may not be able to buy those portfolio securities directly.

The shares of other investment companies may fluctuate in price and may be worth more or less when the Fund sells them. Investing in another investment company through the secondary market may involve the payment of substantial premiums above the value of such investment company's portfolio securities. As a shareholder of an investment company, the Fund would be subject to its ratable share of that investment company's expenses, including its advisory and administration expenses.

Repurchase Agreements. The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements with banks and broker-dealers, with the Fund as the initial purchaser of securities held by the banks or broker-dealers. It might do so with temporarily available cash (e.g., pending the investment of the proceeds from sales of Fund shares or pending the settlement of portfolio securities transactions) or for temporary defensive purposes. In this case, a repurchase agreement is a contract under which the Fund acquires a security, typically for a relatively short period for cash and subject to the commitment of the seller to repurchase the security for an agreed-upon price on a specified date. The repurchase price exceeds the acquisition price and reflects an agreed-upon market rate unrelated to any coupon rate on the purchased security. Approved sellers for repurchase agreements on U.S. government securities include U.S. commercial banks, U.S. branches of foreign banks or broker-dealers that have been designated as primary dealers in government securities. They must meet credit requirements set by the Adviser from time to time. Repurchase agreements afford the Fund the opportunity to earn a return on temporarily available cash without market risk, although the Fund bears the risk of a seller's failure to meet its obligation to pay the repurchase price when it is required to do so. Such a default may subject the Fund to expenses, delays and risks of loss including: (i) possible declines in the value of the underlying security while the Fund seeks to enforce its rights thereto, (ii) possible reduced levels of income and lack of access to income during this period and (iii) the inability to enforce its rights and the expenses involved in attempted enforcement. Entering into repurchase agreements entails certain risks, which include the risk that the counterparty to the repurchase agreement may not be able to fulfill its obligations, as discussed above, that the parties may disagree as to the meaning or application of contractual terms or that the instrument may not perform as expected. There is no limit on the amount of the Fund's net assets that may be subject to repurchase agreements, subject to any limitations on illiquid investments.

**Reverse Repurchase Agreements.** The Fund enters into reverse repurchase agreements with banks and brokers, with the Fund as the initial seller of securities to the banks or brokers. In this case, a reverse repurchase agreement involves a sale by the Fund of portfolio securities concurrently with an agreement by the Fund to repurchase the same securities at a later date at a fixed price. During the reverse repurchase agreement period, the Fund continues to receive principal and interest payments on the securities.

If the buyer in a reverse repurchase agreement files for bankruptcy or becomes insolvent, the Fund's use of proceeds from the sale of its securities may be restricted while the other party or its trustee or receiver determines whether to honor the Fund's right to repurchase the securities. Furthermore, in that situation the Fund may be unable to recover the securities it sold in connection with a reverse repurchase agreement and as a result would realize a loss equal to the difference between the value of the securities and the payment it received for them. This loss would be greater to the extent the buyer paid less than the value of the securities the Fund sold to it (e.g., a buyer may only be willing to pay \$95 for a security with a market value of \$100). The Fund's use of reverse repurchase agreements also subjects the Fund to interest costs based on the difference between the sale and repurchase price of a security involved in such a transaction. Additionally, reverse repurchase agreements entail the same risks as OTC derivatives. These include the risk that the counterparty to the reverse repurchase agreement may not be able to fulfill its obligations, that the parties may disagree as to the meaning or application of contractual terms or that the instrument may not perform as expected. Reverse repurchase agreements and

dollar rolls are not considered borrowings by the Fund for purposes of the Fund's fundamental investment restriction on borrowings if the Fund covers its obligations under these transactions or maintains liquid assets equal in value to its obligations in respect of these transactions.

As noted above, in October 2020, the SEC adopted new Rule 18f-4 under the 1940 Act, and compliance with Rule 18f-4 will not be required until August 2022. Under Rule 18f-4, the Fund will have the option to either treat reverse repurchase agreements as (1) senior securities under Section 18 of the 1940 Act, in which case they would be subject to the 300% asset coverage requirement described in the Prospectus and this SAI, or (2) derivatives subject to the VaR test imposed by Rule 18f-4.

"When-Issued" and "Delayed-Delivery" Transactions. The Fund may invest in securities on a "when-issued" basis and may purchase or sell securities on a "delayed-delivery" (or "forward-commitment") basis. "When-issued" and "delayed-delivery" are terms that refer to securities whose terms and indenture are available and for which a market exists, but which are not available for immediate delivery.

When such transactions are negotiated, the price (which is generally expressed in yield terms) is fixed at the time the commitment is made. Delivery and payment for the securities take place at a later date. The securities are subject to change in value from market fluctuations during the period until settlement. The value at delivery may be less than the purchase price. For example, changes in interest rates in a direction other than that expected by the Adviser before settlement will affect the value of such securities and may cause a loss to the Fund. During the period between purchase and settlement, the Fund makes no payment to the issuer and no interest accrues to the Fund from the investment until it receives the security at settlement.

The Fund may engage in when-issued transactions to secure what the Adviser considers to be an advantageous price and yield at the time the obligation is entered into. When the Fund enters into a when-issued or delayed-delivery transaction, it relies on the other party to complete the transaction. Its failure to do so may cause the Fund to lose the opportunity to obtain the security at a price and yield the Adviser considers to be advantageous.

When the Fund engages in when-issued and delayed-delivery transactions, it does so for the purpose of acquiring or selling securities consistent with its investment objective and policies or for delivery pursuant to options contracts it has entered into, and not for the purpose of investment leverage. Although the Fund's purpose in entering into delayed-delivery or when-issued purchase transactions is to acquire securities, it may dispose of a commitment prior to settlement. If the Fund chooses to dispose of the right to acquire a when-issued security prior to its acquisition or to dispose of its right to delivery or receive against a forward commitment, it may incur a gain or loss.

At the time the Fund makes the commitment to purchase or sell a security on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis, it records the transaction on its books and reflects the value of the security purchased in determining the Fund's net asset value. In a sale transaction, it records the proceeds to be received. The Fund identifies on its books liquid assets at least equal in value to the value of the Fund's purchase commitments until the Fund pays for the investment.

When-issued and delayed-delivery transactions can be used by the Fund as a defensive technique to hedge against anticipated changes in interest rates and prices. For instance, in periods of rising interest rates and falling prices, the Fund might sell securities in its portfolio on a forward commitment basis to attempt to limit its exposure to anticipated falling prices. In periods of falling interest rates and rising prices, the Fund might sell portfolio securities and purchase the same or similar securities on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis to obtain the benefit of currently higher cash yields.

**Bank Loans**. The Fund may invest in bank loans. By purchasing a loan, the Fund acquires some or all of the interest of a bank or other lending institution in a loan to a particular borrower. The Fund may hold an interest in a loan through another financial institution, and in such cases would be purchasing a "participation" in the loan. The Fund also may purchase loans by assignment from another lender, and in such cases would act as part of a

lending syndicate. Many loans are secured by the assets of the borrower, and most impose restrictive covenants that must be met by the borrower. These loans are typically made by a syndicate of banks, represented by an agent bank which has negotiated and structured the loan and which is responsible generally for collecting interest, principal and other amounts from the borrower on its own behalf and on behalf of the other lending institutions in the syndicate, and for enforcing its and their other rights against the borrower. Each of the lending institutions, typically including the agent bank, lends to the borrower a portion of the total amount of the loan, and retains the corresponding interest in the loan.

The Fund's ability to receive payments of principal and interest and other amounts in connection with loan participations held by it will depend primarily on the financial condition of the borrower as well as the financial institution from which it purchases the participation interest. The value of collateral, if any, securing a loan can decline, or may be insufficient to meet the borrower's obligations or difficult to liquidate. In addition, the Fund's access to collateral may be limited by bankruptcy or other insolvency laws. The failure by the Fund to receive scheduled interest or principal payments on a loan would adversely affect the income of the Fund and would likely reduce the value of its assets, which would be reflected in a reduction in the Fund's NAV. Banks and other lending institutions generally perform a credit analysis of the borrower before originating a loan or participating in a lending syndicate. In selecting the loans in which the Fund will invest, however, the Adviser will not rely solely on that credit analysis, but will perform its own investment analysis of the borrowers. The Adviser's analysis may include consideration of the borrower's financial strength and managerial experience, debt coverage, additional borrowing requirements or debt maturity schedules, changing financial conditions and responsiveness to changes in business conditions and interest rates. The Adviser generally will not have access to non-public information to which other investors in syndicated loans may have access. Because loans in which the Fund may invest generally are not rated by independent credit rating agencies, a decision by the Fund to invest in a particular loan will depend almost exclusively on the Adviser's, and the original lending institution's, credit analysis of the borrower. Investments in loans may be of any quality, including "distressed" loans, and will be subject to the Fund's credit quality policy. The loans in which the Fund may invest include those that pay fixed rates of interest and those that pay floating rates—i.e., rates that adjust periodically based on a known lending rate, such as a bank's prime rate.

Investing directly in loans or other direct debt instruments exposes the Fund to various risks similar to those borne by a creditor. Such risks include the risk of default, the risk of delayed repayment and the risk of inadequate collateral. Transactions in many loans settle on a delayed basis, and the Fund may not receive the proceeds from the sale of a loan for a substantial period after the sale. As a result, those proceeds will not be available to make additional investments or to meet the Fund's redemption obligations.

In addition, when holding a loan participation, the Fund is subject to the credit risk of the intermediary financial institution. If the Fund holds its interest in a loan through another financial institution, the Fund likely would not be able to exercise its rights directly against the borrower and may not be able to cause the financial institution to take what it considers to be appropriate action. If the Fund relies on a financial institution to administer a loan, the Fund is subject to the risk that the financial institution may be unwilling or unable to demand and receive payments from the borrower in respect of the loan, or otherwise unwilling or unable to perform its administrative obligations.

Legal and Regulatory Risks. The Fund may be adversely affected by new (or revised) laws or regulations that may be imposed by the CFTC, the Commission, the U.S. Federal Reserve or other banking regulators or other governmental regulatory authorities or self-regulatory organizations that supervise the financial markets. The Fund may also be adversely affected by changes in the enforcement or interpretation of existing statutes and rules. In addition, the securities and futures markets are subject to comprehensive statutes, regulations and margin requirements. The CFTC, the Commission, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, other regulators and self-regulatory organizations and exchanges are authorized to take extraordinary actions in the event of market emergencies. The regulation of derivatives transactions and funds that engage in such transactions is an evolving area of law and is subject to modification by government and judicial action.

New regulations could, among other things, adversely affect the value of the investments held by the Fund, restrict the Fund's ability to engage in derivatives transactions (for example, by making certain types of derivatives transactions no longer available to the Fund) and/or increase the costs of such derivatives transactions (for example, by increasing margin or capital requirements) and the Fund's ability to execute certain investment strategies may be adversely affected as a result. It is unclear how the regulatory changes will affect counterparty risk.

If a perception develops that there is or in the future could be renewed regulatory focus on participants who benefit from their participation in any U.S. government-sponsored program, or attempts by legislative and/or regulatory bodies to impose new restrictions and/or taxes and penalties on such participants, possibly even with retroactive effect, then the Fund's position in such securities may be compromised.

LIBOR Risk. The terms of many investments, financings or other transactions to which the Fund may be a party have been historically tied to the London Interbank Offered Rate, or "LIBOR." LIBOR is the offered rate at which major international banks can obtain wholesale, unsecured funding, and LIBOR may be available for different durations (e.g., 1 month or 3 months) and for different currencies. LIBOR may be a significant factor in determining the Fund's payment obligations under a derivative investment, the cost of financing to the Fund or an investment's value or return to the Fund, and may be used in other ways that affect the Fund's investment performance. In July 2017, the Financial Conduct Authority, the United Kingdom's financial regulatory body, announced that after 2021 it will cease its active encouragement of banks to provide the quotations needed to sustain LIBOR. On November 30, 2020, the administrator of LIBOR announced a delay in the phase out of a majority of the U.S. dollar LIBOR publications until June 30, 2023, with the remainder of LIBOR publications to still end at the end of 2021. LIBOR may cease to be published after that time. In addition, the E.U. Benchmarks Regulation imposed conditions under which only compliant benchmarks may be used in new contracts after 2021. Various financial industry groups have begun planning for that transition, but there are obstacles to converting certain securities and transactions to a new benchmark. Transition planning is at an early stage and the nature of a substitute rate, if any, is unknown, and neither the effect of the transition process nor its ultimate success is certain. To identify a successor rate for U.S. dollar LIBOR, the Alternative Reference Rates Committee ("ARRC"), a U.S.-based group convened by the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was formed. The ARRC has identified the Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR") as its preferred alternative rate for LIBOR. SOFR is a measure of the cost of borrowing cash overnight, collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, and is based on directly observable U.S. Treasury-backed repurchase transactions. Although SOFR appears to be the preferred replacement rate for U.S. dollar LIBOR, at this time, it is not possible to predict the effect of any such changes, any establishment of alternative reference rates or other reforms to LIBOR that may be enacted in the United States, United Kingdom or elsewhere.

The transition process might lead to increased volatility and illiquidity in markets for instruments whose terms currently include LIBOR. It could also lead to a reduction in the value of some LIBOR based investments and reduce the effectiveness of new hedges placed against existing LIBOR based investments. While some LIBOR based instruments may contemplate a scenario where LIBOR is no longer available by providing for an alternative rate-setting methodology and/or increased costs for certain LIBOR-related instruments or financing transactions, not all may have such provisions and there may be significant uncertainty regarding the effectiveness of any such alternative methodologies, resulting in prolonged adverse market conditions for the Fund. Since the usefulness of LIBOR as a benchmark could deteriorate during the transition period, these effects could occur prior to the end of 2021. There also remains uncertainty and risk regarding the willingness and ability of issuers to include enhanced provisions in new and existing contracts or instruments. All of the aforementioned may adversely affect the Fund's performance or NAV.

**Investment in Relatively New Issuers**. The Fund may occasionally gain exposure to the equities of selected new issuers. Direct or indirect investments in relatively new issuers, i.e., those having continuous operating histories of less than three years, may carry special risks and may be more speculative because such companies are relatively unseasoned. Such companies also may lack sufficient resources, may be unable to generate internally the funds necessary for growth and may find external financing to be unavailable on favorable terms or even

totally unavailable. Those companies will often be involved in the development or marketing of a new product with no established market, which could lead to significant losses. The securities of such issuers may have a limited trading market, which may adversely affect their disposition and can result in their being priced lower than might otherwise be the case. If other investors who invest in such issuers trade the same securities when the Fund attempts to dispose of its holdings, the Fund may receive lower prices than might otherwise be the case.

Adjustable Rate and Auction Preferred Securities. The Fund may invest in adjustable rate or auction rate preferred securities. Typically, the dividend rate on an adjustable rate preferred security is determined prospectively each quarter by applying an adjustment formula established at the time of issuance of the security. Although adjustment formulas vary among issues, they typically involve a fixed premium or discount relative to rates on specified debt securities issued by the U.S. Treasury. Typically, an adjustment formula will provide for a fixed premium or discount adjustment relative to the highest base yield of three specified U.S. Treasury securities: the 90-day Treasury bill, the 10-year Treasury note and the 20-year Treasury bond. The premium or discount adjustment to be added to or subtracted from this highest U.S. Treasury base rate yield is fixed at the time of issue and cannot be changed without the approval of the holders of the security. The dividend rate on other preferred securities, commonly known as auction preferred securities, is adjusted at intervals that may be more frequent than quarterly, such as every 49 days, based on bids submitted by holders and prospective purchasers of such securities and may be subject to stated maximum and minimum dividend rates. The issues of most adjustable rate and auction preferred securities currently outstanding are perpetual, but are redeemable after a specified date at the option of the issuer. Certain issues supported by the credit of a high-rated financial institution provide for mandatory redemption prior to expiration of the credit arrangement. No redemption can occur if full cumulative dividends are not paid. Although the dividend rates on adjustable and auction preferred securities generally are adjusted or reset frequently, the market values of these preferred securities still may fluctuate in response to changes in interest rates. Market values of adjustable preferred securities also may substantially fluctuate if interest rates increase or decrease once the maximum or minimum dividend rate for a particular security is approached.

Illiquid Securities. Illiquid investments include investments that the Adviser reasonably expects cannot be sold or disposed of in seven calendar days or less under then-current market conditions without the sale or disposition significantly changing the market value of the investment. The Fund may hold illiquid securities, including, among other instruments, securities of private issuers, securities traded in unregulated or shallow markets and securities that are purchased in private placements and are subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale. Because relatively few purchasers of these securities may exist, especially in the event of adverse economic and liquidity conditions or adverse changes in the issuer's financial condition, the Fund may not be able to initiate a transaction or liquidate a position in such investments at a desirable price or time. Disposing of illiquid securities may involve time-consuming negotiation and legal expenses, and selling them promptly at an acceptable price may be difficult or impossible.

Additional Information Regarding Borrowing Risk. The Fund may borrow to meet redemption requests or for investment purposes (i.e., to purchase additional portfolio securities). The Fund's investment portfolio (which consists primarily of reinsurance-related securities) may limit the number of lenders willing to enter into a borrowing arrangement with the Fund, result in higher borrowing costs to the Fund or less favorable terms under the arrangement because such securities are higher risk instruments. As a result, the Fund may be required to modify its investment program in order to meet the terms of any borrowing arrangement. If so, the Fund may not meet its investment objective.

**Portfolio Turnover**. Purchases and sales of portfolio investments may be made as considered advisable by the Adviser in the best interests of the shareholders. The Fund's portfolio turnover rate may vary from year-to-year, as well as within a year. The Fund's distributions of any net short-term capital gains realized from portfolio transactions are taxable to shareholders as ordinary income. In addition, higher portfolio turnover rates can result in corresponding increases in portfolio transaction costs for the Fund.

For reporting purposes, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate is calculated by dividing the lesser of purchases or sales of portfolio securities for the fiscal year by the monthly average of the value of the portfolio securities owned by the Fund during the fiscal year. In determining such portfolio turnover, all securities whose maturities at the time of acquisition were one year or less are excluded. A 100% portfolio turnover rate would occur, for example, if all of the securities in the Fund's investment portfolio (other than short-term money market securities) were replaced once during the fiscal year. Portfolio turnover will not be a limiting factor should the Adviser deem it advisable to purchase or sell securities.

The historical portfolio turnover rate for the Fund is shown under the heading "Financial Highlights" in the Fund's Prospectus.

#### **Investment Restrictions**

**Fundamental Investment Restrictions.** The following investment restrictions of the Fund are designated as fundamental policies and as such cannot be changed without the approval of the holders of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities. Under the 1940 Act, a "majority" vote is defined as the vote of the holders of the lesser of: (a) 67% or more of the shares of the Fund present at a meeting if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares are present or represented by proxy at the meeting; or (b) more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Fund. Under these restrictions, the Fund:

- (1) may not issue senior securities, except as permitted borrowings or as otherwise permitted under the 1940 Act<sup>1</sup>;
- (2) may not borrow money, except to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act;
- (3) may not underwrite securities issued by other persons except to the extent that, in connection with the disposition of its portfolio investments, it may be deemed to be an underwriter under federal securities laws;
- (4) may not purchase or sell real estate, although it may purchase securities of issuers which deal in real estate, including securities of real estate investment trusts, and may purchase securities which are secured by interests in real estate;
- (5) may not make loans, except by purchase of debt obligations in which the Fund may invest consistent with its investment policies, by entering into repurchase agreements, or by lending its portfolio securities. The Fund may loan no more than one-third of its total assets;
- (6) may not purchase or sell commodities, except that the Fund may purchase and sell futures contracts and options, may enter into foreign exchange contracts, and may enter into swap agreements and other financial transactions not requiring the delivery of physical commodities; and
- (7) may not invest more than 25% of its net assets in a particular industry or group of industries (other than securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities).

For purposes of construing restriction (7), a large economic or market sector shall not be construed as a single industry or group of industries. As discussed in the Prospectus and this SAI, the Fund may invest more than 25%

Section 18(f)(1)of the 1940 Act generally prohibits registered open-end investment companies from issuing senior securities other than with respect to bank borrowings. Section 18(g) defines "senior security," in pertinent part, as "any bond, debenture, note, or similar obligation or instrument constituting a security and evidencing indebtedness, and any stock of a class having priority over any other class as to distribution of assets or payment of dividends." To the extent obligations created by the Fund may be deemed to create senior securities the Fund will segregate or earmark liquid assets with its custodian in accordance with 1940 Act Release No. 10666 (Apr. 18, 1979), and the guidance of related no-action letters issued by the Commission, to cover these obligations.

of its total assets in a single market sector, specifically, the financial services sector. Issuers of event-linked bonds are generally classified as belonging to the financial services sector. The Fund will be subject to the risks associated with that sector.

In determining whether a transaction is permitted under the 1940 Act, restriction (1) above will not be construed to prohibit any transaction that is permitted under the 1940 Act, as interpreted or modified, or as otherwise permitted by regulatory authority having jurisdiction from time to time.

The Fund may invest at the time of purchase up to 15% of its net assets in securities that are illiquid. If the value of the Fund's holdings of illiquid securities at any time exceeds the percentage limitation applicable at the time of acquisition due to subsequent fluctuations in value or other reasons, the Board will consider what actions, if any, are appropriate to maintain adequate liquidity.

# **Temporary Defensive Positions**

Normally, the Fund invests substantially all of its assets to meet its investment objective. The Fund may invest the remainder of its assets in securities with remaining maturities of less than one year or cash equivalents, or may hold cash. For temporary defensive purposes, including during periods of unusual cash flows, the Fund may depart from its principal investment strategies and invest part or all of its assets in these securities or may hold cash. The Fund may adopt defensive strategies when the Adviser believes securities in which the Fund normally invests have special or unusual risks or are less attractive due to adverse market, economic, political or other conditions.

#### DISCLOSURE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

The Board has adopted, on behalf of the Fund, policies and procedures relating to disclosure of the Fund's portfolio securities. These policies and procedures are designed to protect the confidentiality of the Fund's portfolio holdings that are not publicly available ("Confidential Portfolio Holdings") and to prevent the selective disclosure of such information. These policies and procedures may be modified at any time with the approval of the Board.

The holdings of the Fund currently are disclosed in quarterly filings with the Commission on Form N-PORT as of the end of the first and third quarters of the Fund's fiscal year and on Form N-CSR as of the second and fourth quarters of the Fund's fiscal year. In addition, the Fund may disclose to the general public its holdings information from time to time.

The Trust may disclose Confidential Portfolio Holdings to certain persons, including shareholders of the Trust (including shareholders of record of indirect investments in the Fund through another fund managed by the Adviser), qualified potential shareholders as determined by the Adviser (including qualified potential shareholders who are considering an indirect investment in the Fund through another fund managed by the Adviser), and their consultants or agents ("Permitted Recipients"). This information may be made available as soon as the business day following the date to which the information relates.

Except as otherwise noted, to receive Confidential Portfolio Holdings, Permitted Recipients must enter into a confidentiality agreement with the Adviser and the Trust that requires that the Confidential Portfolio Holdings be used solely for purposes determined by senior management of the Adviser to be in the best interest of the shareholders of the Fund.

If the Adviser becomes aware that a recipient has or is likely to violate the terms of a confidentiality agreement regarding Confidential Portfolio Holdings, the Adviser shall cease providing such information to such recipient.

If an employee of the Adviser identifies a potential conflict with respect to the disclosure of Confidential Portfolio Holdings between the interest of the Fund's shareholders, on the one hand, and the Adviser or an affiliated person of the Adviser or the Fund, on the other, the Adviser is required to inform the Trust's Chief

Compliance Officer ("CCO") of the potential conflict, and the CCO has the power to decide whether, in light of the circumstances, disclosure should be permitted. The Trust may also disclose Confidential Portfolio Holdings on a selective basis if the CCO (or an individual designated by the CCO) approves the disclosure and determines that: (i) there is a legitimate business purpose for such disclosure; (ii) recipients are subject to a duty of confidentiality, including a duty not to trade on the nonpublic information; and (iii) the disclosure is in the best interests of Fund shareholders.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Confidential Portfolio Holdings of the Fund may generally be made available more frequently and prior to its public availability (i) to the Adviser, the Fund's administrator, custodian, principal underwriter and certain other service providers (such as pricing services, proxy voting services, financial printers, pricing information vendors, third parties that deliver analytical, statistical, or consulting services, ratings and rankings agencies and other unaffiliated third parties or their affiliates that provide services and may require Confidential Portfolio Holdings to provide services to the Fund) (collectively, "Service Providers"); (ii) to an accounting firm, an auditing firm or outside legal counsel retained by the Service Providers, their affiliates, or the Fund; (iii) to certain Fund affiliates; (iv) as required by law and (v) to any other party for a legitimate business purpose upon waiver or exception with the approval of the CCO.

The policies and procedures of the Fund provide that none of the Fund, its service providers, the Adviser, or any other party may receive compensation in connection with the disclosure of Confidential Portfolio Holdings.

The Adviser has primary responsibility for ensuring that the Fund's Confidential Portfolio Holdings are disclosed only in accordance with these policies. As part of this responsibility, the Adviser will maintain such internal policies and procedures as it believes are reasonably necessary for preventing the unauthorized disclosure of Confidential Portfolio Holdings.

#### MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

#### **Board of Trustees**

The business and affairs of the Fund are managed under the oversight of the Board subject to the laws of the State of Delaware and the Trust's Third Amended and Restated Agreement and Declaration of Trust (the "Declaration of Trust"). The Trustees are responsible for oversight of the practices and processes of the Fund and its service providers, rather than active management of the Fund, including in matters relating to risk management. The Trustees seek to understand the key risks facing the Fund, including those involving conflicts of interest; how Fund management identifies and monitors those risks on an ongoing basis; how Fund management develops and implements controls to mitigate those risks; and how Fund management tests the effectiveness of those controls. The Board cannot foresee, know or guard against all risks, nor are the Trustees guarantors against risk. The officers of the Fund conduct and supervise the Fund's daily business operations. Trustees who are not deemed to be "interested persons" of the Fund as defined in the 1940 Act are referred to as "Independent Trustees." Trustees who are deemed to be "interested persons" of the Fund are referred to as "Interested Trustees."

The Board meets as often as necessary to discharge its responsibilities. Currently, the Board conducts regular quarterly meetings, including in-person or telephonic meetings, and holds special in-person or telephonic meetings as necessary to address specific issues that require attention prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. At these meetings, officers of the Trust provide the Board (or one of its committees) with written and oral reports on regulatory and compliance matters, operational and service provider matters, organizational developments, product proposals, audit results and insurance and fidelity bond coverage. In addition, it is expected that the Independent Trustees meet at least annually to review, among other things, investment management agreements and certain plans and other agreements and to consider such other matters as they deem appropriate.

The Board has established two standing committees — an Audit Committee and a Valuation Committee — to assist the Board in its oversight of risk as part of its broader oversight of the Fund's affairs. The Committees,

both of which are comprised solely of the Board's Independent Trustees, are described below. The Board may establish other committees, or nominate one or more Trustees to examine particular issues related to the Board's oversight responsibilities, from time to time. Each Committee meets periodically to perform its delegated oversight functions and reports its findings and recommendations to the Board.

The Board does not have a lead Independent Trustee. The Board, taking into consideration its oversight responsibility of the Fund, including the Fund's regular use of fair valuation and the Board's extensive experience overseeing the development and implementation of fair valuation processes, believes that its leadership structure is appropriate. In addition, the Board's use of Committees (each of which is chaired by an Independent Trustee with substantial industry experience) and the chair's role as chief executive officer of the Adviser, serve to enhance the Board's understanding of the operations of the Fund and the Adviser.

Board members of the Trust, together with information as to their positions with the Trust, principal occupations and other board memberships, are shown below. Unless otherwise noted, each Trustee has held each principal occupation and board membership indicated for at least the past five years. Each Trustee's mailing address is c/o Stone Ridge Asset Management LLC, 510 Madison Avenue, 21st Floor, New York, NY 10022.

## **Independent Trustees**

Name (Year of Birth) Jeffery Ekberg	Position(s) Held with the Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served(1) since 2012	Principal Occupation(s) During the Past 5 Years Self-employed (personal	Number of Portfolios in the Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee(2)	Other Directorships/ Trusteeships Held by Trustee During the Past 5 Years None.
(1965)	Hustee	SHICC 2012	investing), since 2011; Principal, TPG Capital, L.P. (private equity firm) until 2011; Chief Financial Officer, Newbridge Capital, LLC (subsidiary of TPG Capital, L.P.) until 2011	31	None.
Daniel Charney (1970)	Trustee	since 2012	Co-President, Cowen and Company, Cowen Inc. (financial services firm) since 2012	51	None.
			Interested Trustee		
Name (Year of Birth)	Position(s) Held with the Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served(1)	Principal Occupation(s) During the Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios in the Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee(2)	Other Directorships/ Trusteeships Held by Trustee During the Past 5 Years
Ross Stevens(3) (1969)	Trustee, Chairman	since 2012	Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Stone Ridge since 2012	51	None.

<sup>(1)</sup> Each Trustee serves until resignation or removal from the Board.

<sup>(2)</sup> The Fund Complex includes the Trust and Stone Ridge Trust II, Stone Ridge Trust IV, Stone Ridge Trust V, Stone Ridge Trust VI, Stone Ridge Residential Real Estate Income Fund I, Inc., Stone Ridge Longevity Risk Premium Fixed Income Master Trust 2045 and trusts that invest substantially all of their assets in a series of Stone Ridge Longevity Risk Premium Fixed Income Master Trust 2045, and other investment companies managed by the Adviser.

<sup>(3)</sup> Mr. Stevens is an "interested person" of the Trust, as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act, due to his position with the Adviser.

### **Additional Information About the Trustees.**

Jeffery Ekberg — Through his experience as a senior officer, director and accountant of financial and other organizations, Mr. Ekberg contributes experience overseeing financial and investment organizations to the Board. The Board also benefits from his previous experience as a member of the board of other funds.

Daniel Charney — Through his experience as a senior officer of financial and other organizations, Mr. Charney contributes his experience in the investment management industry to the Board.

Ross Stevens — Through his experience as a senior executive of financial organizations, Mr. Stevens contributes his experience in the investment management industry to the Board.

Additional Information About the Board's Committees. The Trust has an Audit Committee and a Valuation Committee. The members of both the Audit Committee and the Valuation Committee consist of all the Independent Trustees, namely Messrs. Ekberg and Charney. Mr. Ekberg is the Audit Committee Chair and has been designated as the Audit Committee financial expert. Mr. Charney is the Valuation Committee Chair.

In accordance with its written charter, the Audit Committee's primary purposes are: (1) to oversee the Trust's accounting and financial reporting policies and practices, and its internal controls and procedures; (2) to oversee the quality and objectivity of the Trust's and the Fund's financial statements and the independent audit thereof; (3) to oversee the activities of the CCO; (4) to oversee the Trust's compliance program adopted pursuant to Rule 38a-1 under the 1940 Act, and the Trust's implementation and enforcement of its compliance policies and procedures thereunder; (5) to oversee the Trust's compliance with applicable laws in foreign jurisdictions, if any; and (6) to oversee compliance with the Code of Ethics by the Trust and the Adviser.

The Audit Committee reviews the scope of the Fund's audits, the Fund's accounting and financial reporting policies and practices and its internal controls. The Audit Committee approves, and recommends to the Independent Trustees for their ratification, the selection, appointment, retention or termination of the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm and approves the compensation of the independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee also approves all audit and permissible non-audit services provided to the Fund by the independent registered public accounting firm and all permissible non-audit services provided by the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm to the Adviser and any affiliated service providers if the engagement relates directly to the Fund's operations and financial reporting. The Audit Committee met five times during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2020.

The Valuation Committee also operates pursuant to a written charter. The duties and powers, to be exercised at such times and in such manner as the Valuation Committee shall deem necessary or appropriate, are as follows: (1) reviewing, from time to time, the Trust's valuation policy and procedures (the "Valuation Policy"), which Valuation Policy serves to establish policies and procedures for the valuation of the Fund's assets; (2) making any recommendations to the Trust's audit committee and/or the Board regarding (i) the functioning of the Valuation Policy, or (ii) the valuation(s) of individual assets; (3) consulting with the Adviser regarding the valuation of the Fund's assets, including fair valuation determinations of any such assets; (4) periodically reviewing information regarding fair value and other determinations made pursuant to the Trust's valuation procedures; (5) reporting to the Board on a regular basis regarding the Valuation Committee's duties; (6) making recommendations in conjunction with the Board's annual (or other periodical) review of the Trust's Valuation Policy; (7) periodically reviewing information regarding industry developments in connection with valuation of assets; and (8) performing such other duties as may be assigned to it, from time to time, by the Board. The Valuation Committee met four times during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2020.

**Trustee Ownership of the Fund.** The following table shows the dollar range of equity securities owned by the Trustees in the Fund and in other investment companies overseen by the Trustee within the same family of investment companies as of December 31, 2020. Investment companies are considered to be in the same family if they share the same investment adviser or principal underwriter and hold themselves out to investors as related

companies for purposes of investment and investor services. The information as to ownership of securities which appears below is based on statements furnished to the Fund by its Trustees and executive officers.

	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in All Registered Investment Companies Overseen by Trustee in Family of Investment Companies(1)
Independent Trustees		
Jeffery Ekberg	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
Daniel Charney	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
Interested Trustee		
Ross Stevens(2)	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000

<sup>(1)</sup> Family of Investment Companies includes the Trust and Stone Ridge Trust II, Stone Ridge Trust IV, Stone Ridge Trust V, Stone Ridge Trust VI, Stone Ridge Residential Real Estate Income Fund I, Inc., Stone Ridge Longevity Risk Premium Fixed Income Master Trust 2045 and trusts that invest substantially all of their assets in a series of Stone Ridge Longevity Risk Premium Fixed Income Master Trust 2045, and other investment companies managed by the Adviser.

None of the Independent Trustees or their family members beneficially owned any class of securities of the Adviser or principal underwriter of the Fund, or a person (other than a registered investment company) directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Adviser or the principal underwriter of the Fund, as of December 31, 2020.

**Compensation of Board Members.** Each Trustee who is not an employee of the Adviser is compensated by an annual retainer. Each such Trustee's compensation is invested in Stone Ridge funds. The Trust does not pay retirement benefits to its Trustees and officers. The Fund pays a portion of the compensation of the CCO. Other officers and Interested Trustees of the Trust are not compensated by the Fund. The following table sets forth compensation received by the Independent Trustees for the Fund's fiscal year ended October 31, 2020:

	Aggregate Compensation	<b>Total Compensation From the</b>
<b>Independent Trustees</b>	From the Fund	Fund Complex(1) Paid to Trustee
Jeffery Ekberg	\$ 40,154	\$ 350,000
Daniel Charney	\$ 40,154	\$ 350,000

<sup>(1)</sup> The Fund Complex includes the Trust and Stone Ridge Trust II, Stone Ridge Trust IV, Stone Ridge Trust V, Stone Ridge Trust VI, Stone Ridge Residential Real Estate Income Fund I, Inc., Stone Ridge Longevity Risk Premium Fixed Income Master Trust 2045 and trusts that invest substantially all of their assets in a series of Stone Ridge Longevity Risk Premium Fixed Income Master Trust 2045, and other investment companies managed by the Adviser.

# Officers of the Trust

Name (Year of Birth) and Address(1) (2)	Position(s) Held with the Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served(3)	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years
Ross Stevens (1969)	President, Chief Executive Officer and Principal Executive Officer	since 2012	Founder of Stone Ridge Asset Management LLC, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Adviser, since 2012.
Lauren D. Macioce (1978)	Chief Compliance Officer, Secretary, Chief Legal Officer and Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer	since 2016	General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer of the Adviser, since 2016; prior to that Associate at Ropes & Gray LLP (law firm).

<sup>(2)</sup> Beneficial ownership through the Adviser's or its affiliates' investments in the Fund.

Name (Year of Birth) and Address(1)(2)	Position(s) Held with the Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served(3)	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years
Anthony Zuco (1975)	Treasurer, Principal Financial Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer	since 2018	Supervising Fund Controller at the Adviser, since 2015; prior to that Controller at Owl Creek Asset Management L.P. (investment advisory firm).
Alexander Nyren (1980)	Assistant Secretary	since 2018	Head of Reinsurance of the Adviser, since 2018; member of Reinsurance portfolio management team at the Adviser, since 2013.
David Thomas (1980)	Assistant Treasurer	since 2018	Member of Operations at the Adviser, since 2015; prior to that member of Operations at KCG Holdings, Inc. (financial services firm).
Leson Lee (1975)	Assistant Treasurer	since 2019	Member of Operations at the Adviser, since 2018; prior to that Treasury Manager at Eton Park Capital Management (investment advisory firm).
Domingo Encarnacion (1983)	Assistant Treasurer	since 2020	Tax Manager at the Adviser, since 2016; prior to that Tax Manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (accounting firm).

<sup>(1)</sup> Each Officer's mailing address is c/o Stone Ridge Asset Management LLC, 510 Madison Avenue, 21st Floor, New York, NY 10022.

**Code of Ethics.** The Trust and the Adviser have adopted a code of ethics in accordance with Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act. This code of ethics permits the personnel of these entities to invest in securities under some circumstances, including securities that the Fund may purchase or hold.

The code of ethics is available on the EDGAR database of the Commission's website at www.sec.gov. In addition, copies of the code of ethics may be obtained, after mailing the appropriate duplicating fee, by e-mail request to publicinfo@sec.gov.

### PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Attached as Appendix B to this SAI is the summary of the guidelines and procedures that the Adviser uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities, including the procedures that the Adviser uses when a vote presents a conflict between the interests of Fund shareholders, on the one hand, and those of the Adviser or any affiliated person of the Fund or the Adviser, on the other. This summary of the guidelines gives a general indication as to how the Adviser will vote proxies relating to portfolio securities on each issue listed. However, the guidelines do not address all potential voting issues or the intricacies that may surround individual proxy votes. For that reason, there may be instances in which votes may vary from the guidelines presented. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Adviser always endeavors to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities in accordance with the Fund's investment objective. Information on how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent prior 12-month period ending June 30 is available without charge, (1) upon request, by calling (855) 609-3680, and (2) on the Commission's website at www.sec.gov.

# CONTROL PERSONS AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF SECURITIES

A principal shareholder is any person who owns of record or is known by the Fund to own of record or beneficially 5% or more of any class of the Fund's outstanding equity securities. A control person is one who

<sup>(2)</sup> Each of the Officers is an affiliated person of the Adviser as a result of his or her position with the Adviser.

<sup>(3)</sup> The term of office of each Officer is indefinite.

owns beneficially, either directly or through controlled companies, more than 25% of the voting securities of the Fund or acknowledges the existence of control. A controlling person possesses the ability to control the outcome of matters submitted for shareholder vote by the Fund.

As of January 31, 2021, (i) no person was known by the Fund to be a control person of the Fund, and (ii) the following persons owned of record or beneficially more than 5% of the outstanding shares of a particular class of the Fund:

# Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund — Class I Shares

Name and Address	% Ownership of Class	% Ownership of Fund	Parent	Jurisdiction	Type of Ownership(1)
National Financial Services, LLC 200 Liberty St. New York, NY 10281	38.05%	36.86%	Fidelity Global Brokerage Group, Inc.	DE	Record
Charles Schwab & Co 21 Main St San Francisco, CA 94105	33.56%	35.87%	The Charles Schwab Corporation	DE	Record
TD Ameritrade, Inc. 200 S. 108th Ave. Omaha, NE 68154	9.33%	9.07%	N/A	N/A	Record
Pershing, LLC One Pershing Plaza Jersey City, NJ 07399	6.96%	6.40%	Pershing Group, LLC	DE	Record
SEI Private Trust Company 1 Freedom Valley Dr Oaks PA 19456-9989	6.00%	5.38%	SEI Investments Company	PA	Record

# Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund — Class M Shares

Name and Address Charles Schwab & Co. 211 Main St. San Francisco, CA 94105	% Ownership of Class 53.81%	Ownership of Fund 35.87%	Parent The Charles Schwab Corporation	Jurisdiction DE	Type of Ownership(1)  Record
National Financial Services, LLC 200 Liberty St. New York, NY 10281	27.61%	36.86%	Fidelity Global Brokerage Group, Inc.	DE	Record
TD Ameritrade, Inc. 200 S. 108th Ave. Omaha, NE 68154	7.04%	9.07%	N/A	N/A	Record

<sup>(1) &</sup>quot;Record Ownership" means the shareholder of record, or the exact name of the shareholder on the account, i.e. "ABC Brokerage, Inc." Beneficial ownership refers to the actual pecuniary, or financial, interest in the security, i.e. "Jane Doe Shareholder."

As of January 31, 2021, the Trustees and officers of the Trust as a group owned beneficially less than 1% of the outstanding shares of each class of the Fund.

#### INVESTMENT ADVISORY AND OTHER SERVICES

# The Adviser

Stone Ridge Asset Management LLC is the Adviser of the Fund. The Adviser was organized as a Delaware limited liability company in 2012. The manager of the general partner of the managing member of the Adviser is Ross Stevens.
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Stone Ridge Asset Management LLC serves as the Adviser of the Fund pursuant to an investment management agreement. The investment management agreement has an initial term of two years from its effective date and continues in effect with respect to the Fund (unless terminated sooner) if its continuance is specifically approved at least annually by the affirmative vote of: (i) a majority of the Independent Trustees, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval; and (ii) a majority of the Board or the holders of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund. The investment management agreement may nevertheless be terminated at any time without penalty, on 60 days' written notice, by the Board, by vote of holders of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund or by the Adviser. The investment management agreement terminates automatically in the event of its assignment (as defined in the 1940 Act).

Pursuant to the investment management agreement, the Adviser agrees (i) to make investment decisions and provide a program of continuous investment management for the Fund; prepare, obtain, evaluate, and make available to the Fund research and statistical data in connection therewith; obtain and evaluate such information and advice relating to the economy, securities markets, and securities as it deems necessary or useful to discharge its duties hereunder; engage in or supervise the selection, acquisition, retention, and sale of investments, securities, and/or cash; engage in or supervise the selection, acquisition, retention, and sale of registered and unregistered investment funds and/or other investment vehicles (the "Investment Funds"); select brokers or dealers to execute transactions; and all of the aforementioned is required to be done in material accordance with the Fund's investment objective, policies, and limitations as stated in the Registration Statement and in accordance with guidelines and directions from the Board and any applicable laws and regulations; (ii) subject to the direction and control of the Board, to assist the Fund as it may reasonably request in the conduct of the Fund's business, including oral and written research, analysis, advice, statistical, and economic data, judgments regarding individual investments, general economic conditions and trends, and long-range investment policies; determine or recommend the securities, instruments, repurchase agreements, options, and other investments (including the Investment Funds), and techniques that the Fund will purchase, sell, enter into, use, or provide in an ongoing evaluation of the Fund's portfolio; continuously manage and supervise the investment program of the Fund and the composition of its investment portfolio in a manner consistent with the investment objective, policies, and restrictions of the Fund, as set forth in the Registration Statement and as may be adopted from time to time by the Board, and applicable laws and regulations; determine or recommend the extent to which the Fund's portfolio shall be invested in securities, Investment Funds, and other assets, and what portion, if any, should be held uninvested; and undertake to do anything incidental to the foregoing to facilitate the performance of its obligations hereunder; (iii) to furnish to or place at the disposal of the Fund information, evaluations, analyses, and opinions formulated or obtained by the Adviser in the discharge of its duties as the Board may, from time to time, reasonably request, and maintain or cause to be maintained for the Fund all books, records, reports, and any other information required under the 1940 Act, to the extent that such books, records, and reports, and other information are not maintained or furnished by the custodian, transfer agent, administrator, subadministrator, or other agent of the Fund; (iv) to furnish to or place at the disposal of the Fund, such office space, telephone, utilities, and facilities as the Fund may require for its reasonable needs and to furnish at the expense of Stone Ridge, or an affiliate of Stone Ridge, clerical services related to research, statistical, and investment work; (v) to render or make available to the Fund management and administrative assistance in connection with the operation of the Fund that shall include (i) compliance with all reasonable requests of the Board for information, including information required in connection with the Fund's filings with the Commission, other federal and state regulatory organizations, and self-regulatory organizations, and (ii) such other services as the Adviser shall from time to time determine to be necessary or useful to the administration of the Fund.

The Adviser pays the reasonable salaries, fees, and expenses of the Fund's employees and officers (including the Fund's share of any payroll taxes) and any fees and expenses of the Fund's Trustees who are partners, directors, trustees, or employees of or otherwise affiliated with the Adviser; however, the Fund bears travel expenses (or an appropriate portion thereof) of Trustees or Fund officers who are partners, directors, trustees, or employees of the Adviser to the extent that such expenses relate to attendance at meetings of the Board or any committees thereof or advisers thereto and the Fund bears all or a portion of the expenses related to the Fund's chief compliance officer, as may be approved by the Board from time to time.

The Adviser is not responsible, except to the extent of the reasonable compensation of the Trust's employees who are partners, directors, trustees, or employees of the Adviser whose services may be involved, for the following expenses of the Fund: all fees and expenses directly related to portfolio transactions and positions for the Fund's account such as direct and indirect expenses associated with the Fund's investments, including its investments in Investment Funds, and enforcing the Trust's rights in respect of such investments; brokerage commissions; interest and fees on any borrowings by the Fund; professional fees (including expenses of consultants, experts and specialists); research expenses and costs relating to the pricing and return data of Fund assets and related indices; fees and expenses of outside legal counsel (including fees and expenses associated with the review of documentation for prospective investments by the Fund), including foreign legal counsel; accounting, auditing, insurance and tax preparation expenses; fees and expenses in connection with repurchase offers and any repurchases or redemptions of Fund shares of beneficial interest; taxes and governmental fees (including tax preparation fees); fees and expenses of any custodian, subcustodian, transfer agent, registrar, and any other agent of the Fund; all costs and charges for equipment or services used in communicating information regarding the Fund's transactions among the Adviser and any custodian or other agent engaged by the Fund; bank services fees; expenses of preparing, printing and distributing copies of offering memoranda and any other sales material (and any supplements or amendments thereto), reports, notices, other communications to shareholders and proxy materials; expenses of preparing, printing and filing reports and other documents with government agencies; expenses of shareholders' meetings; expenses of corporate data processing and related services; shareholder recordkeeping and shareholder account services, fees and disbursements; expenses relating to investor and public relations; and extraordinary expenses such as litigation expenses.

As compensation for its advisory services, the Fund pays the Adviser a fee, computed daily and paid monthly in arrears, at the annual rate of 1.50% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

Under the terms of the investment management agreement, neither the Adviser nor its affiliates shall be liable for losses or damages incurred by the Fund, unless such losses or damages are attributable to willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence on the part of either the Adviser or its affiliates or from reckless disregard by it of its obligations and duties under the management contract ("disabling conduct"). In addition, the Fund will indemnify the Adviser and its affiliates and hold each of them harmless against any losses or damages not resulting from disabling conduct.

The Adviser contractually agreed to waive its management fee and/or pay or otherwise bear operating and other expenses of the Fund or a Class thereof (including offering expenses, but excluding brokerage and transactional expenses, borrowing and other investment-related costs and fees including interest and commitment fees, short dividend expense, acquired fund fees and expenses, taxes, litigation and indemnification expenses, judgments and extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Fund's business (collectively, the "Excluded Expenses")) solely to the extent necessary to limit the total annualized expenses of the applicable Class to the percentage specified below of the average daily net assets attributable to such Class. The Adviser shall be entitled to recoup in later periods expenses attributable to a Class that the Adviser has paid or otherwise borne (whether through reduction of its management fee or otherwise) to the extent that the expenses for the Class of Shares (including offering expenses, but excluding Excluded Expenses) after such recoupment do not exceed the lower of (i) the annual expense limitation rate in effect at the time of the recoupment; *provided* that the Adviser shall not be permitted to recoup any such fees or expenses beyond three years from the end of the month in which such fee was reduced or such expense was reimbursed.

**Expense Cap** 

1.65% for Class I Shares 1.80% for Class M Shares

The Fund paid the following fees to the Adviser during the most recent three fiscal years ended October 31:

	Fiscal year ended	Fiscal year ended	Fiscal year ended
	October 31, 2018	October 31, 2019	October 31, 2020
Gross Advisory Fees Accrued	\$14,211,224	\$13,397,281	\$14,209,352
Fees Waived/Expenses Reimbursed	\$(508,324)	\$219,235	\$(480,007)
Net Advisory Fees Paid	\$13,702,900	\$13,269,711	\$13,729,345

For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2018, the Adviser recouped, pursuant to its expense limitation agreement, advisory fees that it had previously waived and/or expenses that it had previously borne in the amount of \$0. For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2019, the Adviser recouped, pursuant to its expense limitation agreement, advisory fees that it had previously waived and/or expenses that it had previously borne in the amount of \$91,665. For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2020, the Adviser recouped, pursuant to its expense limitation agreement, advisory fees that it had previously waived and/or expenses that it had previously borne in the amount of \$0.

# **Portfolio Managers**

Paul Germain, Alexander Nyren, Benjamin Robbins, Ross Stevens and Igor Zhitnitsky are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. The following tables set forth certain additional information with respect to the Portfolio Managers. The information is as of October 31, 2020, except as otherwise noted.

### Other Accounts Managed by the Portfolio Managers

The table below identifies the number of accounts for which the Portfolio Managers have day-to-day management responsibilities and the total assets in such accounts within each of the following categories: registered investment companies, other pooled investment vehicles and other accounts.

	e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
Portfolio Manager	Number of Accounts(1)	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	
Paul Germain(2)	6	\$6,761	6	\$1,524	3	\$1,438	
Alexander Nyren	3	\$3,861	1	\$293	0	\$0	
Benjamin Robbins	3	\$3,861	1	\$293	0	\$0	
Ross Stevens(2)	5	\$3,928	0	\$0	0	\$0	
Igor Zhitnitsky(2)	2	\$3,835	1	\$293	0	\$0	

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes the Fund.

The table below identifies the number of accounts for which the Portfolio Managers have day-to-day management responsibilities and the total assets in such accounts with respect to which the advisory fee is based on the performance of the account within each of the following categories: registered investment companies, other pooled investment vehicles and other accounts.

	Companies Adviser	Investment for which the receives a ice-based fee	Investme managed f Adviser	Pooled nt Vehicles or which the receives a ce-based fee	Other Accounts managed for which the Adviser receives a performance-based fee	
Portfolio Manager	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)
Paul Germain(1)	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Alexander Nyren	0	\$0	1	\$293	0	\$0
Benjamin Robbins	0	\$0	1	\$293	0	\$0
Ross Stevens(1)	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Igor Zhitnitsky(1)	0	\$0	1	\$293	0	\$0

<sup>(1)</sup> Information as of February 1, 2021.

<sup>(2)</sup> Information as of February 1, 2021.

#### **Potential Conflicts of Interest**

Each of the Portfolio Managers is also responsible for managing other accounts in addition to the Fund, including other accounts of the Adviser or its affiliates. Other accounts may include other investment companies registered under the 1940 Act, unregistered investment companies that rely on Section 3(c)(1) or Section 3(c)(7) of the 1940 Act, separately managed accounts, foreign investment companies and accounts or investments owned by the Adviser or its affiliates or the Portfolio Managers. Management of other accounts in addition to the Fund can present certain conflicts of interest, as described below.

From time to time, conflicts of interest arise between a Portfolio Manager's management of the investments of the Fund, on the one hand, and the management of other accounts, on the other. The other accounts might have similar or different investment objectives or strategies as the Fund, or otherwise hold, purchase, or sell securities or other assets or instruments that are eligible to be held, purchased or sold by the Fund, or may take positions that are opposite in direction from those taken by the Fund. In addition, investors in, or the owners of, certain accounts managed by the Adviser are also investors in the Adviser or its affiliates and/or have invested assets in accounts managed by the Adviser will receive a management fee.

As a fiduciary, the Adviser owes a duty of loyalty to its clients and must treat each client fairly. The Adviser and the Fund have adopted compliance policies and procedures that are designed to avoid, mitigate, monitor and oversee areas that could present potential conflicts of interest.

Allocation of Limited Time and Attention. A Portfolio Manager who is responsible for managing multiple accounts may devote unequal time and attention to the management of those accounts. As a result, the Portfolio Manager may not be able to formulate as complete a strategy or identify equally attractive investment opportunities for each of the accounts as might be the case if he or she were to devote substantially more attention to the management of a single account. The effects of this potential conflict may be more pronounced where accounts overseen by a particular Portfolio Manager have different investment strategies.

Allocation of Investment Opportunities. Conflicts of interest arise as a result of the Adviser's or its affiliates' management of a number of accounts with similar or different investment strategies. When the Adviser or its affiliates purchase or sell securities or other assets or instruments for more than one account, the trades must be allocated in a manner consistent with their fiduciary duties. The Adviser and its affiliates attempt to allocate investments in a fair and equitable manner over time among client accounts, with no account receiving preferential treatment over time. To this end, the Adviser and its affiliates have adopted policies and procedures that are intended to provide the Adviser and its affiliates with flexibility to allocate investments in a manner that is consistent with their fiduciary duties. There is no guarantee, however, that the policies and procedures adopted by the Adviser and its affiliates will be able to detect and/or prevent every situation in which an actual or potential conflict may appear.

An investment opportunity may be suitable for both the Fund and other accounts, but may not be available in sufficient quantities for both the Fund and the other accounts to participate fully. If a Portfolio Manager identifies a limited investment opportunity that may be suitable for multiple accounts, the opportunity may be allocated among these several accounts; as a result of these allocations, there may be instances in which the Fund will not participate in a transaction that is allocated among other accounts or the Fund may not be allocated the full amount of an investment opportunity. Similarly, there may be limited opportunity to sell an investment held by the Fund and another account. In addition, different account guidelines and/or differences within particular investment strategies may lead to the use of different investment practices for accounts with a similar investment strategy. Whenever decisions are made to buy or sell securities or other assets or instruments by the Fund and one or more of the other accounts simultaneously, the Adviser and its affiliates may aggregate the purchases and sales of the securities or other assets or instruments. The Adviser and its affiliates will not necessarily purchase or sell the same securities or other assets or instruments at the same time, in the same direction or in the same proportionate amounts for all eligible accounts, particularly if different accounts have different amounts of capital under management by the Adviser or its affiliates, different amounts of investable cash available,

different strategies or different risk tolerances. As a result, although the Adviser and its affiliates may manage different accounts with similar or identical investment objectives, or may manage accounts with different objectives that trade in the same securities or other assets or instruments, the portfolio decisions relating to these accounts, and the performance resulting from such decisions, may differ from account to account, and the trade allocation and aggregation and other policies and procedures of the Fund or the Adviser and its affiliates could have a detrimental effect on the price or amount of the securities or other assets or instruments available to the Fund from time to time. Because the aforementioned considerations may differ between the Fund and other accounts, the investment activities of the Fund and other accounts may differ considerably from time to time.

As a result of regulations governing the ability of certain clients of the Adviser and its affiliates to invest side-by-side, it is possible that the Fund may not be permitted to participate in an investment opportunity at the same time as another fund or another account managed by the Adviser or its affiliates. These limitations may limit the scope of investment opportunities that would otherwise be available to the Fund. The decision as to which accounts may participate in any particular investment opportunity will take into account applicable law and the suitability of the investment opportunity for, and the strategy of, the applicable accounts. It is possible that the Fund may be prevented from participating due to such investment opportunity being more appropriate, in the discretion of the Adviser and its affiliates, for another account.

Conflicts of Interest Among Strategies. At times, a Portfolio Manager may determine that an investment opportunity may be appropriate for only some of the accounts for which he or she exercises investment responsibility, or may decide that certain of the accounts should take differing positions with respect to a particular security or other asset or instrument. In these cases, the Portfolio Manager may place separate transactions for one or more accounts, which may affect the market price of the security or other asset or instrument or the execution of the transaction, or both, to the detriment or benefit of one or more other accounts. Similarly, the Adviser or its affiliates may take positions in accounts or investments owned by them that are similar to or different from those taken by one or more client accounts.

Conflicts may also arise in cases when accounts invest in different parts of an issuer's capital structure, including circumstances in which one or more accounts own private securities or obligations of an issuer and other accounts may own public securities of the same issuer. Actions by investors in one part of the capital structure could disadvantage investors in another part of the capital structure. In addition, purchases or sales of the same investment may be made for two or more accounts on the same date. There can be no assurance that an account will not receive less (or more) of a certain investment than it would otherwise receive if this conflict of interest among accounts did not exist. In effecting transactions, it may not be possible, or consistent with the investment objectives of accounts, to purchase or sell securities or other assets or instruments at the same time or at the same prices.

Selection of Service Providers. The Adviser or its affiliates may be able to select or influence the selection of service providers to clients, including the brokers and dealers that are used to execute securities or other transactions for the accounts that they supervise. In addition to executing trades, some brokers and dealers may provide the Adviser or its affiliates with brokerage and research services (as those terms are defined in Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")), which may result in the payment of higher brokerage fees than might have otherwise been available. These services may be more beneficial to certain accounts than to others. In addition, the Adviser or its affiliates have received and may receive loans or other services from service providers to clients. Although such services are negotiated at arm's length, they pose conflicts of interest to the Adviser or its affiliates in selecting such service providers.

Related Business Opportunities. The Adviser or its affiliates may provide more services (such as distribution or recordkeeping) for some types of accounts than for others. In such cases, a Portfolio Manager may benefit, either directly or indirectly, by devoting disproportionate attention to the management of accounts that provide greater overall returns to the Adviser and its affiliates. Capital that the Fund invests in issuers of insurance-linked securities may be invested by that issuer in other strategies managed by the Adviser or its affiliates, and the Adviser or its affiliates may earn a management fee in connection with managing those strategies. To the extent

that the Adviser or its affiliates know that the issuer has the ability to invest capital from the Fund in strategies managed by the Adviser or its affiliates, this creates an incentive for the Adviser to invest the Fund's assets in such securities. In addition, insurance and reinsurance companies that are counterparties to issuers of insurance-linked securities in which the Fund invests invest in the Adviser or its affiliates or in other funds or accounts managed by the Adviser or its affiliates, which could create an incentive for the Adviser to invest the Fund's assets in such securities.

Broad and Wide-Ranging Activities. The Adviser and its related parties engage in a broad spectrum of activities and may expand the range of services that they provide over time. The Adviser and its related parties will generally not be restricted in the scope of their business or in the performance of any such services (whether now offered or undertaken in the future), even if such activities could give rise to conflicts of interest, and whether or not such conflicts are described herein. In the ordinary course of their business activities, including activities with third-party service providers, lenders and/or counterparties, the Adviser and its related parties engage in activities where the interests of the Adviser and its related parties or the interests of their clients conflict with the interests of the shareholders of the Fund. Certain employees of the Adviser, including certain Portfolio Managers, also have responsibilities relating to the business of one or more related parties. These employees are not restricted in the amount of time that may be allocated to the business activities of the Adviser's related parties, and the allocation of such employees' time between the Adviser and its related parties may change over time.

Variation in Compensation. A conflict of interest arises where the financial or other benefits available to the Adviser differ among the accounts that it manages. The structure of the Adviser's management fee differs among accounts (such as where certain accounts pay higher management fees or a performance or incentive fee), which means the Adviser might be motivated to help certain accounts over others. In addition, a Portfolio Manager or the Adviser might be motivated to favor accounts in which such Portfolio Manager has an interest or in which the Adviser and/or its affiliates have interests. Similarly, the desire to maintain or raise assets under management or to enhance the Adviser's performance record or to derive other rewards, financial or otherwise, could influence the Adviser to lend preferential treatment to those accounts that could most significantly benefit the Adviser.

**Investments in the Fund by the Adviser.** The Adviser or its affiliates purchase shares from the Fund from time to time, and may hold a material position in the Fund. The Adviser or its affiliates face conflicting interests in determining whether, when and in what amount to redeem Fund shares. If the Adviser or its affiliate redeems a significant amount of Fund shares, this may adversely affect the Fund's performance to the extent that the Fund is required to sell investments when it would not otherwise do so.

**Investments by Adviser or Related Entities.** The Adviser or a related entity may invest in entities that may provide financial or other services for the Fund.

Certain Potential Conflicts Relating to Expenses. The allocation of fees and expenses among the Fund and other funds or accounts advised by the Adviser often cannot be resolved by reference to a pre-existing formula and will often require the Adviser to exercise its discretion to select an allocation method it determines to be appropriate in light of the particular facts and circumstances. The Adviser will be subject to conflicts of interest in making such determinations, and there can be no assurance that any allocations (i) will reflect an entity's pro rata share of such expenses based on the amounts invested (or anticipated to be invested) and/or the market value of the investment held (or anticipated to be held) by each fund advised by the Adviser, or (ii) will be in proportion to the number of participating funds advised by the Adviser or the proportion of time spent on each such fund. Similarly, the determination of whether an expense (for instance, the fees and expenses of service providers who work on Fund-related matters) is appropriately borne by the Fund (or a specific class of shares) or the Adviser often cannot be resolved by reference to a pre-existing formula and will require the exercise of discretion, and the Adviser will be subject to conflicts of interest in making such determinations.

### **Portfolio Manager Compensation**

Portfolio Managers receive a base salary and may also receive a bonus. Compensation of a Portfolio Manager is determined at the discretion of the Adviser and may be deferred. It may be based on a number of factors including the Portfolio Manager's experience, responsibilities, the perception of the quality of his or her work efforts, and the consistency with which he or she demonstrates kindness to other employees, trading counterparties, vendors and clients. As a firm focused on beta, the compensation of Portfolio Managers is not based upon the performance of client accounts that the Portfolio Managers manage. The Adviser reviews the compensation of each Portfolio Manager at least annually.

### **Portfolio Manager Securities Ownership**

As of October 31, 2020, except as otherwise noted, the Portfolio Managers beneficially owned the following shares of the Fund:

	Dollar Range of Shares
Portfolio Manager	Beneficially Owned
Paul Germain(1)	\$50,001 - \$100,000
Alexander Nyren	\$10,001 - 50,000
Benjamin Robbins	\$10,001 - 50,000
Ross Stevens(1)(2)	\$100,001 - \$500,000
Igor Zhitnitsky(1)	None

- (1) Information as of February 1, 2021.
- (2) Beneficial ownership through the Adviser's or its affiliates' investments in the Fund.

#### **Principal Underwriter**

Subject to the conditions described in the "Shareholder Information" section of the Prospectus, shares of the Fund are offered on a continuous basis through ALPS Distributors, Inc. (the "Distributor"), located at 1290 Broadway, Suite 1000, Denver, Colorado 80203, as distributor pursuant to a distribution agreement (the "Distribution Agreement") between the Distributor and the Trust, on behalf of the Fund. Pursuant to the Distribution Agreement, the Distributor shall devote its best efforts to effect sales of shares of the Fund but shall not be obligated to sell any certain number of shares. The Distributor receives no compensation from the Fund for distribution of the Fund's shares.

#### Distribution Plans Pursuant to Rule 12b-1

The Fund has adopted Rule 12b-1 plans for its Class M shares (the "Class M 12b-1 Plan") and for its Class I shares (the "Class I 12b-1 Plan" and collectively the "12b-1 Plans"). The Class M 12b-1 Plan, among other things, permits the Class M share class of the Fund to pay Rule 12b-1 fees to financial intermediaries through the Distributor at annual rates not exceeding 0.15% of the average daily net assets of the Class M share class of the Fund, such fee to be calculated and accrued daily and paid monthly. No fees are charged pursuant to the Class I 12b-1 Plan. Pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act, the 12b-1 Plans (together with the Distribution Agreement) were approved by the Board, including a majority of the Trustees who are not interested persons of the Fund (as defined in the 1940 Act) and who have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operations of the 12b-1 Plans or the Distribution Agreement. Each 12b-1 Plan is intended to benefit the class of shares to which it relates by providing additional ongoing shareholder services to such class's shareholders.

The Fund's Class M shares incurred \$164,512 in 12b-1 fees during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2020.

The table below reflects the amounts the Fund's Class M shares paid for the principal types of activities under its Class M 12b-1 Plan during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2020.

Advertising/Marketing	\$0
Printing/Postage	\$0
Payment to distributor	\$0
Payment to dealers	\$99,841
Compensation to sales personnel	\$64,671
Other	\$0
Total	\$164,512

The Class M 12b-1 Plan and the Class I 12b-1 Plan may be terminated by vote of a majority of the Independent Trustees, or by vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Class M shares and the Class I shares, respectively, of the Fund. The 12b-1 Plans may be amended by a vote of the Board, including a majority of the Independent Trustees, cast in person at a meeting called for that purpose. Any change in the Class M 12b-1 Plan or the Class I 12b-1 Plan that would materially increase the fees payable thereunder by the Class M shares or Class I shares, respectively, of the Fund requires approval by a vote of the holders of a majority of such shares outstanding. The Board reviews quarterly a written report detailing the costs that have been incurred.

The 12b-1 Plans will continue in effect for successive one-year periods; *provided* that each such continuance is specifically approved (i) by the vote of a majority of the Independent Trustees and (ii) by the vote of a majority of the entire Board cast in person at a meeting called for that purpose or by a vote of a majority of the outstanding securities of the relevant class.

No Independent Trustee has any direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the 12b-1 Plans. Except as disclosed in the Prospectus, no interested person of the Fund has any direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the 12b-1 Plans except to the extent that the Distributor, the Adviser or certain of their employees may be deemed to have such an interest as a result of benefits derived from the successful operation of the 12b-1 Plans.

#### Other Service Providers

Administrator. The Trust has entered into an administration agreement with U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, doing business as U.S. Bank Global Fund Services (the "Administrator") pursuant to which the Administrator provides administrative services to the Fund. The Administrator is responsible for (i) the general administrative duties associated with the day-to-day operations of the Fund; (ii) conducting relations with the custodian, independent registered public accounting firm, legal counsel and other service providers; (iii) providing regulatory reporting; and (iv) providing necessary office space, equipment, personnel, compensation and facilities for handling the affairs of the Fund. In performing its duties and obligations under the administration agreement, the Administrator shall not be held liable except for a loss arising out of the Administrator's refusal or failure to comply with the terms of the administration agreement or from its bad faith, negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of its duties under the administration agreement.

U.S. Bank Global Fund Services also serves as fund accountant to the Fund under a separate agreement with the Trust and is responsible for calculating the Fund's total NAV, total net income and NAV per share of the Fund on a daily basis.

The Fund paid the following administration and fund accounting fees to the Administrator during the most recent three fiscal years ended October 31:

Fiscal year ended	Fiscal year ended	Fiscal year ended
October 31, 2018	October 31, 2019	October 31, 2020
\$392,178	\$339,814	\$451,006

**Transfer Agent/Dividend Disbursing Agent.** U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, doing business as U.S. Bank Global Fund Services (the "Transfer Agent") is the transfer agent for the Fund's shares and the dividend disbursing agent for payment of dividends and distributions on Fund shares. The principal business address of the Transfer Agent is 615 East Michigan Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202.

**Custodian.** U.S. Bank NA (the "Custodian"), located at 1555 N. River Center Drive, Suite 302, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212, serves as the custodian for the Fund. As such, the Custodian holds in safekeeping certificated securities and cash belonging to the Fund and, in such capacity, is the registered owner of securities in book-entry form belonging to the Fund. Upon instruction, the Custodian receives and delivers cash and securities of the Fund in connection with Fund transactions and collects all dividends and other distributions made with respect to portfolio securities of the Fund. The Custodian also maintains certain accounts and records of the Fund.

**Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.** Ernst & Young LLP serves as the Fund's independent registered public accountant. Ernst & Young LLP provides audit services and assistance and consultation in connection with the review of Commission filings and certain tax compliance services. Ernst & Young LLP is located at 220 South 6th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402.

Counsel. Ropes & Gray LLP serves as counsel to the Fund, and is located at 800 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02199.

#### TAX STATUS

The following discussion of U.S. federal income tax consequences of investment in the Fund is based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), U.S. Treasury regulations and other applicable authority, as of the date of the preparation of this SAI. These authorities are subject to change by legislative or administrative action, possibly with retroactive effect. The following discussion is only a summary of some of the important U.S. federal income tax considerations generally applicable to investments in the Fund and does not address all aspects of taxation that may apply to shareholders or to particular shareholders. Shareholders should consult their own tax advisers regarding their particular situation and the possible application of federal, state, local or non-U.S. tax laws.

#### Taxation of the Fund

The Fund has elected to be treated and currently intends to qualify and be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of Chapter 1 of the Code. In order to qualify for the special tax treatment accorded RICs and their shareholders, the Fund generally must, among other things:

- (a) derive at least 90% of its gross income for each taxable year from (i) dividends, interest, payments with respect to certain securities loans, and gains from the sale or other disposition of stock, securities or foreign currencies, or other income (including gains from options, futures, or forward contracts) derived with respect to its business of investing in such stock, securities, or currencies, and (ii) net income derived from interests in "qualified publicly traded partnerships" (as defined below);
- (b) diversify its holdings so that, at the end of each quarter of the Fund's taxable year, (i) at least 50% of the value of the Fund's total assets is represented by cash and cash items, U.S. government securities, securities of other RICs, and other securities limited in respect of any one issuer to a value not greater than 5% of the value of the Fund's total assets and not more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer, and (ii) not more than 25% of the value of the Fund's total assets is invested, including through corporations in which the Fund owns a 20% or more voting stock interest, (x) in the securities (other than those of the U.S. government or other RICs) of any one issuer or of two or more issuers that the Fund controls and that are engaged in the same, similar, or related trades or businesses, or (y) in the securities of one or more qualified publicly traded partnerships (as defined below); and
- (c) distribute with respect to each taxable year at least 90% of the sum of its investment company taxable income (as that term is defined in the Code without regard to the deduction for dividends paid —

generally, taxable ordinary income and the excess, if any, of net short-term capital gains over net long-term capital losses) and any net tax-exempt interest income, for such year.

In general, for purposes of the 90% gross income requirement described in paragraph (a) above, income derived from a partnership will be treated as qualifying income only to the extent such income is attributable to items of income of the partnership that would be qualifying income if realized directly by the RIC. However, 100% of the net income derived from an interest in a "qualified publicly traded partnership" (a partnership (x) the interests in which are traded on an established securities market or are readily tradable on a secondary market or the substantial equivalent thereof, and (y) that derives less than 90% of its income from the qualifying income described in paragraph (a)(i) above) will be treated as qualifying income. In general, such entities will be treated as partnerships for federal income tax purposes because they meet the passive income requirement under Code section 7704(c)(2). In addition, although in general the passive loss rules of the Code do not apply to RICs, such rules do apply to a RIC with respect to items attributable to an interest in a qualified publicly traded partnership.

For purposes of the diversification test in (b) above, the term "outstanding voting securities of such issuer" will include the equity securities of a qualified publicly traded partnership. Also, for purposes of the diversification test in (b) above, the identification of the issuer (or, in some cases, issuers) of a particular Fund investment can depend on the terms and conditions of that investment. In some cases, identification of the issuer (or issuers) is uncertain under current law, and an adverse determination or future guidance by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") with respect to issuer identification for a particular type of investment may adversely affect the Fund's ability to meet the diversification test in (b) above. In addition, if the Fund were to own 20% or more of the voting interests of a corporation, the Fund would be required to "look through" such corporation to its holdings and combine the appropriate percentage of such corporation's assets with the Fund's assets for purposes of satisfying the 25% diversification test described in (b)(ii) above.

Gains from foreign currencies (including foreign currency options, foreign currency swaps, foreign currency futures and foreign currency forward contracts) currently constitute qualifying income for purposes of the 90% gross income test, described in (a) above. However, the Treasury Department has the authority to issue regulations (possibly with retroactive effect) excluding from the definition of "qualifying income" the Fund's foreign currency gains to the extent that such income is not directly related to the Fund's principal business of investing in stock or securities.

The Fund's investment strategy will potentially be limited by its intention to qualify for treatment as a RIC. The tax treatment of certain of the Fund's investments under one or more of the qualification or distribution tests applicable to RICs is not certain. An adverse determination or future guidance by the IRS or a change in law might affect the Fund's ability to qualify for such treatment.

If the Fund qualifies as a RIC that is accorded special tax treatment, the Fund generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on its income distributed in a timely manner to its shareholders in the form of dividends (including Capital Gain Dividends, as defined below). If the Fund were to fail to meet the income, diversification or distribution tests described above, the Fund could in some cases cure such failure, including by paying a Fund-level tax, paying interest, making additional distributions or disposing of certain assets. If the Fund were ineligible to or otherwise did not cure such failure for any year, or if the Fund were otherwise to fail to qualify as a RIC accorded special tax treatment for such year, the Fund would be a "C corporation" and, as such, would be subject to tax on its taxable income at corporate rates, and all distributions from earnings and profits, including any distributions of net tax-exempt income and net long-term capital gains, would be taxable to shareholders as ordinary income. Some portions of such distributions could be eligible for the dividends-received deduction in the case of corporate shareholders and may be eligible to be treated as "qualified dividend income" in the case of shareholders taxed as individuals, provided, in both cases, that the shareholder meets certain holding period and other requirements in respect of the Fund's shares (as described below). In addition, the Fund could be required to recognize unrealized gains, pay substantial taxes and interest and make substantial distributions before re-qualifying as a RIC that is accorded special tax treatment.

The Fund currently intends to distribute to its shareholders, at least annually, substantially all of its investment company taxable income (computed without regard to the dividends-paid deduction), any net tax-exempt income and any net capital gains. Investment company taxable income that is retained by the Fund will be subject to tax at regular corporate rates. The Fund may also retain for investment its net capital gain. If the Fund retains any net capital gain, it will be subject to tax at the regular corporate rates on the amount retained, but it may designate the retained amount as undistributed capital gains in a notice mailed within 60 days of the close of the Fund's taxable year to its shareholders who, in turn, (i) will be required to include in income for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as long-term capital gain, their shares of such undistributed amount, and (ii) will be entitled to credit their proportionate shares of the tax paid by the Fund on such undistributed amount against their U.S. federal income tax liabilities, if any, and to claim refunds on properly-filed U.S. tax returns to the extent the credit exceeds such liabilities. If the Fund makes this designation, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the tax basis of shares owned by a shareholder of the Fund will be increased by an amount equal under current law to the difference between the amount of undistributed capital gains included in the shareholder's gross income under clause (i) of the preceding sentence and the tax deemed paid by the shareholder under clause (ii) of the preceding sentence. The Fund is not required to, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will, make this designation if it retains all or a portion of its net capital gain in a taxable year.

In determining its net capital gain, including in connection with determining the amount available to support a Capital Gain Dividend, its taxable income and its earnings and profits, a RIC generally may elect to treat part or all of any post-October capital loss (defined as any net capital loss attributable to the portion, if any, of the taxable year after October 31, or, if there is no such loss, the net long-term capital loss or net short-term capital loss attributable to any such portion of the taxable year), or late-year ordinary loss (generally, the sum of its (i) net ordinary loss from the sale, exchange or other taxable disposition of property attributable to the portion, if any, of the taxable year after October 31, and its (ii) other net ordinary loss attributable to the portion, if any, of the taxable year after December 31) as if incurred in the succeeding taxable year.

If the Fund fails to distribute in a calendar year at least an amount equal to the sum of 98% of its ordinary income for such year and 98.2% of its capital gain net income for the one-year period ending on October 31 of such year, plus any retained amount for the prior year, the Fund will be subject to a nondeductible 4% excise tax on the undistributed amounts. For these purposes, ordinary gains and losses from the sale, exchange or other taxable disposition of property that would be properly taken into account after October 31 are treated as arising on January 1 of the following calendar year. For purposes of the excise tax, the Fund will be treated as having distributed any amount on which it has been subject to corporate income tax in the taxable year ending within the calendar year. A dividend paid to shareholders in January of a year generally is deemed to have been paid on December 31 of the preceding year, if the dividend is declared and payable to shareholders of record on a date in October, November or December of that preceding year. The Fund intends generally to make distributions sufficient to avoid imposition of the 4% excise tax, although there can be no assurance that it will be able to do so.

### **Fund Distributions**

Shareholders subject to U.S. federal income tax will be subject to tax on dividends received from the Fund, regardless of whether received in cash or reinvested in additional shares. Such distributions generally will be taxable to shareholders in the calendar year in which the distributions are received, except that a dividend declared and payable to shareholders of record in October, November or December and paid to shareholders the following January generally is deemed to have been paid by the Fund on the preceding December 31. Distributions received by tax-exempt shareholders generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax to the extent permitted under applicable tax law.

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, distributions of investment income generally are taxable to shareholders as ordinary income. Taxes to shareholders on distributions of capital gains are determined by how long the Fund owned (and is treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as having owned) the investments that generated them, rather than how long a shareholder has owned his or her shares. In general, the Fund will recognize long-

term capital gain or loss on investments it has owned (or is deemed to have owned) for more than one year, and short-term capital gain or loss on investments it has owned (or is deemed to have owned) for one year or less. Tax rules can alter the Fund's holding period in investments and thereby affect the tax treatment of gain or loss on such investments. Distributions of net capital gain (that is, the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss, in each case determined with reference to any loss carryforwards) that are properly reported by the Fund as capital gain dividends ("Capital Gain Dividends") generally will be taxable to shareholders as long-term capital gains includible in net capital gain and taxed to individuals at reduced rates. Distributions of net short-term capital gain (as reduced by any long-term capital loss for the taxable year) will be taxable to shareholders as ordinary income, and shareholders will not be able to offset distributions of the Fund's net short-term capital gains with capital losses that they recognize with respect to their other investments. As required by federal law, detailed federal tax information with respect to each calendar year will be furnished to each shareholder early in the succeeding year. The IRS and the Department of the Treasury have issued regulations that impose special rules in respect of Capital Gain Dividends received through partnership interests constituting "applicable partnership interests" under Section 1061 of the Code.

The ultimate tax characterization of the Fund's distributions made in a taxable year cannot finally be determined until after the end of that taxable year. The Fund may make total distributions during a taxable year in an amount that exceeds the Fund's "current and accumulated earnings and profits" (generally, the net investment income and net capital gains of the Fund with respect to that year), in which case the excess generally will be treated as a return of capital, which will be tax-free to the holders of the shares, up to the amount of the shareholder's tax basis in the applicable shares, with any amounts exceeding such basis treated as gain from the sale of such shares.

Capital losses in excess of capital gains ("net capital losses") are not permitted to be deducted against the Fund's net investment income. Instead, potentially subject to certain limitations, the Fund may carry net capital losses from any taxable year forward to subsequent taxable years without expiration to offset capital gains, if any realized during such subsequent taxable years. Capital loss carryforwards are reduced to the extent they offset current-year net realized capital gains, whether the Fund retains or distributes such gains. The Fund must apply such carryforwards first against gains of the same character. The Fund's available capital loss carryforwards, if any, will be set forth in its annual shareholder report for each fiscal year.

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

In general, distributions of investment income reported by the Fund as derived from qualified dividend income will be treated as qualified dividend income by a shareholder taxed as an individual, provided both the shareholder and the Fund meet the holding period and other requirements described above. If the aggregate qualified dividends received by the Fund during any taxable year are 95% or more of its gross income (excluding net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss), then 100% of the Fund's dividends (other than

Capital Gain Dividends) will be eligible to be treated as qualified dividend income. It is unclear whether or to what extent distributions from the Fund will constitute qualified dividend income.

In general, dividends of net investment income received by corporate shareholders of the Fund will qualify for the dividends-received deduction generally available to corporations to the extent of the amount of eligible dividends received by the Fund from domestic corporations for the taxable year. A dividend received by the Fund will not be treated as a dividend eligible for the dividends-received deduction (1) if it has been received with respect to any share of stock that the Fund has held for less than 46 days (91 days in the case of certain preferred stock) during the 91-day period beginning on the date which is 45 days before the date on which such share becomes ex-dividend with respect to such dividend (during the 181-day period beginning 90 days before such date in the case of certain preferred stock) or (2) to the extent that the Fund is under an obligation (pursuant to a short sale or otherwise) to make related payments with respect to positions in substantially similar or related property. Moreover, the dividends-received deduction may otherwise be disallowed or reduced (1) if the corporate shareholder fails to satisfy the foregoing requirements with respect to its shares of the Fund or (2) by application of various provisions of the Code (for instance, the dividends-received deduction is reduced in the case of a dividend received on debt-financed portfolio stock (generally, stock acquired with borrowed funds)). It is unclear whether or to what extent distributions from the Fund will qualify for the dividends-received deduction.

Any distribution of income that is attributable to (i) income received by the Fund in lieu of dividends with respect to securities on loan pursuant to a securities lending transaction or (ii) dividend income received by the Fund on securities it temporarily purchased from a counterparty pursuant to a repurchase agreement that is treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a loan by the Fund, will not constitute qualified dividend income to individual shareholders and will not be eligible for the dividends-received deduction for corporate shareholders.

Under Treasury Regulations, distributions by a RIC to its shareholders that the RIC properly reports as "section 199A dividends," as defined and subject to certain conditions described below, are treated as qualified REIT dividends in the hands of non-corporate shareholders. Non-corporate shareholders are permitted a federal income tax deduction equal to 20% of qualified REIT dividends received by them, subject to certain limitations. Very generally, a "section 199A dividend" is any dividend or portion thereof that is attributable to certain dividends received by the RIC from REITs, to the extent such dividends are properly reported as such by the RIC in a written notice to its shareholders. A section 199A dividend is treated as a qualified REIT dividend only if the shareholder receiving such dividend holds the dividend-paying RIC shares for at least 46 days of the 91-day period beginning 45 days before the shares become ex-dividend, and is not under an obligation to make related payments with respect to a position in substantially similar or related property. A RIC is permitted to report such part of its dividends as section 199A dividends as are eligible, but is not required to do so.

The Code generally imposes a 3.8% Medicare contribution tax on the net investment income of certain individuals, trusts and estates to the extent their income exceeds certain threshold amounts. For these purposes, "net investment income" generally includes, among other things, (i) distributions paid by the Fund of net investment income and capital gains as described above, and (ii) any net gain from the sale, redemption or exchange of Fund shares. Shareholders are advised to consult their tax advisers regarding the possible implications of this additional tax on their investment in the Fund.

Dividends and distributions on shares of the Fund are generally subject to U.S. federal income tax as described herein to the extent they do not exceed the Fund's realized income and gains ("current and accumulated earnings and profits"), even though such dividends and distributions may economically represent a return of a particular shareholder's investment. Such distributions are likely to occur in respect of shares purchased at a time when the net asset value of the Fund reflects either unrealized gains, or realized and undistributed income or gains, which were therefore included in the price the shareholder paid. Such realized income or gains may be required to be distributed regardless of whether the Fund's net asset value also reflects unrealized losses. Such distributions may reduce the fair market value of the Fund's shares below the shareholder's cost basis in those shares.

## Sale, Exchange or Redemption of Shares

The sale, exchange or redemption of shares of the Fund will generally give rise to a gain or loss. In general, any gain or loss realized upon a taxable disposition of shares will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the shareholder has held the shares for more than 12 months. Otherwise, the gain or loss generally will be treated as short-term capital gain or loss. However, any loss realized upon a taxable disposition of shares held for six months or less will be treated as long-term, rather than short-term, to the extent of any Capital Gain Dividends received (or deemed received) by the shareholder with respect to those shares. All or a portion of any loss realized upon a taxable disposition of shares will be disallowed under the Code's "wash sale" rule if other substantially identical shares of the Fund are purchased within 30 days before or after the disposition. In such a case, the basis of the newly purchased shares will be adjusted to reflect the disallowed loss.

If the Fund were to be deemed a "nonpublicly offered" RIC as described in "Expenses Subject to Special Pass-Through Rules" below, depending on a shareholder's percentage ownership in the Fund, a shareholder's partial redemption of Fund shares could cause the shareholder to be treated as having received a distribution under Section 301 of the Code ("Section 301 distribution") unless the redemption is treated as being either (i) "substantially disproportionate" with respect to such shareholder or (ii) otherwise "not essentially equivalent to a dividend" under the relevant rules of the Code. A Section 301 distribution is not treated as a sale or exchange giving rise to capital gain or loss, but rather is treated as a dividend to the extent supported by the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits, with the excess treated as a return of capital reducing the shareholder's tax basis in its Fund shares, and thereafter as capital gain. Where a redeeming shareholder is treated as receiving a dividend, there is a risk that other shareholders of the Fund whose percentage interests in the Fund increase as a result of such redemption will be treated as having received a taxable distribution from the Fund.

Upon the sale, exchange or redemption of Fund shares, the Fund or, in the case of shares purchased through a financial intermediary, the financial intermediary may be required to provide you and the IRS with cost basis and certain other related tax information about the Fund shares you sold, exchanged or redeemed. See "Tax Basis Information" below for more information.

#### **Controlled Foreign Corporations**

Many or most of the foreign issuers in which the Fund invests may be "controlled foreign corporations" ("CFCs") for U.S. federal income tax purposes. A U.S. person who owns (directly, indirectly or constructively) 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of a foreign corporation or 10% or more of the total value of shares of all classes of stock of a foreign corporation is a "U.S. Shareholder" of such foreign corporation for purposes of the CFC provisions of the Code. If the Fund is a "U.S. Shareholder" of a CFC, the Fund will generally be required to include in gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes for each taxable year of the Fund its pro rata share of the CFC's "subpart F income" (defined below) for the CFC's taxable year ending within the Fund's taxable year whether or not such income is distributed by the CFC. "Subpart F income" generally includes interest, original issue discount, dividends, net gains from the disposition of stocks or securities, receipts with respect to securities loans, net gains from transactions (including futures, forward and similar transactions) in commodities, net payments received with respect to equity swaps and similar derivatives, and certain income attributable to issuing (or reinsuring) of an insurance or annuity contract that Section 953(a)(1) of the Code defines as "insurance income." Subpart F income is treated as ordinary income and is included in net investment income, regardless of the character of the CFC's underlying income. Net losses incurred by a CFC during a tax year do not flow through to the Fund and thus will not be available to offset income or capital gain generated from the Fund's other investments. In addition, net losses incurred by a CFC during a tax year generally cannot be carried forward by the CFC to offset gains realized by it in subsequent tax years. The Fund's recognition of any subpart F income from an investment in a CFC will increase the Fund's tax basis in such CFC. Distributions by the CFC to the Fund will be tax-free, to the extent of the CFC's previously undistributed subpart F income, and will correspondingly reduce the Fund's tax basis in the CFC, and any distributions in excess of the Fund's tax basis in such CFC will be treated as realized gain. To the extent the Fund recognizes subpart F income in excess of actual cash distributions from a CFC, the Fund may be required to

borrow money or sell assets (including when it is not advantageous to do so) to generate the cash necessary to distribute as dividends to its shareholders all of its income and gains and therefore to eliminate any tax liability at the Fund level.

Generally, a foreign corporation is a CFC if, on any day of its taxable year, more than 50% of the voting power or value of its stock is owned (directly, indirectly or constructively) by U.S. Shareholders. For purposes of taking into account subpart F income of a foreign corporation that is insurance income (as defined above), the foreign corporation is a CFC if, on any day of its taxable year, more than 25% of the voting power or value of its stock is owned (directly, indirectly, or constructively) by U.S. Shareholders and the gross amount of premiums or other consideration in respect of the reinsurance or the issuing of insurance or annuity contracts described in Section 953(a)(1) of the Code exceeds 75% of the gross amount of all premiums or other consideration in respect of all risks.

In general, in order to qualify as a RIC, the Fund must, among other things, derive at least 90% of its gross income from certain specified sources ("qualifying income"). Under recently finalized regulations, subpart F inclusions from investments in CFCs will constitute "qualifying income" for the purposes of the 90% gross income requirement to the extent it is either (i) timely and currently repatriated or (ii) derived with respect to the Fund's business of investing in stock, securities or currencies.

## **Passive Foreign Investment Companies**

A passive foreign investment company ("PFIC") is any foreign corporation: (i) 75% or more of the gross income of which for the taxable year is passive income, or (ii) the average percentage of the assets of which (generally by value, but by adjusted tax basis in certain cases) that produce or are held for the production of passive income is at least 50%. Generally, passive income for this purpose means dividends, interest (including income equivalent to interest), royalties, rents, annuities, the excess of gains over losses from certain property transactions and commodities transactions and foreign currency gains. Passive income for this purpose does not include rents and royalties received by the foreign corporation from active business and certain income received from related persons. A foreign corporation in which the Fund invests, including a foreign issuer of event-linked bonds, will not be treated as a PFIC with respect to the Fund if such corporation is a CFC (as defined herein) and the Fund is a U.S. Shareholder (as defined herein) thereof.

Equity investments by the Fund in PFICs could potentially subject the Fund to a U.S. federal income tax or other charge (including interest charges) on the distributions received from the PFIC or on proceeds received from the disposition of shares in the PFIC. This tax cannot be eliminated by making distributions to Fund shareholders. However, the Fund may elect to avoid the imposition of that tax. For example, if the Fund is in a position to and elects to treat a PFIC as a "qualified electing fund" (i.e., make a "QEF election"), the Fund will be required to include its share of the PFIC's income and net capital gains annually, regardless of whether it receives any distribution from the PFIC. Alternatively, the Fund may make an election to mark the gains (and to a limited extent losses) in such holdings "to the market" as though it had sold and repurchased its holdings in those PFICs on the last day of the Fund's taxable year. Such gains and losses are treated as ordinary income and loss. The QEF and mark-to-market elections may accelerate the recognition of income (without the receipt of cash) and increase the amount required to be distributed by the Fund to avoid taxation. Making either of these elections therefore may require the Fund to liquidate other investments (including when it is not advantageous to do so) to meet its distribution requirement, which also may accelerate the recognition of gain and affect the Fund's total return. Dividends paid by PFICs will not be eligible to be treated as "qualified dividend income."

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

## **Foreign Taxation**

Income and proceeds received by the Fund from sources within foreign countries may be subject to withholding and other taxes imposed by such countries. Tax treaties between certain countries and the U.S. may reduce or

eliminate such taxes. If more than 50% of the Fund's assets at the close of the taxable year consist of the securities of foreign corporations, the Fund may elect to permit shareholders to claim a credit or deduction on their income tax returns for their pro rata portions of qualified taxes paid by the Fund to foreign countries in respect of foreign securities that the Fund has held, under Code rules, for at least the minimum period specified in the Code. For this purpose, "securities of foreign corporations" generally includes securities of foreign governments. In such cases, shareholders will include in gross income from foreign sources their pro rata shares of such taxes paid by the Fund. A shareholder's ability to claim an offsetting foreign tax credit or deduction in respect of such foreign taxes is subject to certain limitations imposed by the Code, which may result in the shareholder's not receiving a full credit or deduction (if any) for the amount of such taxes. For example, shareholders who do not itemize on their U.S. federal income tax returns may claim a credit but not a deduction for such foreign taxes. The Fund expects to be eligible to make this election. Even if the Fund were eligible to make such an election for a given year, it may determine not to do so. Shareholders that are not subject to U.S. federal income tax, and those who invest in the Fund through tax-advantaged accounts (including those who invest through individual retirement accounts or other tax-advantaged retirement plans), generally will receive no benefit from any tax credit or deduction passed through by the Fund.

## Original Issue Discount, Pay-in-Kind Securities, and Market Discount

Some debt obligations with a fixed maturity date of more than one year from the date of issuance (and all zero-coupon debt obligations with a fixed maturity date of more than one year from the date of issuance) will be treated as debt obligations that are issued originally at a discount. Generally, the amount of the original issue discount ("OID") is treated as interest income and is included in the Fund's taxable income (and required to be distributed by the Fund) over the term of the debt obligation, even though payment of that amount is not received until a later time (i.e., upon partial or full repayment or disposition of the debt security) or is received in kind rather than in cash. Increases in the principal amount of an inflation-indexed bond will be treated as OID.

Some debt obligations with a fixed maturity date of more than one year from the date of issuance that are acquired by the Fund in the secondary market may be treated as having "market discount." Very generally, market discount is the excess of the stated redemption price of a debt obligation (or in the case of an obligation issued with OID, its "revised issue price") over the purchase price of such obligation. In the case of higher-risk securities, the amount of market discount may be unclear. See "Higher-Risk Securities." Subject to the discussion below regarding Section 451 of the Code, (i) generally, any gain recognized on the disposition of, and any partial payment of principal on, a debt obligation having market discount is treated as ordinary income to the extent the gain, or principal payment, does not exceed the "accrued market discount" on such debt obligation, (ii) alternatively, the Fund may elect to accrue market discount currently, in which case the Fund will be required to include the accrued market discount in the Fund's income (as ordinary income) and thus distribute it over the term of the debt security, even though payment of that amount is not received until a later time, upon partial or full repayment or disposition of the debt security, and (iii) the rate at which the market discount accrues, and thus is included in the Fund's income, will depend upon which of the permitted accrual methods the Fund elects. Notwithstanding the foregoing, effective for taxable years beginning after 2017, Section 451 of the Code generally requires any accrual method taxpayer to take into account items of gross income no later than the time at which such items are taken into account as revenue in the taxpayer's financial statements. The IRS and the Department of the Treasury have issued final regulations providing that this rule does not apply to the accrual of market discount.

Some debt obligations with a fixed maturity date of one year or less from the date of issuance may be treated as having "acquisition discount" (very generally, the excess of the stated redemption price over the purchase price), or OID in the case of certain types of debt obligations. Generally, the Fund will be required to include the acquisition discount, or OID, in income (as ordinary income) over the term of the debt obligation, even though payment of that amount is not received until a later time (i.e., upon partial or full repayment or disposition of the debt security) or is received in kind rather than in cash. The Fund may make one or more of the elections applicable to debt obligations having acquisition discount, or OID, which could affect the character and timing of recognition of income.

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

#### Securities Purchased at a Premium

Very generally, where the Fund purchases a bond at a price that exceeds the redemption price at maturity – that is, at a premium – the premium is amortizable over the remaining term of the bond. In the case of a taxable bond, if the Fund makes an election applicable to all such bonds it purchases, which election is irrevocable without consent of the IRS, the Fund reduces the current taxable income from the bond by the amortized premium and reduces its tax basis in the bond by the amount of such offset; upon the disposition or maturity of such bonds, the Fund is permitted to deduct any remaining premium allocable to a prior period.

## **Higher-Risk Securities**

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

## **Issuer Deductibility of Interest**

A portion of the interest paid or accrued on certain high yield discount obligations owned by the Fund may not be deductible to (and thus, may affect the cash flow of) the issuer. If a portion of the interest paid or accrued on certain high yield discount obligations is not deductible, that portion will be treated as a dividend for purposes of the corporate dividends received deduction. In such cases, if the issuer of the high yield discount obligations is a domestic corporation, dividend payments by the Fund may be eligible for the dividends-received deduction to the extent of the deemed dividend portion of such accrued interest. Interest paid on debt obligations owned by the Fund, if any, that are considered for U.S. tax purposes to be payable in the equity of the issuer or a related party will not be deductible to the issuer, possibly affecting the cash flow of the issuer.

## **Derivatives and Other Transactions**

The Fund's transactions in derivative instruments, as well as any of its other hedging, short sale, securities loan or similar transactions, may be subject to one or more special tax rules (including mark-to-market, constructive sale, notional principal contract, straddle, wash sale and short sale rules). These rules may affect whether gains and losses recognized by the Fund are treated as ordinary or capital or as short-term or long-term, accelerate the recognition of income or gains to the Fund, defer losses to the Fund, and cause adjustments in the holding periods of the Fund's securities. These rules, therefore, could affect the amount, timing and character of distributions to shareholders. Because these and other tax rules applicable to the Fund's investments are in some cases uncertain under current law, an adverse determination or future guidance by the IRS with respect to these rules may affect whether the Fund has made sufficient distributions, and otherwise satisfied the relevant requirements, to maintain its qualification as a RIC and avoid a Fund-level tax.

Certain of the Fund's investments in derivative instruments and in foreign-currency denominated instruments, and any of the Fund's transactions in foreign currencies and hedging activities, are likely to produce a difference

between the Fund's book income and the sum of its taxable income and net tax-exempt income (if any). If the Fund's book income is less than the sum of its taxable income and net tax-exempt income (if any), the Fund could be required to make distributions exceeding book income to qualify as a RIC that is accorded special tax treatment and to avoid a Fund-level tax. If, in the alternative, the Fund's book income exceeds the sum of its taxable income (including realized capital gains) and net tax-exempt income (if any), the distribution (if any) of such excess will be treated as (i) a dividend to the extent of the Fund's remaining earnings and profits (including earnings and profits arising from tax-exempt income), (ii) thereafter, as a return of capital to the extent of the recipient's basis in its shares, and (iii) thereafter, as gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset.

#### **Tax-Exempt Shareholders**

Income of a RIC that would be UBTI if earned directly by a tax-exempt entity will not generally be attributed as UBTI to a tax-exempt shareholder of a RIC. Notwithstanding this "blocking" effect, a tax-exempt shareholder could recognize UBTI by virtue of its investment in the Fund if shares in the Fund constitute debt-financed property in the hands of the tax-exempt shareholder within the meaning of Section 514(b) of the Code.

## **Foreign Currency Transactions**

The Fund's transactions in foreign currencies, foreign currency-denominated debt obligations and certain foreign currency options, futures contracts and forward contracts (and similar instruments) may give rise to ordinary income or loss to the extent such income or loss results from fluctuations in the value of the foreign currency concerned. Any such net gains could require a larger dividend toward the end of the calendar year. Any such net losses will generally reduce and potentially require the recharacterization of prior ordinary income distributions. Such ordinary income treatment may accelerate Fund distributions to shareholders and increase the distributions taxed to shareholders as ordinary income. Any net ordinary losses so created cannot be carried forward by the Fund to offset income or gains earned in subsequent taxable years.

#### Foreign Shareholders

In general, the Fund's dividends are not subject to a U.S. withholding tax when paid to a shareholder that is not a "U.S. Person" within the meaning of the Code (such a shareholder, a "foreign shareholder") to the extent properly reported by the Fund as (1) interest-related dividends or short-term capital gains dividends, each as defined below and subject to certain conditions described below, (2) Capital Gain Dividends or (3) distributions treated as a return of capital with respect to such foreign shareholder.

The exception to withholding for "interest-related dividends" generally applies with respect to distributions (other than distributions to a foreign shareholder (w) that does not provide a satisfactory statement that the beneficial owner is not a U.S. person, (x) to the extent that the dividend is attributable to certain interest on an obligation if the foreign shareholder is the issuer or is a 10% shareholder of the issuer, (y) that is within certain foreign countries that have inadequate information exchange with the United States or (z) to the extent the dividend is attributable to interest paid by a person that is a related person of the foreign shareholder and the foreign shareholder is a controlled foreign corporation) from U.S.-source interest income of types similar to those not subject to U.S. federal income tax if earned directly by an individual foreign shareholder, to the extent such distributions are properly reported as such by the Fund in a written notice to shareholders ("interest-related dividends"). The exception to withholding for "short-term capital gain dividends" generally applies with respect to distributions (other than (a) distributions to an individual foreign shareholder who is present in the United States for a period or periods aggregating 183 days or more during the year of the distribution or (b) distributions subject to special rules regarding the disposition of U.S. real property interests) of net short-term capital gains in excess of net long-term capital losses to the extent such distributions are properly reported by the Fund ("short-term capital gain dividends"). The Fund is permitted to report such part of its dividends as interest-related or short-term capital gain dividends as are eligible, but is not required to do so. In the case of shares held through an intermediary, the intermediary may withhold even if the Fund reports all or a portion of a payment as an interest-related or short-term capital gain dividend to shareholders. These exemptions from withholding will not

available to foreign shareholders of the Fund if it does not currently report its dividends as interest-related or short-term capital gain dividends. Foreign shareholders should contact their intermediaries regarding the application of these rules to their accounts.

Distributions by the Fund to foreign shareholders other than Capital Gain Dividends, interest-related dividends, and short-term capital gain dividends (e.g., distributions attributable to dividends and foreign-source interest income) are generally subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% (or lower applicable treaty rate).

Under U.S. federal tax law, a foreign shareholder generally is not subject to U.S. federal income tax on gains (and is not allowed a deduction for losses) realized on the sale of shares of the Fund or on Capital Gain Dividends, interest-related dividends or short-term capital gain dividends unless (i) such gain or dividend is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business carried on by such holder within the United States, or (ii) in the case of an individual holder, the holder is present in the United States for a period or periods aggregating 183 days or more during the year of the sale or the receipt of the Capital Gain Dividend and certain other conditions are met. Foreign shareholders should consult their tax advisers and, if holding shares through intermediaries, their intermediaries, concerning the application of these rules to their investment in the Fund.

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

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

Special rules (including withholding and reporting requirements) apply to foreign partnerships and those holding Fund shares through foreign partnerships. Additional considerations may apply to foreign trusts and estates. Investors holding Fund shares through foreign entities should consult their tax advisers about their particular situation. A beneficial holder of Fund shares who is a foreign shareholder may be subject to state and local tax and to the U.S. federal estate tax in addition to the federal tax on income referred to above.

#### **Backup Withholding**

The Fund generally is required to withhold and remit to the U.S. Treasury a percentage of the taxable distributions and redemption proceeds paid to any individual shareholder (i) who fails to properly furnish the Fund with a correct taxpayer identification number, (ii) who has under-reported dividend or interest income, or (iii) who fails to certify to the Fund that he or she is not subject to such withholding.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld may be credited against the shareholder's U.S. federal income tax liability; *provided* that the appropriate information is furnished to the IRS.

## **Tax Basis Information**

The Fund (or its administrative agent) must report to the IRS and furnish to Fund shareholders the cost basis information and holding period for Fund shares. The Fund will permit Fund shareholders to elect from among

several IRS-accepted cost basis methods, including average cost. In the absence of an election, shareholder cost basis will be determined under the default method selected by the Fund. The cost basis method a shareholder elects (or the cost basis method applied by default) may not be changed with respect to a redemption of shares after the settlement date of the redemption. Fund shareholders should consult with their tax advisers to determine the best IRS-accepted cost basis method for their tax situation and to obtain more information about how the new cost basis reporting rules apply to them.

#### **Tax Shelter Reporting Regulations**

Under U.S. Treasury regulations, if a shareholder recognizes a loss with respect to the Fund's shares of \$2 million or more for an individual shareholder or \$10 million or more for a corporate shareholder, the shareholder must file with the IRS a disclosure statement on Form 8886. Direct shareholders of portfolio securities are in many cases excepted from this reporting requirement, but under current guidance, shareholders of a RIC are not excepted. Future guidance may extend the current exception from this reporting requirement to shareholders of most or all RICs. The fact that a loss is reportable under these regulations does not affect the legal determination of whether the taxpayer's treatment of the loss is proper. Shareholders should consult their tax advisers to determine the applicability of these regulations in light of their individual circumstances.

## Shareholder Reporting Obligations with Respect to Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts

Shareholders that are U.S. persons and own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the Fund by vote or value could be required to report annually their "financial interest" in the Fund's "foreign financial accounts," if any, on FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. Shareholders should consult a tax adviser, and persons investing in the Fund through an intermediary should contact their intermediary, regarding the applicability to them of this reporting requirement.

## Other Reporting and Withholding Requirements

Sections 1471-1474 of the Code and the U.S. Treasury Regulations and IRS guidance issued thereunder (collectively, "FATCA") generally require the Fund to obtain information sufficient to identify the status of each of its shareholders under FATCA or under an applicable intergovernmental agreement (an "IGA"). If a shareholder fails to provide this information or otherwise fails to comply with FATCA or an IGA, the Fund or its agents may be required to withhold under FATCA 30% of the distributions, other than distributions properly reported as Capital Gain Dividends, the Fund pays to that shareholder. If a payment by the Fund is subject to FATCA withholding, the Fund or its agent is required to withhold even if such payment would otherwise be exempt from withholding under the rules applicable to foreign shareholders described above. The IRS and the Department of Treasury have issued proposed regulations providing that the gross proceeds of share redemptions or exchanges and Capital Gain Dividends the Fund pays will not be subject to FATCA withholding.

Each prospective investor is urged to consult its tax adviser regarding the applicability of FATCA and any other reporting requirements with respect to the prospective investor's own situation, including investments through an intermediary. In addition, foreign countries have implemented or are considering, and may implement, laws similar in purpose and scope to FATCA, as more fully described above.

#### **Expenses Subject to Special Pass-Through Rules**

The Fund will not be considered to be a "publicly offered" RIC if it does not have at least 500 investors at all times during a taxable year, it is not regularly traded on an established securities market, and its shares are not treated as continuously offered pursuant to a public offering. It is possible that the Fund will not be treated as a "publicly offered" RIC for one or more of its taxable years. Very generally, pursuant to Treasury Department regulations, expenses of a RIC that is not "publicly offered," except those specific to its status as a RIC or separate entity (e.g., registration fees or transfer agency fees), are subject to special "pass-through" rules. These expenses (which include direct and certain indirect advisory fees) are treated as additional dividends to certain

Fund shareholders (generally including other RICs that are not "publicly offered," individuals and entities that compute their taxable income in the same manner as an individual), and are, other than in the case of a shareholder that is a RIC that is not "publicly offered," not deductible by those shareholders under current law.

#### Shares Purchased through Tax-Qualified Plans

Special tax rules apply to investments through defined contribution plans and other tax-qualified plans. Shareholders should consult their tax advisers to determine the suitability of shares of the Fund as an investment through such plans, and the precise effect of an investment on their particular tax situation.

Shareholders should consult their own tax advisers as to the state or local tax consequences of investing in the Fund.

#### PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS AND BROKERAGE

#### **Investment Decisions and Portfolio Transactions**

Investment decisions for the Fund are made with a view to achieving its investment objective. Investment decisions are the product of many factors in addition to basic suitability for the particular client involved (including the Fund). Some securities considered for investment by the Fund also may be appropriate for other accounts managed by the Adviser. Thus, a particular security may be bought or sold for certain accounts even though it could have been bought or sold for other accounts at the same time. If a purchase or sale of securities consistent with the investment policies of the Fund and one or more of these other accounts is considered at or about the same time, transactions in such securities will generally be allocated among the Fund and other accounts in the manner described above under "Potential Conflicts of Interest – Allocation of Investment Opportunities" and "– Conflicts of Interest Among Strategies" above. When the Adviser determines that an investment opportunity is appropriate for the Fund and one or more other accounts, the Adviser will generally execute transactions for the Fund on an aggregated basis with the other accounts when the Adviser believes that to do so will allow it to obtain best execution and to negotiate more favorable commission rates or other transaction costs than might have otherwise been paid had such orders been placed independently. Aggregation, or "bunching," describes a procedure whereby an investment adviser combines the orders of two or more clients into a single order for the purpose of obtaining better prices and lower execution costs.

## **Brokerage and Research Services**

There is generally no stated commission in the case of securities traded on a principal basis in the over-the-counter markets, but the price paid by the Fund usually includes an undisclosed dealer commission or markup. In underwritten offerings, the price paid by the Fund includes a disclosed, fixed commission or discount retained by the underwriter or dealer. Transactions on U.S. stock exchanges and other agency transactions involve the payment by the Fund of negotiated brokerage commissions. Such commissions vary among different brokers. Also, a particular broker may charge different commissions according to such factors as the difficulty and size of the transaction. Transactions in non-U.S. securities generally involve the payment of fixed brokerage commissions, which are generally higher than those in the United States. The purchase by the Fund of participations or assignments may be pursuant to privately negotiated transactions pursuant to which the Fund may be required to pay fees to the seller or forego a portion of payments in respect of the participation agreement.

The Adviser places orders for the purchase and sale of portfolio securities, options and futures contracts and buys and sells such securities, options and futures for the Fund through multiple brokers and dealers. The Adviser will place trades for execution only with approved brokers or dealers. In effecting such purchases and sales, the Adviser seeks the most favorable price and execution of the Fund's orders. In doing so, the Fund may pay higher commissions than the lowest available when the Adviser believes it is reasonable to do so. In seeking the most favorable price and execution, the Adviser, having in mind the Fund's best interests, considers all factors it

deems relevant, including, price, the size of the transaction, the nature of the market for the security, the amount of the commission, the timing of the transaction taking into account market prices and trends, the reputation, experience and financial stability of the broker-dealer involved and the quality of service rendered by the broker-dealer in that or other transactions.

It has for many years been a common practice in the investment advisory business for advisers of investment companies and other institutional investors to receive research and brokerage products and services (together, "research and brokerage services") from brokerdealers which execute portfolio transactions for the clients of such advisers. Consistent with this practice, the Adviser may receive research and brokerage services from broker-dealers with which the Adviser places the Fund's portfolio transactions. These research and brokerage services, which in some cases also may be purchased for cash, may include, among other things, such items as general economic and security market reviews, industry and company reviews, evaluations of securities, recommendations as to the purchase and sale of securities, and services related to the execution of securities transactions. The advisory fees paid by the Fund are not reduced because the Adviser receives such research and brokerage services even though the receipt of such research and brokerage services relieves the Adviser from expenses it might otherwise bear. Research and brokerage services provided by broker-dealers chosen by the Adviser to place the Fund's transactions may be useful to the Adviser in providing services to the Adviser's other clients, although not all of these research and brokerage services may be necessarily useful and of value to the Adviser in managing the Fund. Conversely, research and brokerage services provided to the Adviser by broker-dealers in connection with trades executed on behalf of other clients of the Adviser may be useful to the Adviser in managing the Fund, although not all of these research and brokerage services may be necessarily useful and of value to the Adviser in managing such other clients. To the extent the Adviser uses such research and brokerage services, it will use them for the benefit of all clients, to the extent reasonably practicable. Currently, the Adviser does not direct portfolio transactions for the Fund to a particular broker-dealer because the broker-dealer provides soft dollar benefits to the Adviser.

In reliance on the "safe harbor" provided by Section 28(e) of the Exchange Act, the Adviser may cause the Fund to pay a broker-dealer which provides "brokerage and research services" (as defined for purposes of Section 28(e)) to the Adviser an amount of commission for effecting a securities transaction for the Fund in excess of the commission which another broker-dealer would have charged for effecting that transaction if the Adviser makes a good faith determination that the commissions are reasonable in relation to the value of brokerage and research services provided, viewed in terms of either a particular transaction or the Adviser's overall responsibilities to all discretionary accounts.

The Adviser may place orders for the purchase and sale of exchange-listed portfolio securities with a broker-dealer that is an affiliate of the Adviser where, in the judgment of the Adviser, such firm will be able to obtain a price and execution at least as favorable as other qualified broker-dealers. Pursuant to rules of the Commission, a broker-dealer that is an affiliate of the Adviser may receive and retain compensation for effecting portfolio transactions for the Fund on a securities exchange if the commissions paid to such an affiliated broker-dealer by the Fund on exchange transactions do not exceed "usual and customary brokerage commissions." The rules define "usual and customary" commissions to include amounts which are "reasonable and fair compared to the commission, fee or other remuneration received or to be received by other brokers in connection with comparable transactions involving similar securities being purchased or sold on a securities exchange during a comparable period of time."

The Fund paid the following brokerage commissions during the most recent three fiscal years ended October 31:

Fiscal Year Ended	Fiscal Year Ended	Fiscal Year Ended
October 31, 2018	October 31, 2019	October 31, 2020
\$2,112	\$162	\$19

**Regular Broker Dealers.** The Fund is required to identify the securities of its regular brokers or dealers (as defined in Rule 10b-1 under the 1940 Act) or their parent companies held by the Fund as of the close of its most

recent fiscal year and state the value of such holdings. As of October 31, 2020, the Fund did not hold any securities of its regular brokers or dealers or their parent companies.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE TRUST**

The Trustees are responsible for the management and supervision of the Trust. The Trust's Declaration of Trust permits the Trustees to issue an unlimited number of full and fractional shares of beneficial interest of the Fund or other series of the Trust with or without par value. Under the Declaration of Trust, the Trustees have the authority to create and classify shares of beneficial interest in separate series and classes without further action by shareholders. Additional series may be added in the future. The Trustees also have authorized the issuance of two classes of shares for the Fund, designated as Class I and Class M. Additional classes of shares may be authorized in the future.

The shares of each class of the Fund represent an equal proportionate interest in the net assets attributable to that class of the Fund. Holders of each class of shares have certain exclusive voting rights on matters relating to their respective distribution plan, if any. The different classes of the Fund may bear different expenses relating to the cost of holding shareholder meetings necessitated by the exclusive voting rights of any class of shares.

Dividends paid by the Fund, if any, with respect to each class of shares will be calculated in the same manner, at the same time and on the same day and will be in the same amount, except for differences resulting from the facts that: (i) the distribution and service fees, if any, relating to each class will be borne exclusively by that class; and (ii) each class of shares will bear any class expenses properly allocable to that class of shares, subject to the conditions the IRS imposes with respect to the multiple- class structures. Similarly, the NAV per share may vary depending on which class of shares is purchased. No interest will be paid on uncashed dividend or redemption checks.

Unless otherwise required by the 1940 Act or the Declaration of Trust, the Trust has no intention of holding annual meetings of shareholders. Trust shareholders may remove a Trustee by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Trust's outstanding shares and the Trustees shall promptly call a meeting for such purpose when requested to do so in writing by the record holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Trust. Shareholders may, under certain circumstances, communicate with other shareholders in connection with requesting a special meeting of shareholders. However, at any time that less than a majority of the Trustees holding office were elected by the shareholders, the Trustees will call a special meeting of shareholders for the purpose of electing Trustees.

In the event of liquidation, shareholders of each Class are entitled to share pro rata in the net assets of the Fund available for distribution to these shareholders. Shares entitle their holders to one vote per share (and fractional votes for fractional shares), are freely transferable and have no preemptive, subscription or conversion rights. When issued, shares are fully paid and non-assessable.

The Declaration of Trust disclaims shareholder liability for acts or obligations of the Trust. The Declaration of Trust further provides for indemnification out of the Fund's property for all loss and expense of any shareholder held personally liable for the obligations of the Fund by reason of owning shares of the Fund. Thus, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is considered remote since it is limited to circumstances in which the disclaimer is inoperative and the Fund itself would be unable to meet its obligations.

The Declaration of Trust further provides that the Board will not be liable for errors of judgment or mistakes of fact or law. However, nothing in the Declaration of Trust protects a Trustee against any liability to which the Trustee would otherwise be subject by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of his or her office. The Declaration of Trust of the Trust provides for indemnification by the Trust of Trustees and officers of the Trust; however, such persons may not be indemnified against any liability to the Trust or the Trust's shareholders to whom he or she would otherwise be subject by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of his or her office.

#### PURCHASES AND REDEMPTION OF SHARES

The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order application that conflicts with the Fund's internal policies or the policies of any regulatory authority. All checks must be in U.S. Dollars drawn on a domestic bank (*i.e.*, a bank with a branch in the U.S.). The Fund will not accept payment in cash or money orders. The Fund does not accept postdated checks or any conditional order or payment. To prevent check fraud, the Fund will not accept third-party checks, Treasury checks, credit card checks, traveler's checks or starter checks for the purchase of shares.

If you elect to receive distributions and/or dividends by check and the post office cannot deliver the check, or if the check remains uncashed for six months, the Fund reserves the right to reinvest the distribution check in your Fund account at the then current NAV per share and to reinvest all subsequent distributions in shares of the Fund.

Information provided on the account application may be used by the Fund to verify the accuracy of the information or for background or financial history purposes. A joint account will be administered as a joint tenancy with right of survivorship, unless the joint owners notify the transfer agent of a different intent. A shareholder's account is governed by the laws of the State of Delaware. For telephone transactions, the Transfer Agent will take measures to verify the identity of the caller, such as asking for name, account number, Social Security or other taxpayer ID number and other relevant information. If appropriate measures are taken, the Transfer Agent is not responsible for any loss that may occur to any account due to an unauthorized telephone call. Also for your protection telephone redemptions are not permitted on accounts whose names or addresses have changed within the past 30 days. Proceeds from telephone transactions can only be mailed to the address of record or sent via wire or ACH to the bank of record pre-established on the account.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited financial statements and notes thereto in the Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended on October 31, 2020, as filed with the Commission on January 11, 2021 (File No. 811-22761) (the "Annual Report"), are incorporated into this SAI by reference. The financial statements included in the Annual Report have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, whose report thereon is also incorporated herein by reference. No other parts of the Annual Report are incorporated by reference herein. Copies of the Annual Report may be obtained at no charge by calling the Fund at (855) 609-3680.

## APPENDIX A

#### SECURITIES RATINGS

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

The following is a description of the characteristics of ratings used by Moody's and S&P Global Ratings.

## Moody's Ratings\*

- Aaa—Obligations rated Aaa are judged to be of the highest quality, subject to the lowest level of credit risk.
- **Aa**—Obligations rated Aa are judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk.
- A—Obligations rated A are judged to be upper-medium-grade and are subject to low credit risk.
- **Baa**—Obligations rated Baa are judged to be medium-grade and subject to moderate credit risk and as such may possess certain speculative characteristics.
  - **Ba**—Obligations rated Ba are judged to be speculative and are subject to substantial credit risk.
  - **B**—Obligations rated B are considered speculative and are subject to high credit risk.
  - Caa—Obligations rated Caa are judged to be speculative of poor standing and are subject to very high credit risk.
- Ca—Obligations rated Ca are highly speculative and are likely in, or very near, default, with some prospect of recovery of principal and interest.
  - C—Obligations rated C are the lowest rated and are typically in default, with little prospect for recovery of principal or interest.
- \*Note: Moody's appends numerical modifiers 1, 2 and 3 to each generic rating classification from Aa through Caa. The modifier 1 indicates that the obligation ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category; the modifier 2 indicates a mid-range ranking; and the modifier 3 indicates a ranking in the lower end of that generic rating category.

## **S&P Global Ratings\***

- **AAA**—An obligation rated 'AAA' has the highest rating assigned by S&P Global Ratings. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is extremely strong.
- **AA**—An obligation rated 'AA' differs from the highest-rated obligations only to a small degree. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is very strong.

- **A**—An obligation rated 'A' is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher-rated categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is still strong.
- **BBB**—An obligation rated 'BBB' exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to weaken the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
- **BB**; **B**; **CCC**; **CC**; and **C**—Obligations rated 'BB', 'B', 'CCC', 'CC' and 'C' are regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. 'BB' indicates the least degree of speculation and 'C' the highest. While such obligations will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposures to adverse conditions.
- **BB**—An obligation rated 'BB' is less vulnerable to nonpayment than other speculative issues. However, it faces major ongoing uncertainties or exposure to adverse business, financial or economic conditions that could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
- **B**—An obligation rated 'B' is more vulnerable to nonpayment than obligations rated 'BB', but the obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation. Adverse business, financial or economic conditions will likely impair the obligor's capacity or willingness to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
- CCC—An obligation rated 'CCC' is currently vulnerable to nonpayment and is dependent upon favorable business, financial and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitments on the obligation. In the event of adverse business, financial or economic conditions, the obligor is not likely to have the capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
- CC—An obligation rated 'CC' is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment. The 'CC' rating is used when a default has not yet occurred but S&P Global Ratings expects default to be a virtual certainty, regardless of the anticipated time to default.
- **C**—An obligation rated 'C' is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment, and the obligation is expected to have lower relative seniority or lower ultimate recovery compared with obligations that are rated higher.
- **D**—An obligation rated 'D' is in default or in breach of an imputed promise. For non-hybrid capital instruments, the 'D' rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due, unless S&P Global Ratings believes that such payments will be made within five business days in the absence of a stated grace period or within the earlier of the stated grace period or 30 calendar days. The 'D' rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of similar action and where default on an obligation is a virtual certainty, for example due to automatic stay provisions. A rating on an obligation is lowered to 'D' if it is subject to a distressed exchange offer.
  - **NR**—This indicates that a rating has not been assigned or is no longer assigned.
- \*The ratings from 'AA' to 'CCC' may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the rating categories.

#### APPENDIX B

#### STONE RIDGE ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC

#### PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

## I. Governing Standards

The Registered Funds have delegated to the Adviser the responsibility for voting Registered Fund securities. Private Funds or Managed Account Clients may delegate such responsibility to the Adviser. As a fiduciary, an investment adviser with proxy voting authority has a duty to monitor corporate events and to vote proxies, as well as a duty to cast votes in the best interest of clients and not subrogate client interests to its own interests. The Adviser has adopted these written proxy voting policies and procedures (the "Proxy Policy") as required under Rule 206(4)-6 under the Advisers Act. In addition to covering the voting of equity securities, the Proxy Policy also applies generally to voting and/or consent rights of fixed income securities, including but not limited to, plans of reorganization, and waivers and consents under applicable indentures. The Proxy Policy does not apply, however, to consent rights that primarily entail decisions to buy or sell investments, such as tender or exchange offers, conversions, put options, redemption and Dutch auctions. The Proxy Policy, which has been designed to ensure that the Adviser votes proxies in the best interest of its Clients and provides Clients with information about how their proxies are voted, contains procedures to mitigate material conflicts of interests between Clients and the Adviser and its affiliated persons when voting proxies.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Proxy Policy applies to shareholder votes and consents that the Adviser has authority to exercise on behalf of a Client, including votes and consents for private entities that do not involve proxies. All references to votes by proxy in this Proxy Policy shall be interpreted to include both votes by proxy and votes and consents that do not involve proxies.

## II. Policy

The Proxy Policy applies to those Client accounts that contain voting securities and for which the Adviser has been delegated the authority to vote client proxies. When voting proxies for Client accounts, the Adviser's primary objective is to make voting decisions solely in the best interest of all Clients for which it manages assets. The Adviser has selected an unaffiliated third party proxy research and voting service, Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. ("ISS" or the "Proxy Voting Service"), to assist it in researching, recordkeeping and voting of proxies. With respect to each proxy received, the Proxy Voting Service researches the financial implications of the proposals and provides a recommendation to the Adviser as to how to vote on each proposal based on the Proxy Voting Service's research of the individual facts and circumstances and the Proxy Voting Service's application of its research findings to an applicable set of guidelines, the ISS' Proxy Voting Summary Guidelines ("ISS Guidelines"). The ISS Guidelines are intended to provide a general overview by highlighting the key policies that ISS applies to companies listed in the applicable geographic region. However, ISS' analysis is on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration sector, industry and business performance factors. These guidelines have been approved by the Adviser and, although the Adviser intends to vote consistently with the voting recommendation of the Proxy Voting Service, upon the recommendation of the applicable portfolio managers, the Adviser may determine to override any recommendation made by the Proxy Voting Service or abstain from voting. In the event that the Proxy Voting Service does not provide a recommendation with respect to a proposal, as in the case of votes involving private issuers, the Adviser may determine to vote on the proposals directly and will do so in a manner consistent with the principles set forth in this Proxy Policy.

The Adviser may determine not to vote a proxy if: (1) the effect on the applicable economic interests or the value of the portfolio holding is insignificant in relation to an individual Client account or in the aggregate with all Client accounts; (2) the cost of voting the proxy outweighs the possible benefit to the applicable Client

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account, including situations where a jurisdiction imposes share blocking restrictions that may affect the ability of the portfolio managers to effect trades in the related security; or (3) the Adviser otherwise has determined that it is consistent with its fiduciary obligations not to vote the proxy.

In addition, neither the Adviser nor the Proxy Voting Service will be able to vote for any securities on loan by an account. In the event that the Adviser is aware of a material vote on behalf of a Client with respect to securities on loan by the custodian, the Adviser will call back the loan to vote the proxy if the Adviser determines that the benefits to the Client of voting on such proposal outweigh the benefits to the client of having the security remain out on loan, and if time permits.

The Adviser will not accept direction on how to vote individual proxies for which it has voting responsibility from any other person or organization other than Adviser personnel or the Proxy Voting Service.

## III. Conflicts of Interest Procedures

For voting of securities, the Adviser believes that application of the ISS Guidelines to vote proxies should, in most cases, adequately address any possible conflicts of interest, as the ISS Guidelines are predetermined. As a general practice, the Adviser will vote in accordance with the voting recommendation provided by ISS. In the event that the Adviser wishes to vote against the independent voting recommendation, the Adviser requires CCO approval prior to a vote being cast.

Upon the identification or notice received by the CCO that there is a potential conflict of interest with respect to casting a vote, the CCO will discuss the proxy with the relevant portfolio manager(s) and other senior management in order to determine if the potential conflict is material. In instances where a portfolio manager proposes to vote a proxy inconsistent with the ISS Guidelines and a potential immaterial conflict is identified, the CCO will review the proxy votes in order to determine whether a portfolio manager's voting rationale appears reasonable. Upon the detection of a material potential conflict of interest, the CCO has final decision-making authority regarding the Adviser's course of action for the proxy. The CCO will seek to cause the proxy to be voted in a manner consistent with the Client's best interests.

#### IV. Review

The Adviser will supervise and, no less frequently than annually, review its proxy voting activities and the implementation of the Proxy Voting Policy.

## V. Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures Specific to Registered Funds

The Registered Funds will disclose in their SAIs and for closed-end funds, in item 7 of the Form N-CSR, a description of their policies and procedures used to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities, including the procedures used when a vote presents a conflict between the interests of Registered Fund shareholders, on the one hand, and those of the Registered Fund's investment adviser; principal underwriter; or any affiliated person of the Fund, its investment adviser, or its principal underwriter, on the other.

The Registered Funds are also required to include in their SAIs any policies and procedures of the Adviser or any other third party that the Registered Funds use, or that are used on the Registered Funds' behalf, to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities.

Rule 30b1-4 under the 1940 Act requires mutual funds to file with the SEC an annual record of proxies voted by a fund on Form N-PX. Form N-PX must be filed each year no later than August 31 and must contain each Registered Fund's proxy voting record for the most recent twelve-month period ending June 30.

The Registered Funds must also state in their disclosure documents (in their SAIs and shareholder reports) that information regarding how the Registered Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available (1) without charge, upon request, by calling a specified

toll-free (or collect) telephone number; or on or through the Registered Fund's website at a specified Internet address; or both; and (2) on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov.

If a Registered Fund discloses that its proxy voting record is available by calling a toll-free (or collect) telephone number, and the Registered Fund (or financial intermediary through which shares of the Registered Fund may be purchased or sold) receives a request for this information, the Registered Fund (or financial intermediary) must send the information disclosed in the Registered Fund's most recently filed report on Form N-PX within three business days of receipt of the request, by first-class mail or other means designed to ensure equally prompt delivery.

If a Registered Fund discloses that its proxy voting record is available on or through its website, the Registered Fund must make available free of charge the information disclosed in the Registered Fund's most recently filed report on Form N-PX on or through its website as soon as reasonably practicable after filing the report with the SEC. The information disclosed in the Fund's most recently filed report on Form N-PX must remain available on or through the Registered Fund's website for as long as the Registered Fund remains subject to the requirements of Rule 30b1-4 and discloses that the Registered Fund's proxy voting record is available on or through its website.

It is the responsibility of Legal and Compliance to ensure that the Registered Funds satisfy the disclosure requirements.

## PART C. OTHER INFORMATION

## Item 28. Exhibits

- (a) (1) Amended and Restated Certificate of Trust of Stone Ridge Trust (the "Registrant"), dated as of October 23, 2015, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (1)(d) filed with the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-14, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") via EDGAR on September 27, 2016.
  - (2) Third Amended and Restated Agreement and Declaration of Trust of the Registrant, dated as of January 24, 2017, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (a)(2) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 33 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on February 28, 2017.
- (b) Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (b)(1) filed with Post-Effective Amendment No. 69 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on December 2, 2020.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) (1) Investment Management Agreement between Stone Ridge Asset Management LLC ("Stone Ridge") and the Registrant, on behalf of each of Stone Ridge Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund and Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund (the "Fund"), dated as of January 11, 2013, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (d)(1) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 28 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on February 26, 2016.
  - (2) Investment Management Agreement between Stone Ridge and the Registrant, on behalf of each of Stone Ridge U.S. Hedged Equity Fund (formerly known as Stone Ridge U.S. Large Cap Variance Risk Premium Fund (formerly known as Stone Ridge U.S. Variance Risk Premium Fund)) and Stone Ridge U.S. Small Cap Variance Risk Premium Fund, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (d)(2) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 4 to its initial Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on April 5, 2013.
  - (3) Investment Management Agreement between Stone Ridge and the Registrant, on behalf of Stone Ridge U.S. Variance Risk Premium Master Fund (formerly known as Stone Ridge U.S. Master Variance Risk Premium Fund), incorporated by reference to Exhibit (d)(3) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 4 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on April 5, 2013.
  - (4) Investment Management Agreement between Stone Ridge and the Registrant, on behalf of Stone Ridge International Developed Markets Variance Risk Premium Fund and Stone Ridge Emerging Markets Variance Risk Premium Fund, dated as of January 23, 2014, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (d)(4) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 29 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on February 26, 2016.

- [5] Investment Management Agreement between Stone Ridge and the Registrant, on behalf of Stone Ridge International Variance Risk Premium Master Fund (formerly known as Stone Ridge International Master Variance Risk Premium Fund), dated as of September 19, 2013, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (d)(5) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 29 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on February 26, 2016.
- (6) Investment Management Agreement between Stone Ridge and the Registrant, on behalf of Stone Ridge Global Equity Variance Risk Premium Master Fund, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (d)(6) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 21 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on June 23, 2014.
- (7) Investment Management Agreement between Stone Ridge and the Registrant on behalf of Elements U.S. Portfolio, Elements U.S. Small Cap Portfolio, Elements International Portfolio, Elements International Small Cap Portfolio and Elements Emerging Markets Portfolio, dated as of January 24, 2017, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (d)(7) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 35 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on February 28, 2017.
- (8) Investment Management Agreement between Stone Ridge and the Registrant, on behalf of Stone Ridge Diversified Alternatives Fund, dated as of January 29, 2020, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (d)(8) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 63 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on June 2, 2020.
- (9) <u>Investment Management Agreement between Stone Ridge and Stone Ridge Diversified Alternatives Sub Fund Ltd, dated as of January 29, 2020, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (d)(9) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 63 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on June 2, 2020.</u>
- (10) Investment Management Agreement between Stone Ridge and the Registrant, on behalf of Stone Ridge All Asset Variance Risk Premium Fund, dated as of August 12, 2020, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (6)(j) filed with the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-14, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on August 13, 2020.
- (11) Investment Management Agreement between Stone Ridge All Asset Variance Risk Premium Sub Fund Ltd and Stone Ridge, dated as of August 12, 2020, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (6)(k) filed with the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-14, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on August 13, 2020.
- (e) Distribution Agreement between the Registrant and ALPS Distributors, Inc. (the "Distributor"), dated as of April 16, 2018, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (e) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 48 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on January 30, 2019.

- (2) Amendment No. 1 to the Distribution Agreement between the Registrant and the Distributor, dated as of October 28, 2019, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (e)(2) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 57 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on December 20, 2019.
- (3) Amendment No. 2 to the Distribution Agreement between the Registrant and the Distributor, dated as of January 29, 2020, filed herewith.
- (4) Amendment No. 3 to the Distribution Agreement between the Registrant and the Distributor, dated as of August 21, 2020, filed herewith.
- (5) Amendment No. 4 to the Distribution Agreement between the Registrant and the Distributor, dated as of October 1, 2020, filed herewith.
- (f) Not applicable.
- (g) Second Amended and Restated Custody Agreement between the Registrant and U.S. Bank National Association, dated as of September 24, 2020, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (g)(1) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 68 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on November 23, 2020.
  - (2) First Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Custody Agreement between the Registrant and U.S. Bank National Association, dated as of October 5, 2020, filed herewith.
  - (3) Custodian Agreement between the Registrant and Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., dated as of April 10, 2018, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (g)(2) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 46 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on September 28, 2018.
- (h) Amended and Restated Fund Administration Servicing Agreement between the Registrant, on behalf of each of its series, and U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC (the "Administrator"), dated as of October 30, 2017, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (h)(1) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 41 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on December 20, 2017.
  - Addendum to the Amended and Restated Fund Administration Servicing Agreement between the Registrant, on behalf of each of its series, and the Administrator, dated as of September 21, 2018, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (h)(2) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 46 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on September 28, 2018.
  - (3) First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Fund Administration Servicing Agreement between the Registrant, on behalf of each of its series, and the Administrator, dated as of January 30, 2019, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (h)(3) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 49 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on February 27, 2019.

- (4) Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Fund Administration Servicing Agreement between the Registrant, on behalf of each of its series, and the Administrator, dated as of February 25, 2020, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (h)(4) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 63 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on June 2, 2020.
- (5) Third Amendment to the Amended and Restated Fund Administration Servicing Agreement between the Registrant, on behalf of each of its series, and the Administrator, dated as of October 5, 2020, filed herewith.
- (6) Amended and Restated Transfer Agent Servicing Agreement between the Registrant, on behalf of each of its series, and U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC (the "Transfer Agent"), dated as of October 30, 2017, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (h)(2) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 41 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on December 20, 2017.
- (7) First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Transfer Agent Servicing Agreement between the Registrant, on behalf of each of its series, and the Transfer Agent, dated as of February 25, 2020, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (h)(6) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 63 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on June 2, 2020.
- (8) Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Transfer Agent Servicing Agreement between the Registrant, on behalf of each of its series, and the Transfer Agent, dated as of October 5, 2020, filed herewith.
- (9) Amended and Restated Fund Accounting Servicing Agreement between the Registrant, on behalf of each of its series, and U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, dated as of October 30, 2017, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (h)(3) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 41 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on December 20, 2017.
- (10) First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Fund Accounting Servicing Agreement between the Registrant, on behalf of each of its series, and U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, dated as of January 30, 2019, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (h)(6) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 49 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on February 27, 2019.
- (11) Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Fund Accounting Servicing Agreement between the Registrant, on behalf of each of its series, and U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, dated as of February 25, 2020, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (h)(9) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 63 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on June 2, 2020.
- (12) Third Amendment to the Amended and Restated Fund Accounting Servicing Agreement between the Registrant, on behalf of each of its series, and U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, dated as of October 5, 2020, filed herewith.
- (13) Expense Limitation Agreement between Stone Ridge and the Registrant, on behalf of Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund, dated as of January 26, 2021, filed herewith.

- (14) Expense Limitation Agreement between Stone Ridge and the Registrant, on behalf of Stone Ridge U.S. Hedged Equity Fund (formerly known as Stone Ridge U.S. Large Cap Variance Risk Premium Fund (formerly known as Stone Ridge U.S. Variance Risk Premium Fund)), dated as of January 26, 2021, to be filed by amendment.
- (15) Expense Limitation Agreement between Stone Ridge and the Registrant, on behalf of Stone Ridge International Developed Markets Variance Risk Premium Fund, dated as of January 30, 2019, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (h)(9) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 50 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on February 27, 2019.
- (16) Expense Limitation Agreement between Stone Ridge and the Registrant, on behalf of Stone Ridge Global Equity Variance Risk Premium Master Fund, dated as of January 30, 2019, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (h)(10) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 50 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on February 27, 2019.
- (17) Amended and Restated Expense Limitation Agreement between Stone Ridge and the Registrant on behalf of behalf of each of Elements U.S. Portfolio, Elements U.S. Small Cap Portfolio, Elements International Portfolio, Elements International Small Cap Portfolio and Elements Emerging Markets Portfolio, dated as of July 30, 2020, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (h)(14) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 66 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on September 25, 2020.
- (18) Expense Limitation Agreement between Stone Ridge and the Registrant on behalf of Stone Ridge Diversified Alternatives Fund, dated as of October 27, 2020, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (h)(15) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 68 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on November 23, 2020.
- (19) Expense Limitation Agreement between Stone Ridge and the Registrant on behalf of Stone Ridge All Asset Variance Risk Premium Fund, dated as of December 2, 2020, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (h)(16) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 69 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on December 2, 2020.
- (20) Agreement and Plan of Reorganization between the Registrant on behalf of Stone Ridge All Asset Variance Risk Premium Fund and Stone Ridge Trust III on behalf of its series Stone Ridge All Asset Variance Risk Premium Fund, dated as of December 2, 2020, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (h)(17) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 69 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on December 2, 2020.
- (i) Opinion and consent of counsel for the Stone Ridge U.S. Hedged Equity Fund (formerly known as Stone Ridge U.S. Large Cap Variance Risk Premium Fund (formerly known as Stone Ridge U.S. Variance Risk Premium Fund)) and Stone Ridge U.S. Small Cap Variance Risk Premium Fund, dated April 4, 2013, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (i) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 4 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on April 4, 2013.

- (2) Opinion and consent of counsel for the Stone Ridge U.S. Variance Risk Premium Master Fund, dated April 23, 2013, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (i) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 5 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on April 23, 2013.
- (3) Opinion and consent of counsel for the Stone Ridge Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund and the Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund, dated January 15, 2013, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (i) filed with the Registrant's Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on January 15, 2013.
- (4) Opinion and consent of counsel for the Stone Ridge International Developed Markets Variance Risk Premium Fund, Stone Ridge Emerging Markets Variance Risk Premium Fund and Stone Ridge International Variance Risk Premium Master Fund, dated January 21, 2014, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (i)(4) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 13 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on January 21, 2014.
- (5) Opinion and consent of counsel for the Stone Ridge Global Equity Variance Risk Premium Master Fund, dated June 23, 2014, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (i)(5) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 21 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on June 23, 2014.
- (6) Opinion and consent of counsel for Class M shares for Elements U.S. Portfolio, Elements U.S. Small Cap Portfolio, Elements International Portfolio, Elements International Small Cap Portfolio and Elements Emerging Markets Portfolio, dated February 28, 2017, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (i)(6) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 33 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on February 28, 2017.
- (7) Opinion and consent of counsel for Class Y shares for Elements U.S. Portfolio, Elements U.S. Small Cap Portfolio, Elements International Portfolio, Elements International Small Cap Portfolio and Elements Emerging Markets Portfolio, dated March 28, 2019, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (i)(7) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 53 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on March 28, 2019.
- (8) Opinion and consent of counsel for the Stone Ridge Diversified Alternatives Fund, dated June 2, 2020, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (i)(8) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 63 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on June 2, 2020.
- (9) Opinion and consent of counsel for the Stone Ridge All Asset Variance Risk Premium Fund, dated December 2, 2020, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (i)(9) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 69 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on December 2, 2020.

- (j) <u>Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, filed herewith.</u>
- (k) Not applicable.
- (l) Subscription Agreement for Seed Capital between the Registrant, on behalf of its series, and Stone Ridge, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (l) filed with Registrant's Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on January 16, 2013.
- (m) (1) First Amended and Restated Class I Rule 12b-1 Plan of each of Stone Ridge Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund and Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (m)(1) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 4 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on April 5, 2013.
  - (2) Class I Rule 12b-1 Plan of each of Stone Ridge U.S. Hedged Equity Fund (formerly known as Stone Ridge U.S. Large Cap Variance Risk Premium Fund (formerly known as Stone Ridge U.S. Variance Risk Premium Fund)), Stone Ridge U.S. Small Cap Variance Risk Premium Fund and Stone Ridge U.S. Variance Risk Premium Master Fund, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (m)(2) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 4 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on April 5, 2013.
  - (3) Second Amended and Restated Class M Rule 12b-1 Plan of each of Stone Ridge Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund and Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (m)(3) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 4 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on April 5, 2013.
  - (4) Class M Rule 12b-1 Plan of each of Stone Ridge U.S. Hedged Equity Fund (formerly known as Stone Ridge U.S. Large Cap Variance Risk Premium Fund (formerly known as Stone Ridge U.S. Variance Risk Premium Fund)), Stone Ridge U.S. Small Cap Variance Risk Premium Fund and Stone Ridge U.S. Variance Risk Premium Master Fund, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (m)(4) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 4 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on April 5, 2013.
  - (5) Class I Rule 12b-1 Plan of each of Stone Ridge International Developed Markets Variance Risk Premium Fund, Stone Ridge Emerging Markets Variance Risk Premium Fund and Stone Ridge International Variance Risk Premium Master Fund, dated as of September 19, 2013, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (m)(5) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 29 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on February 26, 2016.
  - (6) Class M Rule 12b-1 Plan of each of Stone Ridge International Developed Markets Variance Risk Premium Fund, Stone Ridge Emerging Markets Variance Risk Premium Fund and Stone Ridge International Variance Risk Premium Master Fund, dated as of September 19, 2013, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (m)(6) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 29 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on February 26, 2016.

- (7) Class I Rule 12b-1 Plan of Stone Ridge Global Equity Variance Risk Premium Master Fund, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (m)(7) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 21 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on June 23, 2014.
- (8) Class M Rule 12b-1 Plan of Stone Ridge Global Equity Variance Risk Premium Master Fund, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (m)(8) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 21 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on June 23, 2014.
- (9) First Amended and Restated Class M Rule 12b-1 Plan of Elements U.S. Portfolio, Elements U.S. Small Cap Portfolio, Elements International Portfolio, Elements International Small Cap Portfolio and Elements Emerging Markets Portfolio, dated as of April 1, 2019, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (m)(9) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 55 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on September 26, 2019.
- (10) Class M Rule 12b-1 Plan of Stone Ridge Diversified Alternatives Fund, dated January 29, 2020, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (m)(10) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 63 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on June 2, 2020.
- (n) Third Amended and Restated Multi-Class Plan Pursuant to Rule 18f-3 of Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund, dated as of January 29, 2020, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (n)(1) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 58 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on February 28, 2020.
  - Third Amended and Restated Multi-Class Plan Pursuant to Rule 18f-3 of Stone Ridge U.S. Hedged Equity Fund (formerly known as Stone Ridge U.S. Large Cap Variance Risk Premium Fund (formerly known as Stone Ridge U.S. Variance Risk Premium Fund)), dated as of January 29, 2020, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (n)(2) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 59 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on February 28, 2020.
  - (3) First Amended and Restated Multi-Class Plan Pursuant to Rule 18f-3 of Stone Ridge International Developed Markets Variance Risk Premium Fund, dated as of January 30, 2019, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (n)(3) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 50 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on February 27, 2019.
  - (4) First Amended and Restated Multi-Class Plan Pursuant to Rule 18f-3 of Stone Ridge Global Equity Variance Risk Premium Master Fund, dated as of January 30, 2019, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (n)(4) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 50 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on February 27, 2019.

- (5) Multi-Class Plan Pursuant to Rule 18f-3 of each of Elements U.S. Portfolio, Elements U.S. Small Cap Portfolio, Elements International Portfolio, Elements International Small Cap Portfolio and Elements Emerging Markets Portfolio, dated as of April 1, 2019, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (n)(5) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 53 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on March 28, 2019.
- (6) First Amended and Restated Multiple Class Plan Pursuant to Rule 18f-3 of Stone Ridge Diversified Alternatives Fund, dated October 27, 2020, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (n)(6) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 68 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on November 23, 2020.
- (o) Reserved.
- (p) Code of Ethics of Stone Ridge and the Registrant, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (p) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 65 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on August 13, 2020.
- (q) Power of Attorney of Stone Ridge Trust, incorporated by reference to Exhibit (q) filed with the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 46 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, as filed with the SEC via EDGAR on September 28, 2018.

# Item 29. Persons Controlled by or under Common Control with Registrant

None.

# **Item 30. Indemnification**

The Registrant's Third Amended and Restated Agreement and Declaration of Trust, incorporated herein by reference, contains provisions limiting the liability, and providing for indemnification, of the Trustees, officers, employees and other "Covered Persons" (including their respective heirs, assigns, successors or other legal representatives) to the fullest extent permitted by law, including advancement of payments of all expenses incurred in connection with the preparation and presentation of any defense (subject to repayment obligations in certain circumstances).

The Registrant's Distribution Agreement, incorporated hereto by reference, contains provisions limiting the liability, and providing for indemnification, of the Trustees and officers under certain circumstances.

Further, the Stone Ridge Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund's and Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund's First Amended and Restated Investment Management Agreement, the Stone Ridge U.S. Hedged Equity Fund's (formerly known as Stone Ridge U.S. Large Cap Variance Risk Premium Fund (formerly known as Stone Ridge U.S. Variance Risk Premium Fund's Investment Management Agreement, the Stone Ridge U.S. Variance Risk Premium Master Fund's Investment Management Agreement, the Stone Ridge International Developed Markets Variance Risk Premium Fund's and Stone Ridge Emerging Markets Variance Risk Premium Fund's Investment Management Agreement, the Stone Ridge International Variance Risk Premium Master Fund's Investment Management Agreement, the Stone Ridge Global Equity Variance Risk Premium Master Fund's Investment Management Agreement, the Elements U.S. Portfolio's, Elements U.S. Small

Cap Portfolio's, Elements International Portfolio's, Elements International Small Cap Portfolio's and Elements Emerging Markets Portfolio's Investment Management Agreement, the Stone Ridge Diversified Alternatives Fund's Investment Management Agreement, the Stone Ridge Diversified Alternatives Sub Fund Ltd's Investment Management Agreement, the Stone Ridge All Asset Variance Risk Premium Fund's Investment Management Agreement and the Stone Ridge All Asset Variance Risk Premium Sub Fund Ltd's Investment Management Agreement, each incorporated herein by reference, contain provisions limiting the liability, and providing for indemnification, of Stone Ridge and its personnel under certain circumstances.

The Registrant's Trustees and officers are insured under a standard investment company errors and omissions insurance policy covering loss incurred by reason of negligent errors and omissions committed in their official capacities as such.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the provisions described in this Item 30, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

# **Item 31.** Business and Other Connections of Investment Adviser

Stone Ridge is a Delaware limited liability company that offers investment management services and is a registered investment adviser. Stone Ridge's offices are located at 510 Madison Avenue, 21st Floor, New York, NY 10022. Information as to the officers and directors of Stone Ridge is included in its current Form ADV (File No. 801-77228) filed with the SEC, and the text of Schedule A of Stone Ridge's current Form ADV is incorporated herein by reference.

## **Item 32. Principal Underwriter**

(a) ALPS Distributors, Inc. acts as the distributor for the Registrant and the following investment companies: 1WS Credit Income Fund, 1290 Funds, Aberdeen Standard Investments ETFs, ALPS Series Trust, The Arbitrage Funds, AQR Funds, Axonic Alternative Income Fund, Axonic Funds, Barings Funds Trust, BBH Trust, Bluerock Total Income+ Real Estate Fund, Brandes Investment Trust, Bridge Builder Trust, Broadstone Real Estate Access Fund, Brown Advisory Funds, Brown Capital Management Mutual Funds, Cambria ETF Trust, CC Real Estate Income Fund, Centre Funds, CIM Real Assets & Credit Fund, CION Ares Diversified Credit Fund, Columbia ETF Trust, Columbia ETF Trust I, Columbia ETF Trust II, CRM Mutual Fund Trust, Cullen Funds Trust, DBX ETF Trust, ETF Series Solutions, Flat Rock Opportunity Fund, Financial Investors Trust, Firsthand Funds, FS Credit Income Fund, FS Energy Total Return Fund, FS Series Trust, FS Multi-Alternative Income Fund, Goehring & Rozencwajg Investment Funds, Goldman Sachs ETF Trust, Griffin Institutional Access Credit Fund, Griffin Institutional Access Real Estate Fund, Hartford Funds Exchange-Traded Trust, Hartford Funds NextShares Trust, Heartland Group, Inc., Holland Series Fund, Inc., IndexIQ Active ETF Trust, Index IQ ETF Trust, Infusive

US Trust, James Advantage Funds, Janus Detroit Street Trust, Lattice Strategies Trust, Litman Gregory Funds Trust, Longleaf Partners Funds Trust, M3Sixty Funds Trust, Mairs & Power Funds Trust, Meridian Fund, Inc., Natixis ETF Trust, Pax World Series Trust I, Pax World Funds Trust III, PRIMECAP Odyssey Funds, Principal Exchange-Traded Funds, Reality Shares ETF Trust, Resource Credit Income Fund, RiverNorth Funds, Sierra Total Return Fund, SPDR Dow Jones Industrial Average ETF Trust, SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust, SPDR S&P MidCap 400 ETF Trust, Sprott Funds Trust, Stadion Investment Trust, Stone Harbor Investment Funds, Stone Ridge Trust II, Stone Ridge Trust IV, Stone Ridge Trust V, Stone Ridge Trust VI, Stone Ridge Residential Real Estate Income Fund I, Inc., USCF ETF Trust, Wasatch Funds, WesMark Funds, Wilmington Funds, XAI Octagon Credit Trust, X-Square Balanced Fund and YieldStreet Prism Fund.

(b) To the best of the Registrant's knowledge, the directors and executive officers of ALPS Distributors, Inc. are as follows:

Name and Principal Business Address*	Position and Offices with ALPS Distributors, Inc.	Positions and Offices with Registrant
Bradley J. Swenson	President, Chief Operating Officer, Director	None
Robert J. Szydlowski	Senior Vice President, Chief Technology Officer	None
Eric T. Parsons	Vice President, Controller and Assistant Treasurer	None
Joseph J. Frank**	Secretary	None
Patrick J. Pedonti**	Vice President, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary	None
Richard C. Noyes	Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Assistant Secretary	None
Liza Orr	Vice President, Senior Counsel	None
Jed Stahl	Vice President, Senior Counsel	None
James Stegall	Vice President	None
Gary Ross	Senior Vice President	None
Kevin Ireland	Senior Vice President	None
Stephen J. Kyllo	Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer	None
Hilary Quinn	Vice President	None
Jennifer Craig	Assistant Vice President	None

<sup>\*</sup> Except as otherwise noted, the principal business address for each of the above directors and executive officers is 1290 Broadway, Suite 1000, Denver, Colorado 80203.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The principal business address for Messrs. Pedonti and Frank is 333 W. 11th Street, 5th Floor, Kansas City, Missouri 64105.

(c) The following table sets forth the commissions and other compensation received, directly or indirectly, from the Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund during the last fiscal year by the principal underwriter who is not an affiliated person of the Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund.

	(2)	(3)		
(1)	Net Underwriting	Compensation on	(4)	(5)
Name of Principal	Discounts and	Redemption and	Brokerage	Other
Underwriter	Commission	Repurchases	Commissions	Compensation
ALPS Distributors, Inc.	None	None	None	None

# **Item 33.** Location of Accounts and Records

All accounts, books and other documents required by Rule 31(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, are maintained at the offices, as applicable, of:

- Stone Ridge Trust
   510 Madison Avenue, 21st Floor New York, New York 10022
- Stone Ridge Asset Management LLC 510 Madison Avenue, 21st Floor New York, New York 10022
- US Bank N.A.
   1555 N. River Center Drive, Suite 302
   Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212
- U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC 615 East Michigan Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202
- Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP 900 G Street, NW Washington, DC 20001
- ALPS Distributors Inc. 1290 Broadway Suite 1000 Denver, Colorado 80203

## **Item 34. Management Services**

Not applicable.

# **Item 35. Undertakings**

Not applicable.

# **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, the Registrant certifies that this Post-Effective Amendment No. 72 meets all of the requirements for effectiveness under Rule 485(b) and it has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 72 to the Registration Statement of Stone Ridge Trust (related to Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund) to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, duly authorized, in the City of New York and the State of New York, on the 24th day of February, 2021.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the

STONE RIDGE TRUST

By: /s/ Anthony Zuco

Anthony Zuco, Treasurer and Principal Financial Officer

following persons in the capacities	s and on the dates indicated.	C
Signature	<u>Title</u>	Date
*	Trustee, President (Principal Executive Officer)	February 24, 2021
Ross Stevens	<del>_</del>	
/s/ Anthony Zuco	Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer)	February 24, 2021
Anthony Zuco	_	
*	Trustee	February 24, 2021
Daniel Charney	_	
*	Trustee	February 24, 2021
Jeffery Ekberg	<del>-</del>	
* Power of Attorney		
*By: /s/ Anthony Zuco	_	
Anthony Zuco		
Attorney in Fact		

## INDEX TO EXHIBITS

- (e) (3) Amendment No. 2 to the Distribution Agreement between the Registrant and the Distributor, dated as of January 29, 2020.
  - (4) Amendment No. 3 to the Distribution Agreement between the Registrant and the Distributor, dated as of August 21, 2020.
  - (5) Amendment No. 4 to the Distribution Agreement between the Registrant and the Distributor, dated as of October 1, 2020.
- (g) (2) First Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Custody Agreement between the Registrant and U.S. Bank National Association, dated as of October 5, 2020.
- (h) (5) Third Amendment to the Amended and Restated Fund Administration Servicing Agreement between the Registrant, on behalf of each of its series, and the Administrator, dated as of October 5, 2020.
  - (8) Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Transfer Agent Servicing Agreement between the Registrant, on behalf of each of its series, and the Transfer Agent, dated as of October 5, 2020.
  - (12) Third Amendment to the Amended and Restated Fund Accounting Servicing Agreement between the Registrant, on behalf of each of its series, and U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, dated as of October 5, 2020.
  - (13) Expense Limitation Agreement.
- (j) Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
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- 101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
- 101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
- 101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.
- 101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.
- 101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.

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## **AMENDMENT 4**

This amendment (the "<u>Amendment</u>") between the parties signing below ("<u>Parties</u>") amends the Existing Agreement as of October 1, 2020 ("<u>Effective Date</u>"):

Term	Means
"Existing Agreement"	The Distribution Agreement between ALPS and the Trust dated April 16, 2018, as amended
"ALPS"	ALPS Distributors, Inc.
"Trust"	Stone Ridge Trust

Except as amended hereby, all terms of the Existing Agreement remain in full force and effect. This Amendment includes the amendments in Schedule A and general terms in Schedule B.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Amendment to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

ALPS DISTRIBUTORS, INC.		STONE RIDGE TRUST		
By:	/s/Bradley J. Swenson	By:	/s/Lauren D. Macioce	
Name:	Bradley J. Swenson	Name:	Lauren D. Macioce	
Title:	Director, President & Chief Operating Officer	Title:	Secretary	

Distribution Agreement Amendment 4

# Schedule A to this Amendment Amendments

Effective as of the Effective Date, the Existing Agreement is amended as follows:

1. **APPENDIX A: LIST OF FUNDS** of Exhibit 1 to the Existing Agreement shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following new **APPENDIX A: LIST OF FUNDS**:

## APPENDIX A LIST OF FUNDS

Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund Stone Ridge U.S. Hedged Equity Fund Stone Ridge Diversified Alternatives Fund Stone Ridge All Asset Variance Risk Premium Fund

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# Schedule B to this Amendment General Terms

- 1. Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Existing Agreement.
- 2. The Parties' duties and obligations are governed by and limited to the express terms and conditions of this Amendment, and shall not be modified, supplemented, amended or interpreted in accordance with, any industry custom or practice, or any internal policies or procedures of any Party. This Amendment (including any attachments, schedules and addenda hereto), along with the Existing Agreement, as amended, contains the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all previous communications, representations, understandings and agreements, either oral or written, between the Parties with respect thereto.
- 3. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts, each of which when so executed will be deemed to be an original. Such counterparts together will constitute one agreement. Signatures may be exchanged via facsimile or electronic mail and signatures so exchanged shall be binding to the same extent as if original signatures were exchanged.
- 4. This Amendment and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it, its subject matter or its formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the same jurisdiction as the Existing Agreement.

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## **AMENDMENT 2**

This amendment (the "<u>Amendment</u>") between the parties signing below ("<u>Parties</u>") amends the Existing Agreement as of January 29, 2020 ("<u>Effective Date</u>"):

Term	Means
"Existing Agreement"	The Distribution Agreement between ALPS and the Trust dated April 16, 2018, as amended
"ALPS"	ALPS Distributors, Inc.
"Trust"	Stone Ridge Trust

Except as amended hereby, all terms of the Existing Agreement remain in full force and effect. This Amendment includes the amendments in Schedule A and general terms in Schedule B.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Amendment to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

ALPS DISTRIBUTORS, INC.		STONE RIDGE TRUST		
By:	/s/Steven B. Price	By:	/s/Lauren D. Macioce	
Name:	Steven B. Price	Name:	Lauren D. Macioce	
Title:	SVP and Director of Distribution Services	Title:	Secretary	

Distribution Agreement Amendment 2

# Schedule A to this Amendment Amendments

Effective as of the Effective Date, the Existing Agreement is amended as follows:

1. **APPENDIX A: LIST OF FUNDS** of Exhibit 1 to the Existing Agreement shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following new **APPENDIX A: LIST OF FUNDS**:

## APPENDIX A LIST OF FUNDS

Elements U.S. Portfolio
Elements U.S. Small Cap Portfolio
Elements International Portfolio
Elements International Small Cap Portfolio
Elements Emerging Markets Portfolio
Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund
Stone Ridge U.S. Hedged Equity Fund
Stone Ridge Diversified Alternatives Fund

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## Schedule B to this Amendment General Terms

- 1. Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Existing Agreement.
- 2. The Parties' duties and obligations are governed by and limited to the express terms and conditions of this Amendment, and shall not be modified, supplemented, amended or interpreted in accordance with, any industry custom or practice, or any internal policies or procedures of any Party. This Amendment (including any attachments, schedules and addenda hereto), along with the Existing Agreement, as amended, contains the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all previous communications, representations, understandings and agreements, either oral or written, between the Parties with respect thereto.
- 3. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts, each of which when so executed will be deemed to be an original. Such counterparts together will constitute one agreement. Signatures may be exchanged via facsimile or electronic mail and signatures so exchanged shall be binding to the same extent as if original signatures were exchanged.
- 4. This Amendment and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it, its subject matter or its formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the same jurisdiction as the Existing Agreement.

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## **AMENDMENT 3**

This amendment (the "<u>Amendment</u>") between the parties signing below ("<u>Parties</u>") amends the Existing Agreement as of August 21, 2020 ("<u>Effective Date</u>"):

Term	Means
"Existing Agreement"	The Distribution Agreement between ALPS and the Trust dated April 16, 2018, as amended
"ALPS"	ALPS Distributors, Inc.
"Trust"	Stone Ridge Trust

Except as amended hereby, all terms of the Existing Agreement remain in full force and effect. This Amendment includes the amendments in Schedule A and general terms in Schedule B.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Amendment to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

ALPS DISTRIBUTORS, INC.		STONE RIDGE TRUST	
By:	/s/Bradley J. Swenson	By:	/s/Lauren D. Macioce
Name:	Bradley J. Swenson	Name:	Lauren D. Macioce
Title:	Director, President & Chief Operating Officer	Title:	Secretary

Distribution Agreement Amendment 3

### Schedule A to this Amendment Amendments

Effective as of the Effective Date, the Existing Agreement is amended as follows:

1. **APPENDIX A: LIST OF FUNDS** of Exhibit 1 to the Existing Agreement shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following new **APPENDIX A: LIST OF FUNDS**:

#### APPENDIX A LIST OF FUNDS

Elements U.S. Portfolio
Elements U.S. Small Cap Portfolio
Elements International Portfolio
Elements International Small Cap Portfolio
Elements Emerging Markets Portfolio
Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund
Stone Ridge U.S. Hedged Equity Fund
Stone Ridge Diversified Alternatives Fund
Stone Ridge All Asset Variance Risk Premium Fund

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#### Schedule B to this Amendment General Terms

- 1. Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Existing Agreement.
- 2. The Parties' duties and obligations are governed by and limited to the express terms and conditions of this Amendment, and shall not be modified, supplemented, amended or interpreted in accordance with, any industry custom or practice, or any internal policies or procedures of any Party. This Amendment (including any attachments, schedules and addenda hereto), along with the Existing Agreement, as amended, contains the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all previous communications, representations, understandings and agreements, either oral or written, between the Parties with respect thereto.
- 3. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts, each of which when so executed will be deemed to be an original. Such counterparts together will constitute one agreement. Signatures may be exchanged via facsimile or electronic mail and signatures so exchanged shall be binding to the same extent as if original signatures were exchanged.
- 4. This Amendment and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it, its subject matter or its formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the same jurisdiction as the Existing Agreement.

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## FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE STONE RIDGE TRUST SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CUSTODY AGREEMENT

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT, dated as of the 5th day of October, 2020, to the Second Amended and Restated Custody Agreement, dated as of September 24, 2020 (the "Agreement"), is entered into by and between STONE RIDGE TRUST, a Delaware statutory trust (the "Trust") on behalf of each of its series (each a "Fund" and collectively the "Funds") and U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America (the "Custodian").

#### **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the parties have entered into the Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to amend Exhibit A to the Agreement, to add the Stone Ridge All Asset Variance Risk Premium Fund and to remove the Elements Portfolios; and

WHEREAS, Article XV, Section 15.02 of the Agreement allows for its amendment by a written instrument executed by both parties.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the parties hereby amend the Agreement as follows:

Exhibit A of the Agreement is amended and restated as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Second Amendment to be executed by a duly authorized officer on one or more counterparts as of the date and year first written above.

STONE RIDGE TRUST, on behalf of each of the Funds individually and not jointly	U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
By: /s/Anthony Zuco	By: /s/Jeanine M. Bajczyk
Name: Anthony Zuco	Name: Jeanine M. Bajczyk
Title: Treasurer	Title: Senior Vice President

## **Exhibit A to the Amended and Restated Custody Agreement Stone Ridge Trust**

#### **Fund Names**

Separate Series of Stone Ridge Trust

#### Name of Series

Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund Stone Ridge U.S. Hedged Equity Fund Stone Ridge Diversified Alternatives Fund Stone Ridge All Asset Variance Risk Premium Fund

### THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE STONE RIDGE TRUST AMENDED AND RESTATED FUND ADMINISTRATION SERVICING AGREEMENT

THIS THIRD AMENDMENT, as of the 5th day of October 2020, to the Amended and Restated Fund Administration Servicing Agreement, dated October 30, 2017, (the "Agreement"), is entered into by and between STONE RIDGE TRUST, a Delaware statutory trust (the "Trust") on behalf of each of its series (each a "Fund" and collectively the "Funds") and U.S. BANCORP FUND SERVICES, LLC d/b/a U.S. Bank Global Fund Services, a Wisconsin limited liability company.

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the parties have entered into the Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to amend Exhibit A to the Agreement, to add the Stone Ridge All Asset Variance Risk Premium Fund and to remove the Elements Portfolios; and

WHEREAS, Section 11 of the Agreement allows for its amendment by a written instrument executed by the parties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereby amend the Agreement as follows:

Exhibit A of the Agreement is amended and restated as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Third Amendment to be executed by a duly authorized officer on one or more counterparts as of the date and year first written above.

STONE RIDGE TRUST on behalf of each of the Funds individually and not jointly	U.S. BANCORP FUND SERVICES, LLC
By: /s/Anthony Zuco	By: /s/Jeanine M. Bajczyk
Name: Anthony Zuco	Name: Jeanine M. Bajczyk
Title: Treasurer	Title: Senior Vice President

## **Exhibit A to the Amended and Restated Fund Administration Servicing Agreement Stone Ridge Trust**

#### **Fund Names**

Separate Series of Stone Ridge Trust

#### Name of Series

Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund Stone Ridge U.S. Hedged Equity Fund Stone Ridge Diversified Alternatives Fund Stone Ridge All Asset Variance Risk Premium Fund

#### SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE STONE RIDGE TRUST AMENDED AND RESTATED TRANSFER AGENT SERVICING AGREEMENT

THIS SECOND AMENDMENT, as of the 5th day of October 2020, to the Amended and Restated Transfer Agent Servicing Agreement, dated October 30, 2017, (the "Agreement"), is entered into by and between STONE RIDGE TRUST, a Delaware statutory trust (the "Trust") on behalf of each of its series (each a "Fund" and collectively the "Funds") and U.S. BANCORP FUND SERVICES, LLC d/b/a U.S. Bank Global Fund Services, a Wisconsin limited liability company.

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the parties have entered into the Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to amend Exhibit A to the Agreement, to add the Stone Ridge All Asset Variance Risk Premium Fund and to remove the Elements Portfolios; and

WHEREAS, Section 12 of the Agreement allows for its amendment by a written instrument executed by the parties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereby amend the Agreement as follows:

Exhibit A of the Agreement is amended and restated as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Second Amendment to be executed by a duly authorized officer on one or more counterparts as of the date and year first written above.

STONE RIDGE TRUST on behalf of each of the Funds individually and not jointly	U.S. BANCORP FUND SERVICES, LLC
By: /s/Anthony Zuco	By: /s/Jeanine M. Bajczyk
Name: Anthony Zuco	Name: Jeanine M. Bajczyk
Title: Treasurer	Title: Senior Vice President

## **Exhibit A to the Amended and Restated Transfer Agent Servicing Agreement Stone Ridge Trust**

#### **Fund Names**

Separate Series of Stone Ridge Trust

#### Name of Series

Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund Stone Ridge U.S. Hedged Equity Fund Stone Ridge Diversified Alternatives Fund Stone Ridge All Asset Variance Risk Premium Fund

### THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE STONE RIDGE TRUST AMENDED AND RESTATED FUND ACCOUNTING SERVICING AGREEMENT

THIS THIRD AMENDMENT, as of the 5th day of October 2020, to the Amended and Restated Fund Accounting Servicing Agreement, dated October 30, 2017, (the "Agreement"), is entered into by and between STONE RIDGE TRUST, a Delaware statutory trust (the "Trust") on behalf of each of its series (each a "Fund" and collectively the "Funds") and U.S. BANCORP FUND SERVICES, LLC d/b/a U.S. Bank Global Fund Services, a Wisconsin limited liability company.

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the parties have entered into the Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to amend Exhibit A to the Agreement, to add the Stone Ridge All Asset Variance Risk Premium Fund and to remove the Elements Portfolios; and

WHEREAS, Section 15 of the Agreement allows for its amendment by a written instrument executed by the parties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereby amend the Agreement as follows:

Exhibit A of the Agreement is amended and restated as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Third Amendment to be executed by a duly authorized officer on one or more counterparts as of the date and year first written above.

STONE RIDGE TRUST on behalf of each of the Funds individually and not jointly	U.S. BANCORP FUND SERVICES, LLC
By: /s/Anthony Zuco	By: /s/Jeanine M. Bajczyk
Name: Anthony Zuco	Name: Jeanine M. Bajczyk
Title: Treasurer	Title: Senior Vice President

#### Exhibit A to the Amended and Restated Fund Accounting Servicing Agreement Stone Ridge Trust

#### **Fund Names**

Separate Series of Stone Ridge Trust

#### Name of Series

Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund Stone Ridge U.S. Hedged Equity Fund Stone Ridge Diversified Alternatives Fund Stone Ridge All Asset Variance Risk Premium Fund

#### STONE RIDGE ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC

January 26, 2021

To the Trustees of: Stone Ridge Trust 510 Madison Avenue, 21st Floor New York, NY 10022

Re: Expense Limitation Agreement

With reference to the Investment Management Agreement entered into by Stone Ridge Asset Management LLC (the "Adviser") with Stone Ridge Trust (the "Trust"), on behalf of its series, Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund (the "Fund"), on the 11th day of January, 2013, as amended, we hereby notify you as follows:

- 1. Through February 28, 2022, the Adviser agrees to waive its management fee and/or pay or otherwise bear operating and other expenses of the Fund or a Class thereof (including offering expenses, but excluding brokerage and transactional expenses, borrowing and other investment-related costs and fees including interest and commitment fees, short dividend expense, acquired fund fees and expenses, taxes, litigation and indemnification expenses, judgments and extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Fund's business (collectively, the "Excluded Expenses")) solely to the extent necessary to limit the total annualized expenses, other than Excluded Expenses, of the applicable Class to the percentage specified in Appendix A hereto of the average daily net assets attributable to such Class of shares of the Fund.
- 2. The Adviser shall be entitled to recoup in later periods expenses attributable to a Class that the Adviser has paid or otherwise borne (whether through reduction of its management fee or otherwise) to the extent that the expenses for the Class of shares (including offering expenses, but excluding Excluded Expenses) after such recoupment do not exceed the lower of (i) the annual expense limitation rate in effect at the time of the actual waiver/reimbursement and (ii) the annual expense limitation rate in effect at the time of the recoupment; *provided* that the Adviser shall not be permitted to recoup any such fees or expenses beyond three years from the end of the month in which such fee was reduced or such expense was reimbursed.
- 3. During the periods covered by this Agreement, the expense limitation arrangement set forth above for the Fund may only be modified by a majority vote of the "non-interested" trustees of the Trust (as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act")) and the consent of the Adviser.
- 4. We understand and intend that the Trust and the Fund will rely on this undertaking in preparing and filing Post-Effective Amendments to the registration statement on Form N-1A for the Trust with the Securities and Exchange Commission, in accruing the Fund's expenses for

purposes of calculating its net asset value per share and permit the Trust and the Fund to do so.	d for other purposes permitted under Form N-1A and/or the 1940 Act, and express
permit the Trust and the Fund to do so.	

Very truly yours,

#### STONE RIDGE ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC

By: /s/ Lauren Macioce

Name: Lauren Macioce

Title: Chief Compliance Officer

#### ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO ON BEHALF OF:

Stone Ridge Trust, on behalf of its series, Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund

By: /s/ Anthony Zuco

Name: Anthony Zuco

Title: Treasurer and Principal Financial Officer

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#### Appendix A Expense Limits

	Class I	Class M
Stone Ridge High Yield	1.65%	1.80%
Reinsurance Risk		
Premium Fund		

#### Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the references to our firm under the caption "Financial Highlights" in the Prospectus and "Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" and "Financial Statements" in the Statement of Additional Information and to the incorporation by reference of our report dated December 30, 2020, for Stone Ridge Trust for the year ended October 31, 2020 in the Registration Statement (Form N-1A) of Stone Ridge Trust filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in this Post-Effective Amendment No. 72 to the Registration Statement under the Securities Act of 1933 (Registration No. 333-184477).

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Minneapolis, Minnesota February 24, 2021

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Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund Investment Objective

The Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund's (the "Fund") investment objective is to seek a high level of total return consisting of income and preservation of capital. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

#### Fees and Expenses

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and example below.

Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment) Example.

This Example is intended to help you compare the costs of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, regardless of whether or not you redeem your shares at the end of such periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses (as describedabove) remain the same and takes into account the effect of the expense reimbursement (if any) during the first year. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

#### Portfolio Turnover

The Fund generally does not pay transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells event-linked bonds. However, the prices of event-linked bonds purchased by the Fund reflect a "bid-ask spread" instead of explicit transaction costs. In addition, with respect to certain trades in event-linked bonds and other investments, the Fund may pay transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells such investments (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2020, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 50.26% of the average value of its portfolio. Portfolio turnover will not be a limiting factor should the Adviser deem it advisable to purchase or sell securities.

#### Principal Investment Strategies

Stone Ridge Asset Management LLC ("Stone Ridge" or the "Adviser") believes that investing in reinsurancerelated securities should involve a long-term view and a systematic focus on sources of expected return, not on security selection or market timing. In constructing an investment portfolio, the Adviser identifies a universe of eligible securities with well-defined risk and return characteristics. It then seeks to obtain broad investment exposure to a meaningful subset of that universe while efficiently managing the portfolio and keeping trading costs low. Because the risks in reinsurance-related securities — largely related to natural or non-natural disasters, such as earthquakes or plane crashes — are not similar to the risks investors bear in traditional equities and debt markets, the Adviser believes that investment in reinsurance-related securities may provide benefits when added to traditional portfolios. As such, the Adviser does not intend to buy or sell securities for the portfolio based on prospects for the economy or based on movements of traditional equities and debt securities markets. The Fund pursues its investment objective by investing primarily in reinsurance-related securities, including event-linked bonds, shares or notes issued in connection with quota shares ("Quota Share Notes") and, to a lesser extent, shares or notes issued in connection with excess-of-loss, stop-loss or other non-proportional reinsurance ("Excess of Loss Notes"), shares or notes issued in connection with industry loss warranties ("ILW Notes"), event-linked swaps, and equity securities (publicly or privately offered) or the derivatives of equity securities of companies in the reinsurance and insurance industry (collectively, "reinsurance-related securities"). Under

normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in reinsurance-related securities. In addition, the Fund will also invest at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in high yield, high risk debt securities (commonly referred to as "junk bonds"). Reinsurance-related securities typically are "high-yield." High yield securities typically are of below-investment-grade quality, and may either have below-investment-grade credit ratings, which ratings are associated with securities having high risk, speculative characteristics, or may be unrated but of comparable quality to securities with below-investment-grade credit ratings. The Adviser has broad discretion to allocate the Fund's assets among these investment categories. As of December 31, 2020, the median spread above collateral of event-linked bonds was approximately 5.75%, although this may change due to the variable nature of the event-linked bond yields and/or other market circumstances. Consistent with its investment objective and its 80% policies, the Fund may invest in reinsurance-related securities across the yield spectrum, but will generally focus its investments in higher yielding, higher risk securities (i.e., those above the median yield). The Fund has no limit as to the maturity of the securities in which it invests or as to the market capitalization of the issuer. Event-linked bonds are variable rate debt securities for which the return of principal and payment of interest are contingent on the non-occurrence of a specified trigger event(s) that leads to economic and/or human loss, such as an earthquake of a particular magnitude or a hurricane of a specific category. The most common type of event-linked bonds is known as "catastrophe" or "CAT" bonds. The Fund may invest in event-linked bonds in one or more of three ways: the Fund may purchase event-linked bonds when initially offered; the Fund may purchase event-linked bonds in the secondary, over-the-counter ("OTC") market; or the Fund may gain indirect exposure to event-linked bonds using derivatives. The Fund may pursue other types of event-linked derivative strategies using derivative instruments that are typically contingent, or formulaically related to defined trigger events. Trigger events may include hurricanes, earthquakes and weatherrelated phenomena, pandemics, epidemics, non-natural catastrophes, such as plane crashes, or other events resulting in a specified level of physical or economic loss, such as mortality or longevity. The Fund may invest in both longevity bonds and mortality bonds, which are fixed-income securities, typically issued by special purpose vehicles. The Fund may also seek to gain exposure to reinsurance contracts by holding notes or preferred shares issued by a special purpose vehicle ("SPV") whose performance is tied to underlying reinsurance transaction(s), including Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes. The Fund, as holder of a note or preferred share issued by the SPV, would be entitled to participate in the underwriting results and investment earnings associated with the SPV's underlying reinsurance contracts. Investments in Quota Share Notes provide exposure to a form of proportional reinsurance in which an investor participates in the premiums and losses of a reinsurer's portfolio according to a pre-defined percentage. For example, under a 20% quotashare agreement, the SPV would obtain 20% of all premiums of the subject portfolio while being responsible for 20% of all claims, and the Fund, as holder of a Quota Share Note issued by the SPV, would be entitled to its pro rata share of the premiums received by the SPV and would be responsible for its pro rata share of the claims, up to the total amount invested. The Fund will generally seek to gain exposure to geographically diversified natural catastrophe Quota Share Notes and the Quota Share Notes in which the Fund invests will typically be high yield, high risk instruments. Investments in Excess of Loss Notes provide exposure to a form of reinsurance pursuant to which one party (typically an insurer or reinsurer) purchases protection against losses that exceed a specified threshold up to a set limit. For example, under such an arrangement, an insurer may have a book of business with \$6 billion of total risk in respect of large, catastrophic losses. Such an insurer can purchase reinsurance protection from an SPV for 40% of single-event losses the insurer suffers between \$4 billion and \$5 billion by paying the SPV a fixed premium. In this example, if the insurer suffered a loss of \$5 billion due to one event, it would cover the first \$4 billion itself and file a reinsurance claim with the SPV to pay 40% of the further \$1 billion in losses (i.e., \$400 million) and pay the remaining \$600 million itself. If the insurer had losses of \$6 billion, it would cover the first \$4 billion itself, look to the SPV to pay 40% of \$1 billion (again paying the \$600 million itself) and would further retain the obligation to pay the additional \$1 billion that exceeds the reinsurance (which, in this example, covered losses between \$4 billion and \$5 billion). The "trigger" for this type of reinsurance contract would be losses in excess of the specified amount. The Fund, as a holder of an Excess of

Loss Note, would be entitled to its pro rata share of the premiums received by the SPV and would be responsible for its pro rata share of the claims, up to the total amount invested. Investments in ILW Notes provide exposure to a transaction through which one party (typically, an insurance company or reinsurance company, or a reinsurance-related asset manager) purchases protection based on the total loss arising from a catastrophic event to the entire insurance industry rather than the losses of any particular insurer. For example, the buyer of a "\$100 million limit US Wind ILW attaching at \$20 billion" will pay an upfront premium to a protection writer (i.e., the reinsurer or an SPV) and in return will receive \$100 million if total losses to the insurance industry from a single US hurricane exceed \$20 billion. The industry loss (\$20 billion in this case) is often referred to as the "trigger" and is reported by an independent third party after an event has occurred. The amount of protection offered by the contract (\$100 million in this case) is referred to as the "limit." ILW Notes could also provide exposure to transactions linked to an index not linked to insurance industry losses, such as wind speed or earthquake magnitude and location. The Fund, as holder of an ILW Note, would be entitled to a return linked to the premium paid by the sponsor and the occurrence or non-occurrence of the trigger event. The Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in below-investmentgrade securities ("junk bonds") (i.e., those rated below Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and lower than BBB- by S&P Global Ratings). Because most event-linked bonds, Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes are unrated, a substantial portion of the Fund's assets will typically be invested in unrated securities determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality to below-investment-grade securities, similar in some respects to high yield corporate bonds. Event-linked catastrophe bonds, Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes are exposed to catastrophic insurance risk whereas high yield bonds are typically exposed to the potential default of financially distressed issuers. The Fund has no limit as to the maturity of the securities in which it invests or as to the market capitalization of the issuer. The Fund may invest in event-linked bonds, Ouota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes, ILW Notes and debt securities of any credit rating, including those rated below investment grade or, if unrated, determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality. With respect to event-linked bonds, the rating, if any, primarily reflects the rating agency's calculated probability that a predefined trigger event(s) will occur, as well as the overall expected loss to the bond principal. In addition to ratings issued by rating agencies, event-linked bonds are generally issued with an attachment probability and expected loss percentage determined by an independent modeler (a "risk model"). A risk model is created based on historical data and averages as well as scientific and probabilistic analysis and is used to inform investors and others on the potential impact of a wide variety of catastrophic events or other specified events that result in physical and/or economic loss. The Adviser, in selecting investments for the Fund, will generally consider risk models created by independent third parties, the sponsor of a reinsurance-related security or a broker. The Adviser may also consider its own risk models based on comparable prior transactions, quantitative analysis, and industry knowledge. In implementing the Fund's investment strategy, Stone Ridge will seek to invest in reinsurance-related securities tied to a varied group of available perils and geographic regions. Further, within each region and peril, Stone Ridge seeks to hold a balance of exposures to underlying insurance and reinsurance carriers, trigger types, and lines of business. The Adviser will continue to monitor the risk of the Fund's investments on a regular basis. Because the majority of reinsurance-related security issuers are domiciled outside the United States, the Fund will normally invest significant amounts of its assets in foreign (non-U.S.) entities. The Fund retains the flexibility to invest in other instruments as the Adviser may consider appropriate from time to time, including registered investment companies, U.S. government securities, cash and cash equivalents. The Fund may also enter into other types of investments that enable the Fund to provide risk transfer services, as the Adviser may consider appropriate from time to time. Borrowing and Leverage The Fund may obtain leverage through borrowings in seeking to achieve its investment objective. The Fund's borrowings, which would typically be in the form of loans from banks, may be on a secured or unsecured basis and at fixed or variable rates of interest. The 1940 Act requires the Fund to maintain continuous asset coverage of not less than 300% with respect to all borrowings. This means that the value of the Fund's total indebtedness may not exceed onethird of the value of its total assets (including such indebtedness). The Fund also may borrow money from banks or other lenders for temporary purposes in an amount not to exceed 5% of the Fund's assets. Such temporary

borrowings are not subject to the asset coverage requirements discussed above. Investments or trading practices that involve contractual obligations to pay in the future are subject to the same requirements unless the Fund designates liquid assets in an amount the Fund believes to be equal to the Fund's contractual obligations (marked-to-market on a daily basis) or, for certain instruments, appropriately "covers" such obligations with offsetting positions. Leverage can have the effect of magnifying the Fund's exposure to changes in the value of its assets and may also result in increased volatility in the Fund's net asset value ("NAV"). This means the Fund will have the potential for greater gains, as well as the potential for greater losses, than if the Fund owned its assets on an unleveraged basis. The value of an investment in the Fund will be more volatile and other risks tend to be compounded if and to the extent that the Fund is exposed to leverage.

#### Principal Investment Risks

The Fund is generally sold to (i) institutional investors, including registered investment advisers (RIAs), that meet certain qualifications and have completed an educational program provided by the Adviser; (ii) clients of such institutional investors; and (iii) certain other Eligible Investors (as defined in "Eligibility to Buy Class I Shares and Class M Shares" below). Investors should carefully consider the Fund's risks and investment objective, as an investment in the Fund may not be appropriate for all investors and is not designed to be a complete investment program. An investment in the Fund involves a high degree of risk. The reinsurance-related securities in which the Fund invests are typically considered "high yield" and many reinsurance-related debt securities may be considered "junk bonds." It is possible that investing in the Fund may result in a loss of some or all of the amount invested. Before making an investment/allocation decision, investors should (i) consider the suitability of this investment with respect to an investor's or a client's investment objectives and individual situation and (ii) consider factors such as an investor's or a client's net worth, income, age, and risk tolerance. Investment should be avoided where an investor/client has a short-term investing horizon and/or cannot bear the loss of some or all of the investment. The Fund's shares will fluctuate in price, which may result in a loss of a portion or all of the money invested in the Fund. Many factors influence a mutual fund's performance. The following is a summary of certain risks of investing in the Fund. Before investing, please be sure to read the additional information under "Investment Objectives, Strategies and Risks — More Information Regarding the Risks of Investing" below. Reinsurance-Related Securities Risk. The principal risk of an investment in a reinsurance-related security is that a triggering event(s) (e.g., (i) natural events, such as a hurricane, tornado or earthquake of a particular size/magnitude in a designated geographic area; or (ii) non-natural events, such as large aviation disasters) will occur, and as a result, the Fund will lose all or a significant portion of the principal it has invested in the security and the right to additional interest payments with respect to the security. If multiple triggering events occur that impact a significant portion of the portfolio of the Fund, the Fund could suffer substantial losses and an investor will lose money. A majority of the Fund's assets will be invested in reinsurance-related securities tied to natural events and/or non-natural disasters and there is inherent uncertainty as to whether, when or where such events will occur. There is no way to accurately predict whether a triggering event will occur and, because of this significant uncertainty, reinsurance-related securities carry a high degree of risk. Event-Linked Bonds. Event-linked or catastrophe bonds carry large uncertainties and major risk exposures to adverse conditions. If a trigger event, as defined within the terms of the bond, involves losses or other metrics exceeding a specific magnitude in the geographic region and time period specified therein, the Fund may lose a portion or all of its investment in such security, including accrued interest and/or principal invested in such security. Such losses may be substantial. Because catastrophe bonds cover "catastrophic" events that, if they occur, will result in significant losses, catastrophe bonds carry a high degree of risk of loss and are considered "high yield" or "junk bonds." The rating, if any, primarily reflects the rating agency's calculated probability that a pre-defined trigger event will occur. Thus, lower-rated bonds have a greater likelihood of a triggering event occurring and loss to the Fund. Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes. The Fund may gain exposure to reinsurance contracts through Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes. These securities are subject to the same risks discussed herein for event-linked or catastrophe bonds. In addition, because Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes represent an interest, either proportional or non-proportional, in one or more underlying reinsurance contracts, the Fund has limited transparency into the

individual underlying contract(s) and, therefore, must rely upon the risk assessment and sound underwriting practices of the sponsor. Accordingly, it may be more difficult for the Adviser to fully evaluate the underlying risk profile of the Fund's investment in Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes, which will place the Fund's assets at greater risk of loss than if the Adviser had more complete information. The lack of transparency may also make the valuation of Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes more difficult and potentially result in mispricing that could result in losses to the Fund. See "Illiquidity and Restricted Securities Risk" and "Valuation Risk" below. In Quota Share Notes trades, ILW Notes trades and Excess of Loss Notes trades, the Fund cannot lose more than the amount invested. Risk-Modeling Risk. The Adviser, in selecting investments for the Fund, will generally consider risk models created by independent third parties, the sponsor of a reinsurance-related security or a broker. The Adviser may also consider its own risk models based on comparable prior transactions, quantitative analysis, and industry knowledge. Risk models are designed to assist investors, governments, and businesses understand the potential impact of a wide variety of catastrophic events and allow such parties to analyze the probability of loss in regions with the highest exposure. The Adviser will use the output of the risk models before and after investment to assist the Adviser in assessing the risk of a particular reinsurance-related security or a group of such securities. Risk models are created using historical, scientific and other related data, and they may use quantitative methods. Because such risk models are based in part upon historical data and averages, there is no guarantee that such information will accurately predict the future occurrence, location or severity of any particular catastrophic event and thus may fail to accurately calculate the probability of a trigger event and may underestimate the likelihood of a trigger event. Securities or other investments selected using quantitative methods may perform differently from the market as a whole or from their expected performance for many reasons, including factors used in building the quantitative analytical framework, the weights placed on each factor, and changing sources of market returns, among others. In addition, any errors or imperfections in a risk model (quantitative or otherwise), analyses, the data on which they are based or any technical issues with the construction of the models (including, for example, data problems and/ or software or other implementation issues) could adversely affect the ability of the Adviser to use such analyses or models effectively, which in turn could adversely affect the Fund's performance. Risk models are used by the Adviser as one input in its risk analysis process for Fund investments. There can be no assurance that these methodologies will help the Fund to achieve its investment objective. Longevity and Mortality Risk. Longevity risk is the risk that members of a reference population will live longer, on average, than anticipated. Mortality risk is the risk that members of a reference population will live shorter, on average, than anticipated. Such risks are among the most significant faced by life insurers, annuity providers and pension funds because changes in longevity or mortality rates can significantly affect the liabilities and cash needs of those entities. Longevity bonds and mortality bonds purchased by the Fund involve the risk that the Adviser may incorrectly predict the actual level of longevity or mortality, as applicable, for the reference population of people, and the Fund will lose all or a portion of the amount of its investment in the bond. With respect to mortality bonds held by the Fund, there is also the risk that an epidemic or other catastrophic event could strike the reference population, resulting in mortality rates exceeding expectations and in the Fund losing all or a portion of its investment in the bond. Illiquidity and Restricted Securities Risk. Illiquidity risk is the risk that the investments held by the Fund may be difficult or impossible to sell at the time that the Fund would like without significantly changing the market value of the investment. As a relatively new type of financial instrument, there is limited trading history for reinsurance-related securities, even for those securities deemed to be liquid. The Fund may invest at the time of purchase up to 15% of its net assets in securities that are illiquid. The Adviser believes a sufficient liquid market exists for reinsurance-related securities in order to meet these requirements. However, there can be no assurance that a liquid market for the Fund's investments will be maintained. The Fund's ability to realize full value in the event of the need to liquidate certain assets may be impaired and/or result in losses to the Fund. The Fund may be unable to sell its investments, even under circumstances when the Adviser believes it would be in the best interests of the Fund to do so. Illiquid investments may also be difficult to value and their pricing may be more volatile than more liquid investments, which could adversely affect the price at which the Fund is able to sell such instruments. Illiquid investments may involve greater risk than liquid investments. Illiquidity risk

also may be greater in times of financial stress. The risks associated with illiquid instruments may be particularly acute in situations in which the Fund's operations require cash (such as in connection with redemptions) and could result in the Fund borrowing to meet its short-term needs or incurring losses on the sale of illiquid instruments. Certain of the instruments in which the Fund may invest are subject to restrictions on resale by the federal securities laws or otherwise, such as securities offered privately pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "1933 Act") and securities issued pursuant to Rule 144A under the 1933 Act. While certain restricted securities may, notwithstanding their limitations on resale, be treated as liquid if the Adviser determines, pursuant to the applicable procedures, that such treatment is warranted, there can be no guarantee that any such determination will continue. Restricted securities previously determined to be liquid may subsequently become illiquid while held by the Fund. Even if such restricted securities are not deemed to be illiquid, they may nevertheless be difficult to value and the Fund may be required to hold restricted securities when it otherwise would sell such securities or may be forced to sell securities at a price lower than the price the Fund has valued such securities, and the Fund may incur additional expense when disposing of restricted securities, including costs to register the sale of the securities. This may result in losses to the Fund and investors. Valuation Risk. The Fund is subject to valuation risk, which is the risk that one or more of the securities in which the Fund invests are priced incorrectly, due to factors such as incomplete data, market instability, or human error. In addition, pricing of reinsurance-related securities is subject to the added uncertainty caused by the inability to generally predict whether, when or where a natural disaster or other triggering event will occur. Even after a natural disaster or other triggering event occurs, the pricing of reinsurance-related securities is subject to uncertainty for a period of time until event parameters, ultimate loss amounts and other factors are finalized and communicated to the Fund. The Fund's investments in reinsurancerelated securities for which market quotations are not available will be valued pursuant to procedures adopted by the board of trustees of Stone Ridge Trust (the "Board"). Even for reinsurance-related securities for which market quotations are generally readily available, upon the occurrence or possible occurrence of a trigger event, and until the completion of the settlement and auditing of applicable loss claims, the Fund's investment in a reinsurance-related security may be priced using fair value methods. Many of the Fund's reinsurance-related securities are priced using fair value methods. Portfolio securities that are valued using techniques other than market quotations, including fair valued securities, may be subject to greater fluctuation in their value from one day to the next than would be the case if market quotations were used. There is no assurance that the Fund could sell a portfolio security for the value established for it at any time and it is possible that the Fund would incur a loss because a portfolio security is sold at a discount to its established value. If securities are mispriced, shareholders could lose money upon redemption or could pay too much for shares purchased. Moral Hazard Risk. Reinsurance-related securities are generally subject to one or more types of triggers, including so-called "indemnity-triggers." An indemnity trigger is a trigger based on the actual losses of the ceding sponsor (i.e., the party seeking reinsurance). Reinsurance-related securities subject to indemnity triggers are often regarded as being subject to potential moral hazard, since such reinsurance-related securities are triggered by actual losses of the ceding sponsor and the ceding sponsor may have an incentive to take actions and/or risks that would have an adverse effect on the Fund. For example, if an event-linked bond issued will be triggered at \$500 million in losses to the sponsor, once that trigger is hit (i.e., the sponsor experiences \$500 million in losses under the contracts it has written), the bond purchaser will lose all or a portion of its principal invested (plus any additional interest). In this situation, the ceding sponsor has an incentive to pay the claims more generously when the loss amount is near the trigger amount set in the bond (i.e., to claim \$500 million in losses, when perhaps it could be argued that actual losses were \$499.9 million). Thus, bonds with indemnity triggers may be subject to moral hazard, because the trigger depends on the ceding sponsor to properly identify and calculate losses that do and do not apply in determining whether the trigger amount has been reached. In short, "moral hazard" refers to this potential for the sponsor to influence bond performance, as payouts are based on the individual policy claims against the sponsor and the way the sponsor settles those claims. Limited Availability and Reinvestment Risk. Investments in reinsurance-related securities may be limited, which may limit the amount of assets the Fund may be able to invest in reinsurance-related securities. The limited availability of reinsurance-related securities may

be due to a number of factors, including seasonal concentration of issuances, limited selection that meets the Fund's investment objective and lack of availability of reinsurance-related securities in the secondary market. Original issuances of event-linked bonds (and in particular hurricane-related catastrophe bonds) may be concentrated in the first two calendar quarters of each year while original issuances of Quota Share Notes and Excess of Loss Notes may be concentrated in particular reinsurance renewal months (January, and to a lesser extent, April, June, and July). Thereafter, the availability of reinsurance-related securities is subject to natural fluctuations in the secondary market. Therefore, if reinsurance-related securities held by the Fund mature or if the Fund must sell securities to meet redemption requests, the Fund may be required to hold more cash than it normally would until reinsurance-related securities meeting the Fund's investment objective become available. Due to the potentially limited availability of additional reinsurance-related securities, the Fund may be forced to reinvest in securities that are lower yielding or less desirable than the securities the Fund sold. This is known as reinvestment risk, and may reduce the overall return on its portfolio securities. Investments in Non-Voting Securities Risk. If the reinsurance-related securities in which the Fund invests carry voting rights, the Fund ordinarily will limit such investments to 5% or less of the issuing SPV's outstanding voting securities. However, to enable the Fund to invest more of its assets in certain SPVs deemed attractive by the Adviser, the Fund may also contractually forego its right to vote securities or may purchase non-voting securities of such SPVs. If the Fund does not limit its voting rights and is deemed an "affiliate" of the SPV, the ability of the Fund to make future investments in the SPV or to engage in other transactions would be severely limited by the requirements of the 1940 Act. Such limitations may interfere with portfolio management of the Fund which may adversely impact the Fund's performance. To the extent the Fund holds non-voting securities of an SPV, or contractually foregoes its right to vote securities of an SPV, it will not be able to vote to the full extent of its economic interest on matters that require the approval of the investors in the SPV, including matters that could adversely affect the Fund's investment in the SPV. Reinsurance Industry Risk. The performance of reinsurance-related securities and the reinsurance industry itself are tied to the occurrence of various triggering events, including weather, natural disasters (hurricanes, earthquakes, etc.), non-natural large catastrophes and other specified events causing physical and/or economic loss. Triggering events are typically defined by three criteria: an event; a geographic area in which the event must occur; and a threshold of economic or physical loss (either actual or modeled) caused by the event, together with a method to measure such loss. Generally, the event is either a natural or nonnatural peril of a kind that results in significant physical or economic loss. Natural perils include disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes, windstorms, pandemics, epidemics, fires and floods. Non-natural perils include disasters resulting from human activity, such as commercial and industrial accidents or business interruptions. Major natural disasters in populated areas (such as in the cases of hurricane Katrina in New Orleans in 2005, super storm Sandy in the New York City metropolitan area in 2012 and hurricane Irma in Florida and the Caribbean in 2017) or related to high-value insured property (such as plane crashes) can result in significant losses and investors in reinsurance-related securities tied to such exposures may also experience substantial losses. If the likelihood and severity of natural and other large disasters increase, the risk of significant losses to reinsurers may increase. Typically, one significant triggering event (even in a major metropolitan area) will not result in financial failure to a reinsurer. However, a series of major triggering events could cause the failure of a reinsurer. Similarly, to the extent the Fund invests in reinsurance-related securities for which a triggering event occurs, losses associated with such event will result in losses to the Fund and a series of major triggering events affecting a large portion of the reinsurance-related securities held by the Fund will result in substantial losses to the Fund. In addition, unexpected events such as natural disasters or terrorist attacks could lead to government intervention. Political, judicial and legal developments affecting the reinsurance industry could also create new and expanded theories of liability or regulatory or other requirements; such changes could have a material adverse effect on the Fund. Floating-Rate Instrument Risks. A significant percentage of the reinsurance-related securities in which the Fund invests are variable rate, or floating-rate, event-linked bonds. Floating-rate instruments and similar investments may be illiquid or less liquid than other investments. In addition, while the collateral securing most event-linked bonds in which the Fund currently intends to invest is typically invested in low-risk investments, certain SPVs in which the Fund invests may permit investment of collateral in higher risk,

higher yielding investments. Thus, the value of collateral, if any, securing the Fund's investments in event-linked bonds can decline or may be insufficient to meet the issuer's obligations, and the collateral, if repaid to the Fund, may be difficult to liquidate. Market quotations for these securities may be volatile and/or subject to large spreads between bid and ask prices. Below-Investment-Grade Securities and Unrated Securities Risk. The Fund has exposure and may, without limitation, continue to have exposure to reinsurance-related securities that are rated below investment grade or that are unrated but are judged by the Adviser to be of comparable quality. Below-investment-grade debt securities, which are commonly called "junk bonds," are rated below BBB- by S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") or Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., ("Moody's"), or have comparable ratings by another rating organization. Accordingly, certain of the Fund's unrated investments could constitute a highly risky and speculative investment, similar to an investment in "junk bonds." The rating primarily reflects the rating agency's calculated probability that a pre-defined trigger event will occur. Therefore, securities with a lower rating reflect the rating agency's assessment of the substantial risk that a triggering event will occur and result in a loss. The rating also reflects the reinsurance-related security's credit risk and the model used to calculate the probability of the trigger event. The rating system for reinsurance-related securities is relatively new and significantly less developed than that of corporate bonds and continues to evolve as the market develops. There is no minimum rating on the instruments in which the Fund may invest. Borrowing and Leverage Risk. The Fund may obtain financing to meet redemption requests, to make investments in reinsurance-related securities and to address cash flow timing mismatches. Therefore, the Fund is subject to leverage risk. The Fund's borrowings, which would typically be in the form of loans from banks, may be on a secured or unsecured basis and at fixed or variable rates of interest. Leverage magnifies the Fund's exposure to declines in the value of one or more underlying reference assets or creates investment risk with respect to a larger pool of assets than the Fund would otherwise have and may be considered a speculative technique. This risk is enhanced for the Fund because it invests substantially all its assets in reinsurance-related securities. Reinsurance-related securities can quickly lose all or much of their value if a triggering event occurs. Thus, to the extent assets subject to a triggering event are leveraged, the losses could substantially outweigh the Fund's investment and result in significant losses to the Fund. The value of an investment in the Fund will be more volatile and other risks tend to be compounded if and to the extent the Fund borrows or uses derivatives or other investments that have embedded leverage. The Fund's ability to obtain leverage through borrowings is dependent on its ability to establish and maintain an appropriate line of credit or other borrowing facility. Borrowing gives rise to interest expense and may require the Fund to pay other fees. Unless the rate of return, net of applicable Fund expenses, on the Fund's investments exceeds the costs to the Fund of the leverage it utilizes, the investment of the Fund's net assets attributable to leverage will generate less income than will be needed to pay the costs of the leverage to the Fund, resulting in a loss to the Fund, even if the rate of return on those assets is positive. Derivatives Risk. The Fund may invest in a variety of derivatives, including options, futures contracts and swaps. The use of derivatives involves risks that are in addition to, and potentially greater than, the risks of investing directly in securities and other more traditional assets. Derivatives are financial contracts the value of which depends on, or is derived from, an asset or other underlying reference. Derivatives involve the risk that changes in their value may not move as expected relative to changes in the value of the underlying reference asset they are designed to track. The Fund may invest in derivatives for investment purposes and for hedging and risk management purposes. Derivatives risk may be more significant when derivatives are used to enhance return or as a substitute for a cash investment option, rather than solely to hedge the risk of a position held by the Fund. See the Statement of Additional Information for additional information of the various types and uses of derivatives in the Fund's strategy. The Fund may be required to provide more margin for its derivative investments during periods of market disruptions or stress. Derivatives also present other risks described herein, including market risk, illiquidity risk, currency risk, counterparty risk and credit risk. OTC derivatives are generally highly illiquid. Many derivatives, in particular OTC derivatives, are complex and their valuation often requires modeling and judgment, which increases the risk of mispricing or improper valuation. The Fund's use of OTC derivatives exposes it to the risk that the counterparties will be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments or otherwise honor their obligations. If the counterparty defaults,

the Fund will still have contractual remedies but may not be able to enforce them. The Fund may invest in derivatives with a limited number of counterparties, and events affecting the creditworthiness of any of those counterparties may have a pronounced effect on the Fund. The Fund's use of derivatives may not be effective or have the desired results. Moreover, suitable derivatives will not be available in all circumstances. The Adviser may decide not to use derivatives to hedge or otherwise reduce the Fund's risk exposures, potentially resulting in losses for the Fund. Many derivatives have embedded leverage (i.e., a notional value in excess of the assets needed to establish and/or maintain the derivative position). Derivatives in which the Fund may invest (e.g., options, futures and swaps) may have embedded leverage, depending on their specific terms. As a result, adverse changes in the value or level of the underlying investment may result in a loss substantially greater than the amount invested in the derivative itself. See "Borrowing and Leverage Risk" above. In October 2020, the Commission adopted new Rule 18f-4 under the 1940 Act ("Rule 18f-4") providing for the regulation of a registered investment company's use of derivatives and certain related instruments. Among other things, Rule 18f-4 limits a fund's derivatives exposure through a value-at-risk ("VaR") test and requires the adoption and implementation of a derivatives risk management program for certain derivatives users. In connection with the adoption of Rule 18f-4, the Commission also eliminated the asset segregation framework arising from prior Commission guidance for covering derivatives and certain financial instruments. Compliance with Rule 18f-4 will not be required until August 2022. When the Fund comes into compliance, the Fund's treatment of investments or trading practices that involve contractual obligations to pay in the future described above under "Borrowing and Leverage" will change. Most such investments or trading practices will be considered to be derivatives under Rule 18f-4, and will therefore be subject to the VaR test set forth in the rule. The approach to asset segregation and coverage requirements described in this prospectus will also be impacted. For certain investments, such as reverse repurchase agreements and similar financing transactions, the Fund will have the option to either treat them as (1) senior securities under Section 18 of the 1940 Act, in which case they would be subject to the 300% asset coverage requirement described above, or (2) derivatives subject to the VaR test imposed by Rule 18f-4. Rule 18f-4 could restrict the Fund's ability to engage in certain derivatives transactions and/or increase the costs of such derivatives transactions, which could adversely affect the value or performance of the Fund. Specific risks involved in the use of certain types of derivatives in which the Fund may invest include: Swaps Risk. The Fund may obtain event-linked exposure by investing in, among other things, eventlinked swaps, which typically are contingent, or formulaically related to defined trigger events, or by pursuing similar event-linked derivative strategies. Trigger events include hurricanes, earthquakes, weather-related phenomena and other criteria determined by independent parties. If a trigger event(s) occurs, the Fund may lose the swap's notional amount. As derivative instruments, event-linked swaps are subject to risks in addition to the risks of investing in reinsurance-related securities, including risks associated with the counterparty and leverage. Epidemic and Pandemic Risk. The COVID-19 pandemic, which began in December 2019 and has spread worldwide, has caused many governments to implement measures to slow the spread of the outbreak through quarantines, travel restrictions, heightened border scrutiny and other measures. The outbreak and government measures taken in response have also had a significant impact, both directly and indirectly, on businesses and commerce, as worker shortages have occurred, supply chains have been disrupted, facilities and production have been suspended and demand for certain goods and services, such as medical services and supplies, has spiked, while demand for other goods and services, such as travel, has fallen. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected the economies of many nations or the entire global economy, the financial performance of individual issuers, borrowers and sectors and the health of capital markets and other markets generally in potentially significant and unforeseen ways. The COVID-19 crisis has also exacerbated other pre-existing political, social and economic risks in certain countries or globally. Other public health crises that may arise in the future could have similar or other unforeseen effects. The duration of the COVID-19 outbreak or any such future outbreak and its effects cannot be determined with certainty. The COVID-19 outbreak has led, and in the future the COVID-19 outbreak or other future public health crises could lead, to a significant economic downturn or recession, increased market volatility, a greater number of market closures, higher default rates and adverse effects on the values and liquidity of securities or other assets. Such impacts, which may vary across

asset classes, may adversely affect the performance of the Fund's investments, the Fund and your investment in the Fund. The impact of COVID-19 or any future public health crisis may also heighten the other risks disclosed in this prospectus. Credit Risk. The reinsurance-related securities in which the Fund invests will be subject to credit risk. The principal invested in many reinsurance-related securities is held by the SPV in a collateral account and invested in various permissible assets set forth under the terms of the SPV. In these cases, typically, the collateral account is invested in high quality U.S. government securities (i.e., U.S. Treasury bonds). However, in certain reinsurance-related securities, the collateral account may be invested in high yielding, higher risk securities, which may include securities issued by entities managed by the Adviser. Collateral will generally be invested in accordance with the terms of the SPV and overseen by a collateral manager appointed by the SPV; therefore, the Fund is dependent upon the manager to invest the collateral account proceeds appropriately. A small portion of the reinsurance-related securities in which the Fund invests may, in lieu of such collateral account arrangements, provide for the collateral to be held by the reinsurer. When a collateral account is invested in higher yielding, higher risk securities or when the collateral is held directly by the reinsurer, the Fund will be subject to the risk of non-payment of scheduled principal and interest on such collateral. Such non-payments and defaults may reduce the income to the Fund and negatively impact the value of Fund shares. Foreign Investing Risk. The Fund may invest in reinsurance-related securities issued by foreign sovereigns and foreign entities that are corporations, partnerships, trusts or other types of business entities. Because the majority of reinsurancerelated security issuers are domiciled outside the United States, the Fund will normally invest significant amounts of its assets in foreign (non-U.S.) entities. Accordingly, the Fund may invest without limitation in securities issued by foreign entities, including those in emerging market countries. Certain SPVs in which the Fund invests may be sponsored by foreign insurers that are not subject to the same regulation as that to which U.S. insurers are subject. Such SPVs may pose a greater risk of loss, for example, due to less stringent underwriting and/or risk-retention requirements. The Fund's investments in event-linked bonds, Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes provide the Fund with contractual rights under the terms of the issuance. While the contractual rights of such instruments are similar whether they are issued by a U.S. issuer or a foreign issuer, there may be certain additional risks associated with foreign issuers. For example, foreign issuers could be affected by factors not present in the U.S., including expropriation, confiscatory taxation, lack of uniform accounting and auditing standards, less publicly available financial and other information, potential difficulties in enforcing contractual obligations, and increased costs to enforce applicable contractual obligations outside the U.S. Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates and exchange controls may adversely affect the market value of the Fund's investments in foreign securities. See "Currency Risk" below. Settlements of securities transactions in foreign countries are subject to risk of loss, may be delayed and are generally less frequent than in the U.S., which could affect the liquidity of the Fund's assets. Currency Risk. The Fund's shares are priced in U.S. dollars and the distributions paid by the Fund are paid in U.S. dollars, and it is expected that a substantial portion of the Fund's investments in reinsurance-related securities will be U.S. dollar denominated investments. However, a portion of the Fund's assets may be denominated in foreign (non-U.S.) currencies and income received by the Fund from a portion of its investments may be paid in foreign currencies, and to the extent the Fund invests in non-U.S. dollar denominated instruments, a change in the value of a foreign currency against the U.S. dollar will result in a change in the U.S. dollar value of securities denominated in that foreign currency. If the U.S. dollar rises in value against a foreign currency, a security denominated in that currency will be worth less in U.S. dollars and if the U.S. dollar decreases in value against a foreign currency, a security denominated in that currency will be worth more in U.S. dollars. Currency risk also includes the risk that a currency to which the Fund has obtained exposure through hedging declines in value relative to the currency being hedged, in which event the Fund may realize a loss both on the hedging instrument and on the currency being hedged. Currency exchange rates can fluctuate significantly for many reasons. Derivative transactions in foreign currencies (such as futures, forwards, options and swaps) may involve leverage risk in addition to currency risk. Some countries have and may continue to adopt internal economic policies that affect their currency valuations in a manner that may be disadvantageous for U.S. investors or U.S. companies seeking to do business in those countries. Equity Investing Risk. The Fund may at times invest in equity securities, which may

be publicly or privately offered. The equity securities in which the Fund invests may be more volatile than the equity markets as a whole. Equity investing risk is the risk that the value of equity instruments to which the Fund is exposed will fall due to general market or economic conditions; overall market changes; local, regional or global political, social or economic instability; currency, interest rate and commodity price fluctuations; perceptions regarding the industries in which the issuers participate, and the particular circumstances and performance of the issuers. Market conditions may affect certain types of equity securities to a greater extent than other types. Although equities have historically generated higher average returns than debt securities over the long term, equity securities also have experienced significantly more volatility in returns. Finally, the prices of equities are also sensitive to rising interest rates, as the costs of capital rise and borrowing costs increase. Non-Diversification Risk. The Fund is classified as a "non-diversified" fund under the 1940 Act. Accordingly, the Fund may invest a greater portion of its assets in the securities of a single issuer than if it were a "diversified" fund. To the extent that the Fund invests a higher percentage of its assets in the securities of a single issuer, the Fund is subject to a higher degree of risk associated with and developments affecting that issuer than a fund that invests more widely. Market Risk. The value of the Fund's investments may decline, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably, due to general economic conditions that are not specifically related to a particular issuer, such as real or perceived adverse economic or political conditions throughout the world, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. The value of the Fund's investments also may decline because of factors that affect a particular industry or industries. Management and Operational Risk. The Fund is subject to management risk because it relies on the Adviser's ability to achieve its investment objective. The Fund runs the risk that the Adviser's investment techniques will fail to produce desired results and cause the Fund to incur significant losses. The Adviser may select investments that do not perform as anticipated by the Adviser, may choose to hedge or not to hedge positions at disadvantageous times and may fail to use derivatives effectively. Any imperfections, errors, or limitations in quantitative analyses and models used by the Adviser as part of its investment process could affect the Fund's performance. The Fund also is subject to the risk of loss as a result of other services provided by the Adviser and other service providers, including pricing, administrative, accounting, tax, legal, custody, transfer agency and other services. Operational risk includes the possibility of loss caused by inadequate procedures and controls, human error and cyber attacks, disruptions and failures affecting, or by, a service provider. Tax Risk. The Fund currently intends to qualify for treatment as a regulated investment company ("RIC") under Subchapter M of Chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). In order to qualify for such treatment, the Fund must derive at least 90% of its gross income each taxable year from qualifying income, meet certain asset diversification tests at the end of each fiscal quarter, and distribute at least 90% of its investment company taxable income for each taxable year. The Fund's investment strategy will potentially be limited by its intention to qualify for treatment as a RIC. The tax treatment of certain of the Fund's investments under one or more of the qualification or distribution tests applicable to RICs is not certain. An adverse determination or future guidance by the IRS or a change in law might affect the Fund's ability to qualify for such treatment. If, in any year, the Fund were to fail to qualify for treatment as a RIC under the Code for any reason, and were not able to cure such failure, the Fund would be subject to tax on its taxable income at corporate rates, and all distributions from earnings and profits, including any distributions of net taxexempt income and net long-term capital gains, would be taxable to shareholders as dividends. Expense Risk. Your actual costs of investing in the Fund may be higher than the expenses shown in "Annual Fund Operating Expenses" for a variety of reasons. The Fund's expense limitation agreement, which generally remains in effect for a period of one year, mitigates this risk. However, there is no assurance that the Adviser will renew such expense limitation agreement from year-to-year. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

#### Performance

The bar chart and table below provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the performance of the Fund's Class I Shares from year to year and by comparing the Fund's average annual total returns for the periods indicated with those of a broad measure of market performance. Past performance

(before and after taxes) is not an indication of future performance. Performance data current to the most recent month end may be obtained by calling (855) 609-3680.

Best Quarter(as of December 31, 2020)Worst Quarter(as of December 31, 2020)Year to Date(as of December 31, 2020)Q3 2020 4.50%Q3 2017 (8.81)%6.87%

Average Annual Total Returns for the periods ended December 31, 2020

After-tax returns are shown for Class I Shares only. After-tax returns for Class M Shares will differ. After tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. The "Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares" is higher, in some cases, than other return figures because when a capital loss occurs upon redemption of Fund shares, a tax deduction is provided that benefits the investor. Actual after-tax returns depend on your situation and may differ from those shown. Furthermore, the after-tax returns shown are not relevant to those who hold their shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts ("IRAs").

## Annual Fund Operating Expenses - Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund

Mar. 01, 2021

#### Class I

<b>Operating Expenses:</b>		
Management Fees (as a percentage of Assets)	1.50%	
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	none	
Component 1 Other Expenses	0.02%	
Component2 Other Expenses	none	[1]
Component3 Other Expenses	0.18%	[2]
Other Expenses (as a percentage of Assets):	0.20%	
Expenses (as a percentage of Assets)	1.70%	
Fee Waiver or Reimbursement	(0.03%)	[1]
Net Expenses (as a percentage of Assets)	1.67%	
<u>Class M</u>		
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>		
Management Fees (as a percentage of Assets)	1.50%	
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	0.15%	
Component 1 Other Expenses	0.02%	
Component2 Other Expenses	none	[1]
Component3 Other Expenses	0.18%	[2]
Other Expenses (as a percentage of Assets):	0.20%	
Expenses (as a percentage of Assets)	1.85%	
Fee Waiver or Reimbursement	(0.03%)	[1]
Net Expenses (as a percentage of Assets)	1.82%	

Through February 28, 2022, the Adviser (defined below) has contractually agreed to waive its management fee and/or pay or otherwise bear operating and other expenses of the Fund or a Class thereof (including offering expenses, but excluding brokerage and transactional expenses, borrowing and other investment-related costs and fees including interest and commitment fees, short dividend expense, acquired fund fees and expenses, taxes, litigation and indemnification expenses, judgments and extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Fund's business (collectively, the "Excluded Expenses")) solely to the extent necessary to limit the Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses, other than Excluded Expenses, of the applicable Class to 1.65% for Class I shares and 1.80% for Class M shares of the average daily net assets attributable to such Class of shares of the Fund. The Adviser shall be entitled to recoup in later periods expenses attributable to a Class that the Adviser has paid or otherwise borne (whether through reduction of its management fee or otherwise) to the extent that the expenses for the Class of shares (including offering expenses, but excluding Excluded Expenses) after such recoupment do not exceed the lower of (i) the annual expense limitation rate in effect at the time of the actual waiver/reimbursement and (ii) the annual expense limitation rate in effect at the time of the recoupment; provided that the Adviser shall not be permitted to recoup any such fees or expenses beyond three years from the end of the month in which such fee was reduced or such expense was reimbursed. The expense limitation agreement may only be modified by a majority vote of the trustees who are not "interested persons" of the Fund (as defined by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act")) and the consent of the Adviser.

<sup>[2]</sup> Remainder of Other Expenses have been restated to reflect expenses for the current fiscal year.

#### Expense Example - Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund

Mar. 01, 2021 USD (\$)

#### Class I

#### **Expense Example:**

Expense Example, with Redemption, 1 Year \$ 170 Expense Example, with Redemption, 3 Years 533 Expense Example, with Redemption, 5 Years 920

Expense Example, with Redemption, 10 Years 2,006

Class M

#### **Expense Example:**

Expense Example, with Redemption, 1 Year 185
Expense Example, with Redemption, 3 Years 579
Expense Example, with Redemption, 5 Years 998
Expense Example, with Redemption, 10 Years \$ 2,167

#### Expense Example, No Redemption - Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund

Mar. 01, 2021 USD (\$)

#### Class I

#### **Expense Example, No Redemption:**

Expense Example, No Redemption, 1 Year \$ 170

Expense Example, No Redemption, 3 Years 533

Expense Example, No Redemption, 5 Years 920

Expense Example, No Redemption, 10 Years 2,006

Class M

#### **Expense Example, No Redemption:**

Expense Example, No Redemption, 1 Year 185

Expense Example, No Redemption, 3 Years 579

Expense Example, No Redemption, 5 Years 998

Expense Example, No Redemption, 10 Years \$ 2,167

# Annual Total Returns [BarChart] - Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund - Class I

#### **Bar Chart Table:**

Annual Return 2014	8.56%
Annual Return 2015	5.37%
Annual Return 2016	6.73%
Annual Return 2017	(3.22%)
Annual Return 2018	2.82%
Annual Return 2019	4.58%
Annual Return 2020	6.87%

## Average Annual Total Returns - Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund Mar. 01, 2021

Class I

**Average Annual Return:** 

 1 Year
 6.87%

 5 Years
 3.49%

 Since Inception
 4.80%

<u>Inception Date</u> Feb. 01, 2013

Class I | After Taxes on Distributions

**Average Annual Return:** 

 1 Year
 4.17%

 5 Years
 1.21%

 Since Inception
 2.24%

Inception Date Feb. 01, 2013

Class I | After Taxes on Distributions and Sales

**Average Annual Return:** 

 1 Year
 4.02%

 5 Years
 1.65%

 Since Inception
 2.52%

<u>Inception Date</u> Feb. 01, 2013

Class M

**Average Annual Return:** 

 1 Year
 6.70%

 5 Years
 3.35%

 Since Inception
 4.66%

Inception Date Feb. 01, 2013

Label Element Value Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance **Risk Premium** <u>Fund</u> **Risk/Return:** rr RiskReturnAbstract Risk/Return rr RiskReturnHeading Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund [Heading] Objective rr ObjectiveHeading Investment Objective [Heading] Objective, The Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund's (the "Fund") Primary [Text investment objective is to seek a high level of total return consisting of income rr ObjectivePrimaryTextBlock Block] and preservation of capital. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective. **Expense** rr ExpenseHeading Fees and Expenses [Heading] The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, **Expense** hold and sell shares of the Fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage Narrative [Text] rr ExpenseNarrativeTextBlock Block] commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and example below. **Operating** Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses you pay each year as a percentage Expenses rr OperatingExpensesCaption of the value of your investment) Caption [Text] Fee Waiver or Reimbursement rr FeeWaiverOrReimbursementOverAssetsDateOfTerminationFebruary 28, 2022 over Assets, Date of **Termination** Portfolio **Turnover** rr PortfolioTurnoverHeading Portfolio Turnover [Heading] Portfolio The Fund generally does not pay transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells event-linked bonds. However, the prices of event-linked bonds Turnover [Text Block] purchased by the Fund reflect a "bid-ask spread" instead of explicit transaction costs. In addition, with respect to certain trades in event-linked bonds and other investments, the Fund may pay transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells such investments (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher rr PortfolioTurnoverTextBlock portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2020, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 50.26% of the average value of its portfolio. Portfolio turnover will not be a limiting factor should the Adviser deem it advisable to purchase or sell securities. **Portfolio** rr PortfolioTurnoverRate 50.26% Turnover, Rate **Expenses** Remainder of Other Expenses have been restated to reflect expenses for the Restated to rr ExpensesRestatedToReflectCurrent Reflect Current current fiscal year. [Text] Expense **Example** rr ExpenseExampleHeading Example. [Heading] **Expense** This Example is intended to help you compare the costs of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes **Example** Narrative [Text that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, regardless of Block] whether or not you redeem your shares at the end of such periods. The  $rr\_ExpenseExampleNarrativeTextBlock$ Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses (as describedabove) remain the same and takes into account the effect of the expense reimbursement (if any) during the first year. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be: Strategy rr\_StrategyHeading Principal Investment Strategies [Heading] Stone Ridge Asset Management LLC ("Stone Ridge" or the "Adviser") Strategy Narrative Text rr StrategyNarrativeTextBlock believes that investing in reinsurance-related securities should involve a long-

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term view and a systematic focus on sources of expected return, not on security

selection or market timing. In constructing an investment portfolio, the Adviser identifies a universe of eligible securities with well-defined risk and return characteristics. It then seeks to obtain broad investment exposure to a meaningful subset of that universe while efficiently managing the portfolio and keeping trading costs low. Because the risks in reinsurance-related securities largely related to natural or non-natural disasters, such as earthquakes or plane crashes — are not similar to the risks investors bear in traditional equities and debt markets, the Adviser believes that investment in reinsurance-related securities may provide benefits when added to traditional portfolios. As such, the Adviser does not intend to buy or sell securities for the portfolio based on prospects for the economy or based on movements of traditional equities and debt securities markets. The Fund pursues its investment objective by investing primarily in reinsurance-related securities, including event-linked bonds, shares or notes issued in connection with quota shares ("Quota Share Notes") and, to a lesser extent, shares or notes issued in connection with excess-of-loss, stop-loss or other non-proportional reinsurance ("Excess of Loss Notes"), shares or notes issued in connection with industry loss warranties ("ILW Notes"), event-linked swaps, and equity securities (publicly or privately offered) or the derivatives of equity securities of companies in the reinsurance and insurance industry (collectively, "reinsurance-related securities"). Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in reinsurance-related securities. In addition, the Fund will also invest at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in high yield, high risk debt securities (commonly referred to as "junk bonds"). Reinsurance-related securities typically are "high-yield." High yield securities typically are of below-investment-grade quality, and may either have below-investment-grade credit ratings, which ratings are associated with securities having high risk, speculative characteristics, or may be unrated but of comparable quality to securities with below-investment-grade credit ratings. The Adviser has broad discretion to allocate the Fund's assets among these investment categories. As of December 31, 2020, the median spread above collateral of event-linked bonds was approximately 5.75%, although this may change due to the variable nature of the event-linked bond yields and/or other market circumstances. Consistent with its investment objective and its 80% policies, the Fund may invest in reinsurance-related securities across the yield spectrum, but will generally focus its investments in higher yielding, higher risk securities (i.e., those above the median yield). The Fund has no limit as to the maturity of the securities in which it invests or as to the market capitalization of the issuer. Event-linked bonds are variable rate debt securities for which the return of principal and payment of interest are contingent on the non-occurrence of a specified trigger event(s) that leads to economic and/or human loss, such as an earthquake of a particular magnitude or a hurricane of a specific category. The most common type of event-linked bonds is known as "catastrophe" or "CAT" bonds. The Fund may invest in event-linked bonds in one or more of three ways: the Fund may purchase event-linked bonds when initially offered; the Fund may purchase event-linked bonds in the secondary, over-the-counter ("OTC") market; or the Fund may gain indirect exposure to event-linked bonds using derivatives. The Fund may pursue other types of event-linked derivative strategies using derivative instruments that are typically contingent, or formulaically related to defined trigger events. Trigger events may include hurricanes, earthquakes and weather-related phenomena, pandemics, epidemics, non-natural catastrophes, such as plane crashes, or other events resulting in a specified level of physical or economic loss, such as mortality or longevity. The Fund may invest in both longevity bonds and mortality bonds, which are fixed-income securities, typically issued by special purpose vehicles. The Fund may also seek to gain exposure to reinsurance contracts by holding notes or preferred shares issued by a special purpose vehicle ("SPV") whose performance is tied to underlying reinsurance transaction(s), including Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes. The Fund, as holder of a note or preferred share issued by the SPV, would be entitled to participate in the underwriting results and investment earnings associated with the SPV's underlying reinsurance contracts. Investments in Quota Share Notes provide exposure to a form of proportional reinsurance in which an investor participates in the premiums and losses of a reinsurer's portfolio according to a pre-defined percentage. For example, under a 20% quota-share agreement, the SPV would obtain 20% of all premiums of the subject portfolio while being responsible for 20% of all claims, and the Fund, as holder of a Quota Share Note issued by the SPV, would be entitled to its pro rata share of the premiums received by the SPV and would be responsible for its pro rata share of the claims, up to the

total amount invested. The Fund will generally seek to gain exposure to geographically diversified natural catastrophe Quota Share Notes and the Quota Share Notes in which the Fund invests will typically be high yield, high risk instruments. Investments in Excess of Loss Notes provide exposure to a form of reinsurance pursuant to which one party (typically an insurer or reinsurer) purchases protection against losses that exceed a specified threshold up to a set limit. For example, under such an arrangement, an insurer may have a book of business with \$6 billion of total risk in respect of large, catastrophic losses. Such an insurer can purchase reinsurance protection from an SPV for 40% of single-event losses the insurer suffers between \$4 billion and \$5 billion by paying the SPV a fixed premium. In this example, if the insurer suffered a loss of \$5 billion due to one event, it would cover the first \$4 billion itself and file a reinsurance claim with the SPV to pay 40% of the further \$1 billion in losses (i.e., \$400 million) and pay the remaining \$600 million itself. If the insurer had losses of \$6 billion, it would cover the first \$4 billion itself, look to the SPV to pay 40% of \$1 billion (again paying the \$600 million itself) and would further retain the obligation to pay the additional \$1 billion that exceeds the reinsurance (which, in this example, covered losses between \$4 billion and \$5 billion). The "trigger" for this type of reinsurance contract would be losses in excess of the specified amount. The Fund, as a holder of an Excess of Loss Note, would be entitled to its pro rata share of the premiums received by the SPV and would be responsible for its pro rata share of the claims, up to the total amount invested. Investments in ILW Notes provide exposure to a transaction through which one party (typically, an insurance company or reinsurance company, or a reinsurance-related asset manager) purchases protection based on the total loss arising from a catastrophic event to the entire insurance industry rather than the losses of any particular insurer. For example, the buyer of a "\$100 million limit US Wind ILW attaching at \$20 billion" will pay an upfront premium to a protection writer (i.e., the reinsurer or an SPV) and in return will receive \$100 million if total losses to the insurance industry from a single US hurricane exceed \$20 billion. The industry loss (\$20 billion in this case) is often referred to as the "trigger" and is reported by an independent third party after an event has occurred. The amount of protection offered by the contract (\$100 million in this case) is referred to as the "limit." ILW Notes could also provide exposure to transactions linked to an index not linked to insurance industry losses, such as wind speed or earthquake magnitude and location. The Fund, as holder of an ILW Note, would be entitled to a return linked to the premium paid by the sponsor and the occurrence or nonoccurrence of the trigger event. The Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in belowinvestment-grade securities ("junk bonds") (i.e., those rated below Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and lower than BBB- by S&P Global Ratings). Because most event-linked bonds, Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes are unrated, a substantial portion of the Fund's assets will typically be invested in unrated securities determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality to below-investment-grade securities, similar in some respects to high yield corporate bonds. Event-linked catastrophe bonds, Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes are exposed to catastrophic insurance risk whereas high yield bonds are typically exposed to the potential default of financially distressed issuers. The Fund has no limit as to the maturity of the securities in which it invests or as to the market capitalization of the issuer. The Fund may invest in event-linked bonds, Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes, ILW Notes and debt securities of any credit rating, including those rated below investment grade or, if unrated, determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality. With respect to event-linked bonds, the rating, if any, primarily reflects the rating agency's calculated probability that a pre-defined trigger event(s) will occur, as well as the overall expected loss to the bond principal. In addition to ratings issued by rating agencies, event-linked bonds are generally issued with an attachment probability and expected loss percentage determined by an independent modeler (a "risk model"). A risk model is created based on historical data and averages as well as scientific and probabilistic analysis and is used to inform investors and others on the potential impact of a wide variety of catastrophic events or other specified events that result in physical and/or economic loss. The Adviser, in selecting investments for the Fund, will generally consider risk models created by independent third parties, the sponsor of a reinsurance-related security or a broker. The Adviser may also consider its own risk models based on comparable prior transactions, quantitative analysis, and industry knowledge. In implementing the Fund's investment strategy, Stone Ridge will seek to invest in reinsurance-related securities tied to a varied group of available perils and geographic regions.

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Further, within each region and peril, Stone Ridge seeks to hold a balance of exposures to underlying insurance and reinsurance carriers, trigger types, and lines of business. The Adviser will continue to monitor the risk of the Fund's investments on a regular basis. Because the majority of reinsurance-related security issuers are domiciled outside the United States, the Fund will normally invest significant amounts of its assets in foreign (non-U.S.) entities. The Fund retains the flexibility to invest in other instruments as the Adviser may consider appropriate from time to time, including registered investment companies, U.S. government securities, cash and cash equivalents. The Fund may also enter into other types of investments that enable the Fund to provide risk transfer services, as the Adviser may consider appropriate from time to time. Borrowing and Leverage The Fund may obtain leverage through borrowings in seeking to achieve its investment objective. The Fund's borrowings, which would typically be in the form of loans from banks, may be on a secured or unsecured basis and at fixed or variable rates of interest. The 1940 Act requires the Fund to maintain continuous asset coverage of not less than 300% with respect to all borrowings. This means that the value of the Fund's total indebtedness may not exceed one-third of the value of its total assets (including such indebtedness). The Fund also may borrow money from banks or other lenders for temporary purposes in an amount not to exceed 5% of the Fund's assets. Such temporary borrowings are not subject to the asset coverage requirements discussed above. Investments or trading practices that involve contractual obligations to pay in the future are subject to the same requirements unless the Fund designates liquid assets in an amount the Fund believes to be equal to the Fund's contractual obligations (marked-to-market on a daily basis) or, for certain instruments, appropriately "covers" such obligations with offsetting positions. Leverage can have the effect of magnifying the Fund's exposure to changes in the value of its assets and may also result in increased volatility in the Fund's net asset value ("NAV"). This means the Fund will have the potential for greater gains, as well as the potential for greater losses, than if the Fund owned its assets on an unleveraged basis. The value of an investment in the Fund will be more volatile and other risks tend to be compounded if and to the extent that the Fund is exposed to leverage.

## Principal Investment Risks

The Fund is generally sold to (i) institutional investors, including registered investment advisers (RIAs), that meet certain qualifications and have completed an educational program provided by the Adviser; (ii) clients of such institutional investors; and (iii) certain other Eligible Investors (as defined in "Eligibility to Buy Class I Shares and Class M Shares" below). Investors should carefully consider the Fund's risks and investment objective, as an investment in the Fund may not be appropriate for all investors and is not designed to be a complete investment program. An investment in the Fund involves a high degree of risk. The reinsurance-related securities in which the Fund invests are typically considered "high yield" and many reinsurancerelated debt securities may be considered "junk bonds." It is possible that investing in the Fund may result in a loss of some or all of the amount invested. Before making an investment/allocation decision, investors should (i) consider the suitability of this investment with respect to an investor's or a client's investment objectives and individual situation and (ii) consider factors such as an investor's or a client's net worth, income, age, and risk tolerance. Investment should be avoided where an investor/client has a short-term investing horizon and/or cannot bear the loss of some or all of the investment. The Fund's shares will fluctuate in price, which may result in a loss of a portion or all of the money invested in the Fund. Many factors influence a mutual fund's performance. The following is a summary of certain risks of investing in the Fund. Before investing, please be sure to read the additional information under "Investment Objectives, Strategies and Risks - More Information Regarding the Risks of Investing" below. Reinsurance-Related Securities Risk. The principal risk of an investment in a reinsurance-related security is that a triggering event(s) (e.g., (i) natural events, such as a hurricane, tornado or earthquake of a particular size/magnitude in a designated geographic area; or (ii) non-natural events, such as large aviation disasters) will occur, and as a result, the Fund will lose all or a significant portion of the principal it has invested in the security and the right to additional interest payments with respect to the security. If multiple triggering events occur that impact a significant portion of the portfolio of the Fund, the Fund could suffer substantial losses and an investor will lose money. A majority of the Fund's assets will be invested in reinsurance-related securities tied to natural events and/or non-natural disasters and there is inherent uncertainty as to whether, when or where such events will occur. There is no way to accurately predict

whether a triggering event will occur and, because of this significant uncertainty, reinsurance-related securities carry a high degree of risk. Event-Linked Bonds. Event-linked or catastrophe bonds carry large uncertainties and major risk exposures to adverse conditions. If a trigger event, as defined within the terms of the bond, involves losses or other metrics exceeding a specific magnitude in the geographic region and time period specified therein, the Fund may lose a portion or all of its investment in such security, including accrued interest and/or principal invested in such security. Such losses may be substantial. Because catastrophe bonds cover "catastrophic" events that, if they occur, will result in significant losses, catastrophe bonds carry a high degree of risk of loss and are considered "high yield" or "junk bonds." The rating, if any, primarily reflects the rating agency's calculated probability that a pre-defined trigger event will occur. Thus, lower-rated bonds have a greater likelihood of a triggering event occurring and loss to the Fund. Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes. The Fund may gain exposure to reinsurance contracts through Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes. These securities are subject to the same risks discussed herein for event-linked or catastrophe bonds. In addition, because Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes represent an interest, either proportional or nonproportional, in one or more underlying reinsurance contracts, the Fund has limited transparency into the individual underlying contract(s) and, therefore, must rely upon the risk assessment and sound underwriting practices of the sponsor. Accordingly, it may be more difficult for the Adviser to fully evaluate the underlying risk profile of the Fund's investment in Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes, which will place the Fund's assets at greater risk of loss than if the Adviser had more complete information. The lack of transparency may also make the valuation of Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes more difficult and potentially result in mispricing that could result in losses to the Fund. See "Illiquidity and Restricted Securities Risk" and "Valuation Risk" below. In Quota Share Notes trades, ILW Notes trades and Excess of Loss Notes trades, the Fund cannot lose more than the amount invested. Risk-Modeling Risk. The Adviser, in selecting investments for the Fund, will generally consider risk models created by independent third parties, the sponsor of a reinsurance-related security or a broker. The Adviser may also consider its own risk models based on comparable prior transactions, quantitative analysis, and industry knowledge. Risk models are designed to assist investors, governments, and businesses understand the potential impact of a wide variety of catastrophic events and allow such parties to analyze the probability of loss in regions with the highest exposure. The Adviser will use the output of the risk models before and after investment to assist the Adviser in assessing the risk of a particular reinsurance-related security or a group of such securities. Risk models are created using historical, scientific and other related data, and they may use quantitative methods. Because such risk models are based in part upon historical data and averages, there is no guarantee that such information will accurately predict the future occurrence, location or severity of any particular catastrophic event and thus may fail to accurately calculate the probability of a trigger event and may underestimate the likelihood of a trigger event. Securities or other investments selected using quantitative methods may perform differently from the market as a whole or from their expected performance for many reasons, including factors used in building the quantitative analytical framework, the weights placed on each factor, and changing sources of market returns, among others. In addition, any errors or imperfections in a risk model (quantitative or otherwise), analyses, the data on which they are based or any technical issues with the construction of the models (including, for example, data problems and/or software or other implementation issues) could adversely affect the ability of the Adviser to use such analyses or models effectively, which in turn could adversely affect the Fund's performance. Risk models are used by the Adviser as one input in its risk analysis process for Fund investments. There can be no assurance that these methodologies will help the Fund to achieve its investment objective. Longevity and Mortality Risk. Longevity risk is the risk that members of a reference population will live longer, on average, than anticipated. Mortality risk is the risk that members of a reference population will live shorter, on average, than anticipated. Such risks are among the most significant faced by life insurers, annuity providers and pension funds because changes in longevity or mortality rates can significantly affect the liabilities and cash needs of those entities. Longevity bonds and mortality bonds purchased by the Fund involve the risk that the Adviser may incorrectly predict the actual level of longevity or mortality, as applicable, for the reference population of people, and the Fund will lose all or a portion of the

amount of its investment in the bond. With respect to mortality bonds held by the Fund, there is also the risk that an epidemic or other catastrophic event could strike the reference population, resulting in mortality rates exceeding expectations and in the Fund losing all or a portion of its investment in the bond. Illiquidity and Restricted Securities Risk. Illiquidity risk is the risk that the investments held by the Fund may be difficult or impossible to sell at the time that the Fund would like without significantly changing the market value of the investment. As a relatively new type of financial instrument, there is limited trading history for reinsurance-related securities, even for those securities deemed to be liquid. The Fund may invest at the time of purchase up to 15% of its net assets in securities that are illiquid. The Adviser believes a sufficient liquid market exists for reinsurance-related securities in order to meet these requirements. However, there can be no assurance that a liquid market for the Fund's investments will be maintained. The Fund's ability to realize full value in the event of the need to liquidate certain assets may be impaired and/or result in losses to the Fund. The Fund may be unable to sell its investments, even under circumstances when the Adviser believes it would be in the best interests of the Fund to do so. Illiquid investments may also be difficult to value and their pricing may be more volatile than more liquid investments, which could adversely affect the price at which the Fund is able to sell such instruments. Illiquid investments may involve greater risk than liquid investments. Illiquidity risk also may be greater in times of financial stress. The risks associated with illiquid instruments may be particularly acute in situations in which the Fund's operations require cash (such as in connection with redemptions) and could result in the Fund borrowing to meet its short-term needs or incurring losses on the sale of illiquid instruments. Certain of the instruments in which the Fund may invest are subject to restrictions on resale by the federal securities laws or otherwise, such as securities offered privately pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "1933 Act") and securities issued pursuant to Rule 144A under the 1933 Act. While certain restricted securities may, notwithstanding their limitations on resale, be treated as liquid if the Adviser determines, pursuant to the applicable procedures, that such treatment is warranted, there can be no guarantee that any such determination will continue. Restricted securities previously determined to be liquid may subsequently become illiquid while held by the Fund. Even if such restricted securities are not deemed to be illiquid, they may nevertheless be difficult to value and the Fund may be required to hold restricted securities when it otherwise would sell such securities or may be forced to sell securities at a price lower than the price the Fund has valued such securities, and the Fund may incur additional expense when disposing of restricted securities, including costs to register the sale of the securities. This may result in losses to the Fund and investors. Valuation Risk. The Fund is subject to valuation risk, which is the risk that one or more of the securities in which the Fund invests are priced incorrectly, due to factors such as incomplete data, market instability, or human error. In addition, pricing of reinsurance-related securities is subject to the added uncertainty caused by the inability to generally predict whether, when or where a natural disaster or other triggering event will occur. Even after a natural disaster or other triggering event occurs, the pricing of reinsurancerelated securities is subject to uncertainty for a period of time until event parameters, ultimate loss amounts and other factors are finalized and communicated to the Fund. The Fund's investments in reinsurance-related securities for which market quotations are not available will be valued pursuant to procedures adopted by the board of trustees of Stone Ridge Trust (the "Board"). Even for reinsurance-related securities for which market quotations are generally readily available, upon the occurrence or possible occurrence of a trigger event, and until the completion of the settlement and auditing of applicable loss claims, the Fund's investment in a reinsurance-related security may be priced using fair value methods. Many of the Fund's reinsurancerelated securities are priced using fair value methods. Portfolio securities that are valued using techniques other than market quotations, including fair valued securities, may be subject to greater fluctuation in their value from one day to the next than would be the case if market quotations were used. There is no assurance that the Fund could sell a portfolio security for the value established for it at any time and it is possible that the Fund would incur a loss because a portfolio security is sold at a discount to its established value. If securities are mispriced, shareholders could lose money upon redemption or could pay too much for shares purchased. Moral Hazard Risk. Reinsurance-related securities are generally subject to one or more types of triggers, including so-called "indemnity-triggers." An indemnity trigger is a trigger based on the actual losses of the ceding sponsor (i.e., the party seeking reinsurance). Reinsurancerelated securities subject to indemnity triggers are often regarded as being subject to potential moral hazard, since such reinsurance-related securities are triggered by actual losses of the ceding sponsor and the ceding sponsor may have an incentive to take actions and/or risks that would have an adverse effect on the Fund. For example, if an event-linked bond issued will be triggered at \$500 million in losses to the sponsor, once that trigger is hit (i.e., the sponsor experiences \$500 million in losses under the contracts it has written), the bond purchaser will lose all or a portion of its principal invested (plus any additional interest). In this situation, the ceding sponsor has an incentive to pay the claims more generously when the loss amount is near the trigger amount set in the bond (i.e., to claim \$500 million in losses, when perhaps it could be argued that actual losses were \$499.9 million). Thus, bonds with indemnity triggers may be subject to moral hazard, because the trigger depends on the ceding sponsor to properly identify and calculate losses that do and do not apply in determining whether the trigger amount has been reached. In short, "moral hazard" refers to this potential for the sponsor to influence bond performance, as payouts are based on the individual policy claims against the sponsor and the way the sponsor settles those claims. Limited Availability and Reinvestment Risk. Investments in reinsurance-related securities may be limited, which may limit the amount of assets the Fund may be able to invest in reinsurance-related securities. The limited availability of reinsurance-related securities may be due to a number of factors, including seasonal concentration of issuances, limited selection that meets the Fund's investment objective and lack of availability of reinsurance-related securities in the secondary market. Original issuances of event-linked bonds (and in particular hurricane-related catastrophe bonds) may be concentrated in the first two calendar quarters of each year while original issuances of Quota Share Notes and Excess of Loss Notes may be concentrated in particular reinsurance renewal months (January, and to a lesser extent, April, June, and July). Thereafter, the availability of reinsurance-related securities is subject to natural fluctuations in the secondary market. Therefore, if reinsurance-related securities held by the Fund mature or if the Fund must sell securities to meet redemption requests, the Fund may be required to hold more cash than it normally would until reinsurance-related securities meeting the Fund's investment objective become available. Due to the potentially limited availability of additional reinsurance-related securities, the Fund may be forced to reinvest in securities that are lower yielding or less desirable than the securities the Fund sold. This is known as reinvestment risk, and may reduce the overall return on its portfolio securities. Investments in Non-Voting Securities Risk. If the reinsurance-related securities in which the Fund invests carry voting rights, the Fund ordinarily will limit such investments to 5% or less of the issuing SPV's outstanding voting securities. However, to enable the Fund to invest more of its assets in certain SPVs deemed attractive by the Adviser, the Fund may also contractually forego its right to vote securities or may purchase non-voting securities of such SPVs. If the Fund does not limit its voting rights and is deemed an "affiliate" of the SPV, the ability of the Fund to make future investments in the SPV or to engage in other transactions would be severely limited by the requirements of the 1940 Act. Such limitations may interfere with portfolio management of the Fund which may adversely impact the Fund's performance. To the extent the Fund holds non-voting securities of an SPV, or contractually foregoes its right to vote securities of an SPV, it will not be able to vote to the full extent of its economic interest on matters that require the approval of the investors in the SPV, including matters that could adversely affect the Fund's investment in the SPV. Reinsurance Industry Risk. The performance of reinsurance-related securities and the reinsurance industry itself are tied to the occurrence of various triggering events, including weather, natural disasters (hurricanes, earthquakes, etc.), non-natural large catastrophes and other specified events causing physical and/or economic loss. Triggering events are typically defined by three criteria: an event; a geographic area in which the event must occur; and a threshold of economic or physical loss (either actual or modeled) caused by the event, together with a method to measure such loss. Generally, the event is either a natural or non-natural peril of a kind that results in significant physical or economic loss. Natural perils include disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes, windstorms, pandemics, epidemics, fires and floods. Non-natural perils include disasters resulting from human activity, such as commercial and industrial accidents or business interruptions. Major natural disasters in populated areas (such as in the cases of hurricane Katrina in New Orleans in 2005, super storm Sandy in the New York City metropolitan area in 2012 and hurricane Irma in Florida and the Caribbean in 2017) or related to high-value insured property (such as plane crashes) can result in significant losses and investors in reinsurance-related securities tied to

such exposures may also experience substantial losses. If the likelihood and severity of natural and other large disasters increase, the risk of significant losses to reinsurers may increase. Typically, one significant triggering event (even in a major metropolitan area) will not result in financial failure to a reinsurer. However, a series of major triggering events could cause the failure of a reinsurer. Similarly, to the extent the Fund invests in reinsurance-related securities for which a triggering event occurs, losses associated with such event will result in losses to the Fund and a series of major triggering events affecting a large portion of the reinsurance-related securities held by the Fund will result in substantial losses to the Fund. In addition, unexpected events such as natural disasters or terrorist attacks could lead to government intervention. Political, judicial and legal developments affecting the reinsurance industry could also create new and expanded theories of liability or regulatory or other requirements; such changes could have a material adverse effect on the Fund. Floating-Rate Instrument Risks. A significant percentage of the reinsurancerelated securities in which the Fund invests are variable rate, or floating-rate, event-linked bonds. Floating-rate instruments and similar investments may be illiquid or less liquid than other investments. In addition, while the collateral securing most event-linked bonds in which the Fund currently intends to invest is typically invested in low-risk investments, certain SPVs in which the Fund invests may permit investment of collateral in higher risk, higher yielding investments. Thus, the value of collateral, if any, securing the Fund's investments in event-linked bonds can decline or may be insufficient to meet the issuer's obligations, and the collateral, if repaid to the Fund, may be difficult to liquidate. Market quotations for these securities may be volatile and/ or subject to large spreads between bid and ask prices. Below-Investment-Grade Securities and Unrated Securities Risk. The Fund has exposure and may, without limitation, continue to have exposure to reinsurance-related securities that are rated below investment grade or that are unrated but are judged by the Adviser to be of comparable quality. Below-investment-grade debt securities, which are commonly called "junk bonds," are rated below BBB- by S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") or Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., ("Moody's"), or have comparable ratings by another rating organization. Accordingly, certain of the Fund's unrated investments could constitute a highly risky and speculative investment, similar to an investment in "junk bonds." The rating primarily reflects the rating agency's calculated probability that a pre-defined trigger event will occur. Therefore, securities with a lower rating reflect the rating agency's assessment of the substantial risk that a triggering event will occur and result in a loss. The rating also reflects the reinsurance-related security's credit risk and the model used to calculate the probability of the trigger event. The rating system for reinsurance-related securities is relatively new and significantly less developed than that of corporate bonds and continues to evolve as the market develops. There is no minimum rating on the instruments in which the Fund may invest. Borrowing and Leverage Risk. The Fund may obtain financing to meet redemption requests, to make investments in reinsurance-related securities and to address cash flow timing mismatches. Therefore, the Fund is subject to leverage risk. The Fund's borrowings, which would typically be in the form of loans from banks, may be on a secured or unsecured basis and at fixed or variable rates of interest. Leverage magnifies the Fund's exposure to declines in the value of one or more underlying reference assets or creates investment risk with respect to a larger pool of assets than the Fund would otherwise have and may be considered a speculative technique. This risk is enhanced for the Fund because it invests substantially all its assets in reinsurance-related securities. Reinsurance-related securities can quickly lose all or much of their value if a triggering event occurs. Thus, to the extent assets subject to a triggering event are leveraged, the losses could substantially outweigh the Fund's investment and result in significant losses to the Fund. The value of an investment in the Fund will be more volatile and other risks tend to be compounded if and to the extent the Fund borrows or uses derivatives or other investments that have embedded leverage. The Fund's ability to obtain leverage through borrowings is dependent on its ability to establish and maintain an appropriate line of credit or other borrowing facility. Borrowing gives rise to interest expense and may require the Fund to pay other fees. Unless the rate of return, net of applicable Fund expenses, on the Fund's investments exceeds the costs to the Fund of the leverage it utilizes, the investment of the Fund's net assets attributable to leverage will generate less income than will be needed to pay the costs of the leverage to the Fund, resulting in a loss to the Fund, even if the rate of return on those assets is positive. Derivatives Risk. The Fund may invest in a variety of derivatives, including options, futures contracts and swaps. The use of

derivatives involves risks that are in addition to, and potentially greater than, the risks of investing directly in securities and other more traditional assets. Derivatives are financial contracts the value of which depends on, or is derived from, an asset or other underlying reference. Derivatives involve the risk that changes in their value may not move as expected relative to changes in the value of the underlying reference asset they are designed to track. The Fund may invest in derivatives for investment purposes and for hedging and risk management purposes. Derivatives risk may be more significant when derivatives are used to enhance return or as a substitute for a cash investment option, rather than solely to hedge the risk of a position held by the Fund. See the Statement of Additional Information for additional information of the various types and uses of derivatives in the Fund's strategy. The Fund may be required to provide more margin for its derivative investments during periods of market disruptions or stress. Derivatives also present other risks described herein, including market risk, illiquidity risk, currency risk, counterparty risk and credit risk. OTC derivatives are generally highly illiquid. Many derivatives, in particular OTC derivatives, are complex and their valuation often requires modeling and judgment, which increases the risk of mispricing or improper valuation. The Fund's use of OTC derivatives exposes it to the risk that the counterparties will be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments or otherwise honor their obligations. If the counterparty defaults, the Fund will still have contractual remedies but may not be able to enforce them. The Fund may invest in derivatives with a limited number of counterparties, and events affecting the creditworthiness of any of those counterparties may have a pronounced effect on the Fund. The Fund's use of derivatives may not be effective or have the desired results. Moreover, suitable derivatives will not be available in all circumstances. The Adviser may decide not to use derivatives to hedge or otherwise reduce the Fund's risk exposures, potentially resulting in losses for the Fund. Many derivatives have embedded leverage (i.e., a notional value in excess of the assets needed to establish and/or maintain the derivative position). Derivatives in which the Fund may invest (e.g., options, futures and swaps) may have embedded leverage, depending on their specific terms. As a result, adverse changes in the value or level of the underlying investment may result in a loss substantially greater than the amount invested in the derivative itself. See "Borrowing and Leverage Risk" above. In October 2020, the Commission adopted new Rule 18f-4 under the 1940 Act ("Rule 18f-4") providing for the regulation of a registered investment company's use of derivatives and certain related instruments. Among other things, Rule 18f-4 limits a fund's derivatives exposure through a value-at-risk ("VaR") test and requires the adoption and implementation of a derivatives risk management program for certain derivatives users. In connection with the adoption of Rule 18f-4, the Commission also eliminated the asset segregation framework arising from prior Commission guidance for covering derivatives and certain financial instruments. Compliance with Rule 18f-4 will not be required until August 2022. When the Fund comes into compliance, the Fund's treatment of investments or trading practices that involve contractual obligations to pay in the future described above under "Borrowing and Leverage" will change. Most such investments or trading practices will be considered to be derivatives under Rule 18f-4, and will therefore be subject to the VaR test set forth in the rule. The approach to asset segregation and coverage requirements described in this prospectus will also be impacted. For certain investments, such as reverse repurchase agreements and similar financing transactions, the Fund will have the option to either treat them as (1) senior securities under Section 18 of the 1940 Act, in which case they would be subject to the 300% asset coverage requirement described above, or (2) derivatives subject to the VaR test imposed by Rule 18f-4. Rule 18f-4 could restrict the Fund's ability to engage in certain derivatives transactions and/or increase the costs of such derivatives transactions, which could adversely affect the value or performance of the Fund. Specific risks involved in the use of certain types of derivatives in which the Fund may invest include: Swaps Risk. The Fund may obtain event-linked exposure by investing in, among other things, event-linked swaps, which typically are contingent, or formulaically related to defined trigger events, or by pursuing similar event-linked derivative strategies. Trigger events include hurricanes, earthquakes, weather-related phenomena and other criteria determined by independent parties. If a trigger event(s) occurs, the Fund may lose the swap's notional amount. As derivative instruments, event-linked swaps are subject to risks in addition to the risks of investing in reinsurance-related securities, including risks associated with the counterparty and leverage. Epidemic and Pandemic Risk. The COVID-19 pandemic, which began in December 2019 and has spread

worldwide, has caused many governments to implement measures to slow the spread of the outbreak through quarantines, travel restrictions, heightened border scrutiny and other measures. The outbreak and government measures taken in response have also had a significant impact, both directly and indirectly, on businesses and commerce, as worker shortages have occurred, supply chains have been disrupted, facilities and production have been suspended and demand for certain goods and services, such as medical services and supplies, has spiked, while demand for other goods and services, such as travel, has fallen. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected the economies of many nations or the entire global economy, the financial performance of individual issuers, borrowers and sectors and the health of capital markets and other markets generally in potentially significant and unforeseen ways. The COVID-19 crisis has also exacerbated other preexisting political, social and economic risks in certain countries or globally. Other public health crises that may arise in the future could have similar or other unforeseen effects. The duration of the COVID-19 outbreak or any such future outbreak and its effects cannot be determined with certainty. The COVID-19 outbreak has led, and in the future the COVID-19 outbreak or other future public health crises could lead, to a significant economic downturn or recession, increased market volatility, a greater number of market closures, higher default rates and adverse effects on the values and liquidity of securities or other assets. Such impacts, which may vary across asset classes, may adversely affect the performance of the Fund's investments, the Fund and your investment in the Fund. The impact of COVID-19 or any future public health crisis may also heighten the other risks disclosed in this prospectus. Credit Risk. The reinsurance-related securities in which the Fund invests will be subject to credit risk. The principal invested in many reinsurance-related securities is held by the SPV in a collateral account and invested in various permissible assets set forth under the terms of the SPV. In these cases, typically, the collateral account is invested in high quality U.S. government securities (i.e., U.S. Treasury bonds). However, in certain reinsurance-related securities, the collateral account may be invested in high yielding, higher risk securities, which may include securities issued by entities managed by the Adviser. Collateral will generally be invested in accordance with the terms of the SPV and overseen by a collateral manager appointed by the SPV; therefore, the Fund is dependent upon the manager to invest the collateral account proceeds appropriately. A small portion of the reinsurance-related securities in which the Fund invests may, in lieu of such collateral account arrangements, provide for the collateral to be held by the reinsurer. When a collateral account is invested in higher yielding, higher risk securities or when the collateral is held directly by the reinsurer, the Fund will be subject to the risk of non-payment of scheduled principal and interest on such collateral. Such non-payments and defaults may reduce the income to the Fund and negatively impact the value of Fund shares. Foreign Investing Risk. The Fund may invest in reinsurancerelated securities issued by foreign sovereigns and foreign entities that are corporations, partnerships, trusts or other types of business entities. Because the majority of reinsurance-related security issuers are domiciled outside the United States, the Fund will normally invest significant amounts of its assets in foreign (non-U.S.) entities. Accordingly, the Fund may invest without limitation in securities issued by foreign entities, including those in emerging market countries. Certain SPVs in which the Fund invests may be sponsored by foreign insurers that are not subject to the same regulation as that to which U.S. insurers are subject. Such SPVs may pose a greater risk of loss, for example, due to less stringent underwriting and/or risk-retention requirements. The Fund's investments in event-linked bonds, Quota Share Notes, Excess of Loss Notes and ILW Notes provide the Fund with contractual rights under the terms of the issuance. While the contractual rights of such instruments are similar whether they are issued by a U.S. issuer or a foreign issuer, there may be certain additional risks associated with foreign issuers. For example, foreign issuers could be affected by factors not present in the U.S., including expropriation, confiscatory taxation, lack of uniform accounting and auditing standards, less publicly available financial and other information, potential difficulties in enforcing contractual obligations, and increased costs to enforce applicable contractual obligations outside the U.S. Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates and exchange controls may adversely affect the market value of the Fund's investments in foreign securities. See "Currency Risk" below. Settlements of securities transactions in foreign countries are subject to risk of loss, may be delayed and are generally less frequent than in the U.S., which could affect the liquidity of the Fund's assets. Currency Risk. The Fund's shares are priced in U.S. dollars and the distributions paid by the Fund

are paid in U.S. dollars, and it is expected that a substantial portion of the Fund's investments in reinsurance-related securities will be U.S. dollar denominated investments. However, a portion of the Fund's assets may be denominated in foreign (non-U.S.) currencies and income received by the Fund from a portion of its investments may be paid in foreign currencies, and to the extent the Fund invests in non-U.S. dollar denominated instruments, a change in the value of a foreign currency against the U.S. dollar will result in a change in the U.S. dollar value of securities denominated in that foreign currency. If the U.S. dollar rises in value against a foreign currency, a security denominated in that currency will be worth less in U.S. dollars and if the U.S. dollar decreases in value against a foreign currency, a security denominated in that currency will be worth more in U.S. dollars. Currency risk also includes the risk that a currency to which the Fund has obtained exposure through hedging declines in value relative to the currency being hedged, in which event the Fund may realize a loss both on the hedging instrument and on the currency being hedged. Currency exchange rates can fluctuate significantly for many reasons. Derivative transactions in foreign currencies (such as futures. forwards, options and swaps) may involve leverage risk in addition to currency risk. Some countries have and may continue to adopt internal economic policies that affect their currency valuations in a manner that may be disadvantageous for U.S. investors or U.S. companies seeking to do business in those countries. Equity Investing Risk. The Fund may at times invest in equity securities, which may be publicly or privately offered. The equity securities in which the Fund invests may be more volatile than the equity markets as a whole. Equity investing risk is the risk that the value of equity instruments to which the Fund is exposed will fall due to general market or economic conditions; overall market changes; local, regional or global political, social or economic instability; currency, interest rate and commodity price fluctuations; perceptions regarding the industries in which the issuers participate, and the particular circumstances and performance of the issuers. Market conditions may affect certain types of equity securities to a greater extent than other types. Although equities have historically generated higher average returns than debt securities over the long term, equity securities also have experienced significantly more volatility in returns. Finally, the prices of equities are also sensitive to rising interest rates, as the costs of capital rise and borrowing costs increase. Non-Diversification Risk. The Fund is classified as a "nondiversified" fund under the 1940 Act. Accordingly, the Fund may invest a greater portion of its assets in the securities of a single issuer than if it were a "diversified" fund. To the extent that the Fund invests a higher percentage of its assets in the securities of a single issuer, the Fund is subject to a higher degree of risk associated with and developments affecting that issuer than a fund that invests more widely. Market Risk. The value of the Fund's investments may decline, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably, due to general economic conditions that are not specifically related to a particular issuer, such as real or perceived adverse economic or political conditions throughout the world, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. The value of the Fund's investments also may decline because of factors that affect a particular industry or industries. Management and Operational Risk. The Fund is subject to management risk because it relies on the Adviser's ability to achieve its investment objective. The Fund runs the risk that the Adviser's investment techniques will fail to produce desired results and cause the Fund to incur significant losses. The Adviser may select investments that do not perform as anticipated by the Adviser, may choose to hedge or not to hedge positions at disadvantageous times and may fail to use derivatives effectively. Any imperfections, errors, or limitations in quantitative analyses and models used by the Adviser as part of its investment process could affect the Fund's performance. The Fund also is subject to the risk of loss as a result of other services provided by the Adviser and other service providers, including pricing, administrative, accounting, tax, legal, custody, transfer agency and other services. Operational risk includes the possibility of loss caused by inadequate procedures and controls, human error and cyber attacks, disruptions and failures affecting, or by, a service provider. Tax Risk. The Fund currently intends to qualify for treatment as a regulated investment company ("RIC") under Subchapter M of Chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). In order to qualify for such treatment, the Fund must derive at least 90% of its gross income each taxable year from qualifying income, meet certain asset diversification tests at the end of each fiscal quarter, and distribute at least 90% of its investment company taxable income for each taxable year. The Fund's investment strategy will potentially be limited by its intention to qualify for treatment as a RIC. The tax treatment of certain of the

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Fund's investments under one or more of the qualification or distribution tests applicable to RICs is not certain. An adverse determination or future guidance by the IRS or a change in law might affect the Fund's ability to qualify for such treatment. If, in any year, the Fund were to fail to qualify for treatment as a RIC under the Code for any reason, and were not able to cure such failure, the Fund would be subject to tax on its taxable income at corporate rates, and all distributions from earnings and profits, including any distributions of net taxexempt income and net long-term capital gains, would be taxable to shareholders as dividends. Expense Risk. Your actual costs of investing in the Fund may be higher than the expenses shown in "Annual Fund Operating Expenses" for a variety of reasons. The Fund's expense limitation agreement, which generally remains in effect for a period of one year, mitigates this risk. However, there is no assurance that the Adviser will renew such expense limitation agreement from year-to-year. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

It is possible that investing in the Fund may result in a loss of some or all of the amount invested.

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## Performance

The bar chart and table below provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the performance of the Fund's Class I Shares from year to year and by comparing the Fund's average annual total returns for the periods indicated with those of a broad measure of market performance. Past performance (before and after taxes) is not an indication of future performance. Performance data current to the most recent month end may be obtained by calling (855) 609-3680.

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Best

Quarter(as of December 31, 2020)Worst Quarter(as of December 31, 2020)Year to Date(as of December 31, 2020)Q3 2020 4.50%Q3 2017 (8.81)%6.87%

Average Annual Total Returns for the periods ended December 31, 2020

After tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes.

Actual after-tax returns depend on your situation and may differ from those shown. Furthermore, the after-tax returns shown are not relevant to those who hold their shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts ("IRAs").

After-tax returns are shown for Class I Shares only. After-tax returns for Class M Shares will differ.

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The "Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares" is higher, in some cases, than other return figures because when a capital loss occurs upon redemption of Fund shares, a tax deduction is provided that benefits the investor.

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Reinsurance		
Risk Premium		
Fund   Class I		
Risk/Return:	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
Management	rr ManagementFeesOverAssets	1.50%
<u>Fees</u>		
<u>Distribution</u>	71. 11. 1. 10. 1. 10. 1. 10. 1.	
and/or Service	rr_DistributionAndService12b1FeesOverAssets	none
(12b-1) Fees		
Interest Payments on		
Borrowed	rr_Component1OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.02%
Funds		
Recoupment	rr Component2OtherExpensesOverAssets	none
Remainder of		none
Other Expenses	rr_Component3OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.18%
Total Other		0.000/
Expenses	rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.20%
Total Annual		
Fund Operating	rr_ExpensesOverAssets	1.70%
<u>Expenses</u>		
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	rr_FeeWaiverOrReimbursementOverAssets	(0.03%)
Reimbursement		
Total Annual		
Fund Operating		
Expenses After (Fee Waiver/	rr_NetExpensesOverAssets	1.67%
Expense		
Reimbursement	1)	
1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleYear01	\$ 170
3 Years	rr ExpenseExampleYear03	533
5 Years	rr ExpenseExampleYear05	920
10 Years	rr ExpenseExampleYear10	2,006
1 Year	rr ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear01	170
3 Years	rr ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear03	533
5 Years	rr ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear05	920
10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear10	\$ 2,006
<u>2014</u>	rr_AnnualReturn2014	8.56%
<u>2015</u>	rr_AnnualReturn2015	5.37%
<u>2016</u>	rr_AnnualReturn2016	6.73%
<u>2017</u>	rr_AnnualReturn2017	(3.22%)
<u>2018</u>	rr_AnnualReturn2018	2.82%
<u>2019</u>	rr_AnnualReturn2019	4.58%
<u>2020</u>	rr_AnnualReturn2020	6.87%
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Highest Quarterly Return, Label	rr_HighestQuarterlyReturnLabel	Best Quarter	
Highest Quarterly	rr_BarChartHighestQuarterlyReturnDate	Sep. 30, 2020	
Return, Date Highest Quarterly	rr_BarChartHighestQuarterlyReturn	4.50%	
Return Lowest Quarterly	rr_LowestQuarterlyReturnLabel	Worst Quarter	
Return, Label Lowest Quarterly	$rr\_BarChartLowestQuarterlyReturnDate$	Sep. 30, 2017	
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One Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	6.87%	
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Reinsurance			
Risk Premium			
Fund   Class M			
	rr_RiskReturnAbstract		
Management Fees Distribution	rr_ManagementFeesOverAssets	1.50%	
and/or Service (12b-1) Fees	$rr\_Distribution And Service 12b1 Fees Over Assets$	0.15%	
Interest Payments on			
Borrowed	rr_Component1OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.02%	
<u>Funds</u>			
Recoupment	rr_Component2OtherExpensesOverAssets	none	[1]
Remainder of Other Expenses	$rr\_Component 3 Other Expenses Over Assets$	0.18%	[2]
Total Other Expenses	rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.20%	
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	rr_ExpensesOverAssets	1.85%	
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Reimbursement	rr_FeeWaiverOrReimbursementOverAssets	(0.03%)	,
Total Annual			
Fund Operating			
Expenses After	rr NetExpensesOverAssets	1.82%	
(Fee Waiver/	II_NetExpensesOverAssets	1.8270	
Expense  Raimburgament			
Reimbursement	rr ExpenseExampleYear01	\$ 185	
1 Year 3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear03	579	
5 Years	rr ExpenseExampleYear05	998	
10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear10	2,167	
1 Year	rr ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear01	185	
3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear03	579	
5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear05	998	
10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear10	\$ 2,167	
One Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	6.70%	
Five Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	3.35%	
Since Inception	rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception	4.66%	

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Risk/Return:	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	4.170/
One Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	4.17%
Five Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	1.21%
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One Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	4.02%
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Five Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01 rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	1.65%
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Five Years Since Inception Inception Date Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund   ICE BofA Merrill Lynch 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01 rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05 rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception	1.65% 2.52%
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Five Years Since Inception Inception Date Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund   ICE BofA Merrill Lynch 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) Risk/Return:	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01 rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception rr_AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate  rr_RiskReturnAbstract	1.65% 2.52% Feb. 01, 2013
Five Years Since Inception Inception Date Stone Ridge High Yield Reinsurance Risk Premium Fund   ICE BofA Merrill Lynch 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) Risk/Return: One Year Five Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01 rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception rr_AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate  rr_AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate  rr_RiskReturnAbstract rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	1.65% 2.52% Feb. 01, 2013

<sup>[11]</sup> Through February 28, 2022, the Adviser (defined below) has contractually agreed to waive its management fee and/or pay or otherwise bear operating and other expenses of the Fund or a Class thereof (including offering expenses, but excluding brokerage and transactional expenses, borrowing and other investment-related costs and fees including interest and commitment fees, short dividend expense, acquired fund fees and expenses, taxes, litigation and indemnification expenses, judgments and extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Fund's business (collectively, the "Excluded Expenses")) solely to the extent necessary to limit the Total Annual Fund Operation Expenses, other than Excluded Expenses, of the applicable Class to 1.65% for Class I shares of the average daily net assets attributable to such Class of shares of the Fund. The Adviser shall be entitled to recoup in later periods expenses attributable to a Class that the Adviser has paid or otherwise borne (whether through reduction of its management fee or otherwise) to the extent that the expenses for the Class of shares (including offering expenses, but excluding Excluded Expenses) after such recoupment do not exceed the lower of (i) the annual expense limitation rate in effect at the time of the actual waiver/reimbursement and (ii) the annual expense limitation rate in effect at the time of the recoupment; provided that the Adviser shall not be permitted to recoup any such fees or expenses beyond three years from the end of the month in which such fee was reduced or such expense was reimbursed. The expense limitation agreement may only be modified by a majority vote of the trustees who are not "interested persons" of the Fund (as defined by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act")) and the consent of the Adviser

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<u>Inception Date</u> rr AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate

<sup>[2]</sup> Remainder of Other Expenses have been restated to reflect expenses for the current fiscal year.

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