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The Registrant has registered an indefinite number or amount of its shares of common stock for each of its series under the Securities Act of 1933 pursuant to Rule 24f-2 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 on July 18, 1994 and Registrant's Rule 24f-2 Notice was filed on November 27, 1995.

The Trustees of the Hub Portfolios have also executed this registration

MUTUAL FUND GROUP Registration Statement on Form N-1A

CROSS-REFERENCE SHEET Pursuant to Rule 495(a) Under the Securities Act of 1933

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(f)	Other Information Concerning the Fund	*
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6 (a)	Other Information Concerning the Fund	*

(b)	Not Applicable	*
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(d)	Not Applicable	*
(e) (f)	About Your Investment; How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares (How to Purchase, Redeem and Exchange Shares); How Distributions Are Made; Tax Information; Other Information Concerning the Fund; Make the Most of Your Vista Privileges.	*
(f)	How Distributions are Made; Tax Information	*
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16(a)	Management	Management of the Trust and Funds or Portfolios
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17	Investment Policies	Investment Policies and Restrictions
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(c)	*	Purchases, Redemptions and Exchanges
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#### [CHASE VISTA LOGO]

## PROSPECTUS VISTA(SM) AMERICAN VALUE FUND

Investment Strategy: Total Return

February 28, 1997

This Prospectus explains concisely what you should know before investing. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. You can find more detailed information about the Fund in its February 28, 1997 Statement of Additional Information, as amended periodically (the "SAI"). For a free copy of the SAI, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA. The SAI has been filled with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION, NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

INVESTMENTS IN THE FUND ARE NOT BANK DEPOSITS OR OBLIGATIONS OF, OR GUARANTEED OR ENDORSED BY, THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES AND ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FDIC, THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY. INVESTMENTS IN MUTUAL FUNDS INVOLVE RISK, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE LOSS OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT INVESTED.

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#### EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses are one of several factors to consider when investing. The following table summarizes your costs from investing in the Fund based on estimated expenses for the current fiscal year. The example shows the cumulative expenses attributable to a hypothetical \$1,000 investment over specified periods.

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SHAREHOLDER TRANSACTION EXPENSES	
Maximum Sales Charge Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of	
offering price)	None
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (as a percentage of the lower of	
original purchase price or redemption proceeds)	None
ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES	
(as a percentage of average net assets)	
Investment Advisory Fee (after estimated waiver)*	0.00%
12b-1 Fee (after estimated waiver) * **	0.00%
Shareholder Servicing Fee (after estimated waiver)*	0.12%
Other Expenses (after estimated waiver)*	1.20%
Total Fund Operating Expenses (after waivers of fees)*	1.32%

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EXAMPLE
Your investment of \$1,000 would incur the following expenses,

\*Reflects current waiver arrangements to maintain Total Fund Operating Expenses at the level indicated in the table above. Absent such waivers, the Investment Advisory Fee, 12b-1 Fee, Shareholder Servicing Fee and Other Expenses would be 0.70%, 0.25%, 0.25% and 1.30%, respectively, and Total Fund Operating Expenses would be 2.50%. Chase has agreed voluntarily to waive fees payable to it and/or reimburse expenses for a period of at least one year to the extent necessary to prevent Total Fund Operating Expenses for such period from exceeding the amount indicated in the table. In addition, Chase has

agreed to waive fees payable to it and/or reimburse expenses for a two year period to the extent necessary to prevent Total Fund Operating Expenses from exceeding 2.18% of average net assets during such period.

\*\*Long-term shareholders in mutual funds with 12b-1 fees, such as shareholders of the Fund, may pay more than the economic equivalent of the maximum front-end sales charge permitted by rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

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The table is provided to help you understand the expenses of investing in the

Fund and your share of the operating expenses that the Fund incurs. The example should not be considered a representation of past or future expenses or returns; actual expenses and returns may be greater or less than shown.

Charges or credits, not reflected in the expense table above, may be incurred directly by customers of financial institutions in connection with an investment in the Fund. The Fund understands that Shareholder Servicing Agents may credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees amounts not exceeding such other fees or the fees received by the Shareholder Servicing Agent from the Fund with respect to those accounts. See "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

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#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

On May 3, 1996, The Hanover American Value Fund (the "Predecessor Fund") merged into Vista American Value Fund, which was created to be the successor to the Predecessor Fund. The table set forth below provides selected per share data and ratios for one Investor Share of the Predecessor Fund for the period shown. This information is supplemented by financial statements and accompanying notes appearing in the Predecessor Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended November 30, 1995, which is incorporated by reference into the SAI. The financial statements and notes, as well as the financial information set forth in the table below, unless otherwise indicated, have been audited by KPMG Peat Marwick LLP, independent accountants, whose report thereon is also included in the Predecessor Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders. Shareholders can obtain a copy of this Annual Report by contacting the Fund or their Shareholder Servicing Agent.

#### VISTA AMERICAN VALUE FUND

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		Period End November 30, 1995*
<s> PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE</s>	<c></c>	<c></c>
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period		\$10.000
Income from Investment Operations:		0.400
Net Investment Income		0.180
Net Gain on Securities (both realized and unrealized)		2.000
Total from Investment Operations		2.180
Less Distributions:		
Dividends from Net Investment Income		(0.070)
Distributions from Capital Gains		
Total Distributions		(0.070
Net Asset Value, End of Period		\$12.110
Total Return***		21.80%
Ratios/Supplemental Data:		
Net Assets, End of Period (000 omitted)		\$ 8,399
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets#		1.23%
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets#		1.97%
Ratio of Expenses without waivers and assumption of		
expenses to Average Net Assets#		2.03%
Ratio of Net Investment Income without waivers and		1 170
assumption of expenses to Average Net Assets (unaudited)# Portfolio Turnover Rate		1.17% 11.28%
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  | 11.206 |#Short periods have been annualized.

<sup>\*</sup>Fund commenced operations on February 3, 1995.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Total Return figures do not include the effect of any sales load.

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{\#}\xspace 1$  In 1996, the Fund changed its fiscal year end from November 30 to October 31.

#### FUND OBJECTIVE

Vista American Value Fund seeks to maximize total return, consisting of capital appreciation (both realized and unrealized) and income, by investing primarily in the equity securities of well-established U.S. companies (i.e., companies with at least a five-year operating history) which, in the opinion of the Fund's advisers, are undervalued by the market. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program, and there is no assurance it will achieve its objective.

#### INVESTMENT POLICIES

#### INVESTMENT APPROACH

The equity securities in which the Fund invests generally consist of common stock, preferred stock and securities convertible into or exchangeable for common or preferred stock. Under normal market conditions, at least 65% of the value of the Fund's total assets will be invested in the equity securities of U.S. companies. The Fund may invest in companies without regard to market capitalization, although it generally does not expect to invest in companies with market capitalizations of less than \$200 million. The securities in which the Fund invests are expected to be either listed on an exchange or traded in an over-the-counter market.

In selecting investments for the Fund, its advisers generally seek companies which they believe exhibit characteristics of financial soundness and are undervalued by the market. In seeking to identify financially sound companies, the Fund's advisers look for companies with strongly capitalized balance sheets, an ability to generate substantial cash flow, relatively low levels of leverage, an ability to meet debt service requirements and a history of paying dividends. In seeking to identify undervalued companies, the advisers look for companies with substantial tangible assets such as land, timber, oil and other natural resources, or important brand names, patents, franchises or other intangible assets which may have greater value than what is reflected in the company's financial statements. The Fund's advisers will often select investments for the Fund which are considered to be unattractive by other investors or are unpopular with the financial press.

Although the Fund invests primarily in equity securities, it may invest up to 25% of the value of its total assets in high quality, short-term money market instruments, repurchase agreements and cash. In addition, the Fund may make substantial temporary investments in investment grade U.S. debt securities and invest without limit in money market instruments when the Fund's advisers believe a defensive posture is warranted. To the extent that the Fund departs from its investment policies during temporary defensive periods, its investment objective may not be achieved.

The Fund is classified as a "diversified" fund under federal securities law.

Instead of investing directly in underlying securities, the Fund is authorized to seek to achieve its objective by investing all of its

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investable asets in an investment company having substantially the same investment objective and policies as the Fund.

## OTHER INVESTMENT PRACTICES

The Fund may also engage in the following investment practices, when consistent with the Fund's overall objective and policies. These practices, and certain associated risks, are more fully described in the SAI.

FOREIGN SECURITIES. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in foreign securities, including American Depositary Receipts, which are described below. The Fund expects that its investments in foreign issuers, if any, will generally be in companies which generate substantial revenues from U.S. operations and which are listed on U.S. securities exchanges. Since foreign securities are normally denominated and traded in foreign currencies, the values of the Fund's foreign investments may be influenced by currency exchange rates and exchange control regulations. There may be less information publicly available about foreign issuers than U.S. issuers, and they are not generally subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices comparable to those in the U.S. Foreign securities may be less liquid and more volatile than comparable U.S. securities. Foreign settlement procedures and trade regulations may involve certain expenses and risks. One risk would be the delay in payment or delivery of securities or in the recovery of the Fund's assets

held abroad. It is possible that nationalization or expropriation of assets, imposition of currency exchange controls, taxation by withholding Fund assets, political or financial instability and diplomatic developments could affect the value of the Fund's investments in certain foreign countries. Foreign laws may restrict the ability to invest in certain issuers or countries and special tax considerations will apply to foreign securities. The risks can increase if the Fund invests in emerging market securities.

The Fund may invest its assets in securities of foreign issuers in the form of American Depositary Receipts, which are securities representing securities of foreign issuers. The Fund treats American Depositary Receipts as interests in the underlying securities for purposes of its investment policies. The Fund will limit its investment in American Depositary Receipts not sponsored by the issuer of the underlying securities to no more than 5% of the value of its net assets (at the time of investment).

MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest in cash or high-quality, short-term money market instruments. These may include U.S. Government securities, commercial paper of domestic issuers and obligations of domestic banks

INVESTMENT GRADE DEBT SECURITIES. Investment grade debt securities are securities rated in the category BBB or higher by Standard & Poor's Corporation ("S&P"), or Baa or higher by Moody's Investors Services, Inc. ("Moody's") or the equivalent by another national rating organization, or, if unrated,

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determined by the advisers to be of comparable quality.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS, SECURITIES LOANS AND FORWARD COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into agreements to purchase and resell securities at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund also has the ability to lend portfolio securities in an amount equal to not more than 30% of its total assets to generate additional income. These transactions must be fully collateralized at all times. The Fund may purchase securities for delivery at a future date, which may increase its overall investment exposure and involves a risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction.

BORROWINGS AND REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. The Fund may borrow money from banks for temporary or short-term purposes, but will not borrow money to buy additional securities, known as "leveraging." The Fund may also sell and simultaneously commit to repurchase a portfolio security at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund may use this practice to generate cash for shareholder redemptions without selling securities in a down market. Whenever the Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will establish a segregated account in which it will maintain liquid assets on a daily basis in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest). The Fund would be required to pay interest on amounts obtained through reverse repurchase agreements, which are considered borrowings under federal securities laws.

CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES. The Fund may invest in convertible securities, which are securities generally offering fixed interest or dividend yields which may be converted either at a stated price or stated rate for common or preferred stock. Although to a lesser extent than with fixed-income securities generally, the market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase, and increase as interest rates decline. Because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities also tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying common or preferred stock.

CORPORATE REORGANIZATIONS. The Fund may invest in securities for which a tender or exchange offer has been made or announced and in securities of companies for which a merger, consolidation, liquidation or similar reorganization proposal has been announced if, in the judgment of its advisers, there is a reasonable prospect of capital appreciation significantly greater than the added portfolio turnover expenses inherent in the short-term nature of such transactions. The principal risk is that such offers or proposals may not be consummated within the time and under the terms contemplated at the time of investment, in which case, unless such offers or proposals are replaced by equivalent or increased offers or proposals which are consummated, the Fund may sustain a loss.

WARRANTS. The Fund may invest up to 5% of the value of its total assets (at the time of investment) in warrants or rights (other than those acquired in units or attached to other securities) which entitle the holder to buy equity securities at a specific price during or at the end of a specific period of time. The Fund will not invest more than 2% of the value of its total assets in warrants or rights which are not listed on the New York or American Stock Exchanges.

OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its total assets in shares of other investment companies when consistent with its investment objective and policies, subject to applicable regulatory limitations. Additional fees may be charged by other investment companies.

DERIVATIVES AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS. The Fund has no current intention to invest in derivative and related instruments, but the Fund is authorized to utilize these instruments to hedge various market risks or to increase the Fund's income or gain. Some of these instruments will be subject to asset segregation requirements to cover the Fund's obligations. The Fund may (i) purchase, write and exercise call and put options on securities and securities indexes (including using options in combination with securities, other options or derivative instruments); (ii) enter into swaps, futures contracts and options on futures contracts; and (iii) employ forward contracts.

There are a number of risks associated with the use of derivatives and related instruments and no assurance can be given that any strategy will succeed. The value of certain derivatives or related instruments in which the Fund invests may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing economic conditions and market value. The ability of the Fund to successfully utilize these instruments may depend in part upon the ability of its advisers to forecast these factors correctly. Inaccurate forecasts could expose the Fund to a risk of loss. There can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in a hedging instrument and in the portfolio assets being hedged. The Fund is not required to use any hedging strategies. Hedging strategies, while reducing risk of loss, can also reduce the opportunity for gain. Derivatives transactions not involving hedging may have speculative characteristics, involve leverage and result in losses that may exceed the original investment of the Fund. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Fund seeks to close out a derivatives position. Activities of large traders in the futures and securities markets involving arbitrage, "program trading," and other investment strategies may cause price distortions in derivatives markets. In certain instances, particularly those involving over-the-counter transactions or forward contracts, there is a greater potential that a counterparty or broker may default. In the event of a default, the Fund may experience a loss. For additional information concerning derivatives, related instruments and the associated risks, see the SAI.

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PORTFOLIO TURNOVER. The frequency of the Fund's buy and sell transactions will vary from year to year. The Fund's investment policies may lead to frequent changes in investments, particularly in periods of rapidly changing market conditions. High portfolio turnover rates would generally result in higher transaction costs, including brokerage commissions or dealer mark-ups, and would make it more difficult for the Fund to qualify as a registered investment company under federal tax law. See "How Distributions are Made; Tax Information."

## LIMITING INVESTMENT RISKS

Specific investment restrictions help the Fund limit investment risks for its shareholders. These restrictions prohibit the Fund from: (a) with respect to 75% of its total assets, holding more than 10% of the voting securities of any issuer or investing more than 5% of its total assets in the securities of any one issuer (other than U.S. Government obligations); (b) investing more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (which include securities restricted as to resale unless they are determined to be readily marketable in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees); or (c) investing more than 25% of its total assets in any one industry. A complete description of these and other investment policies is included in the SAI. Except for the Fund's investment objective, restriction (c) above and investment policies designated as fundamental in the SAI, the Fund's investment policies are not fundamental. The Trustees may change any nonfundamental investment policy without shareholder approval.

RISK FACTORS

The Fund does not constitute a balanced or complete investment program, and the net asset value of its shares will fluctuate based on the value of the securities in the Fund's portfolio. The Fund is subject to the general risks and considerations associated with equity investing, as well as the risks discussed herein.

Some of the securities in which the Fund may invest may be of smaller companies. The securities of smaller companies often trade less frequently and in more limited volume, and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements, than securities of larger, more established companies. Such companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, or may depend on a limited management group.

For a discussion of certain other risks associated with the Fund's additional investment activities, see "Other Investment Practices" above.

#### MANAGEMENT

THE FUND'S ADVISERS

The Chase Manhattan Bank ("Chase") is the Fund's investment adviser under an Investment Advisory Agreement and has overall responsibility for investment decisions of the Fund, subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees. Chase is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation, a bank holding company. CHASE AND ITS PREDECESSORS HAVE OVER 100 YEARS

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#### OF MONEY MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE.

For its investment advisory services to the Fund, Chase is entitled to receive an annual fee computed daily and paid monthly based at an annual rate equal to 0.70% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Chase is located at 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Van Deventer & Hoch ("VDH"), a registered investment adviser, is the Fund's sub-investment adviser under a Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement between VDH and Chase. VDH is a 50% owned indirect subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation. VDH makes investment decisions for the Fund on a day-to-day basis. For these services, VDH is entitled to receive a fee, payable by Chase from its advisory fee, at an annual rate equal to 0.35% of the Fund's average daily net assets. VDH is located at 800 North Brand Boulevard, Suite 300, Glendale, California 91203.

PORTFOLIO MANAGER. Richard Trautwein, Executive Vice President of VDH, has been responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund's portfolio since the Fund's inception, and prior thereto was responsible for the day-to-day management of The Hanover American Value Fund, the Fund's predecessor. Mr. Trautwein joined VDH in 1972, heads the firm's portfolio group and is a member of the firm's investment policy committee.

HOW TO BUY, SELL AND EXCHANGE SHARES

HOW TO BUY SHARES

You can open a Fund account with as little as \$2,500 for regular accounts or \$1,000 for IRAs, SEP-IRAs and the Systematic Investment Plan. Additional investments can be made at any time with as little as \$100. You can buy Fund shares three ways—through an investment representative, through the Fund's distributor by calling the Vista Service Center, or through the Systematic Investment Plan.

All purchases made by check should be in U.S. dollars and made payable to the Vista Funds. Third party checks, credit cards and cash will not be accepted. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order or cease offering shares for purchase at any time. When purchases are made by check, redemptions will not be allowed until the check clears, which may take 15 calendar days or longer. In addition, the redemption of shares purchased through Automated Clearning House (ACH) will not be allowed until your payment clears, which may take 7 business days or longer.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH THE FUND'S DISTRIBUTOR. Complete and return the enclosed application and your check in the amount you wish to invest to the Vista Service Center

BUYING SHARES THROUGH SYSTEMATIC INVESTING. You can make regular investments of \$100 or more per transaction through automatic periodic deduction from your bank checking

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or savings account. Shareholders electing to start this Systematic Investment Plan when opening an account should complete Section 8 of the account application. Current shareholders may begin such a plan at any time by sending a signed letter and a deposit slip or voided check to the Vista Service Center. Call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions.

Shares are purchased at the public offering price, which is based on the net asset value next determined after the Vista Service Center receives your order in proper form. In most cases, in order to receive that day's public offering price, the Vista Service Center must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange. If you buy shares through your investment representative, the representative must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's public offering price. Orders for shares are accepted by the Fund after funds are converted to federal funds. Orders paid by check and received by 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time will generally be available for the purchase of shares the following business day.

If you are considering redeeming or exchanging shares or transferring shares to another person shortly after purchase, you should pay for those shares with a certified check to avoid any delay in redemption, exchange or transfer. Otherwise the Fund may delay payment until the purchase price of those shares has been collected or, if you redeem by telephone, until 15 calendar days after the purchase date. To eliminate the need for safekeeping, the Fund will not issue certificates for your shares unless you request them.

## OFFERING PRICE

The public offering price of Fund shares is net asset value. The Fund receives the net asset value.

## HOW TO SELL SHARES

You can sell your Fund shares any day the New York Stock Exchange is open, either directly to the Fund or through your investment representative. The Fund will forward redemption payments on redeem shares for which it has collected payment of the purchase price.

SELLING SHARES DIRECTLY TO THE FUND. Send a signed letter of instruction to the Vista Service Center, along with any certificates that represent shares you want to sell. The price you will receive is the next net asset value calculated after the Fund receives your request in proper form. In order to receive that day's net asset value, the Vista Service Center must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

If you sell shares having a net asset value of \$100,000 or more, the signatures of registered owners or their legal representatives must be guaranteed by a bank, broker-dealer or certain other financial institutions. See the SAI for more information about where to obtain a signature guarantee.

If you want your redemption proceeds sent to an address other than your address as it appears on  $% \left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ 1\right\} =\left$ 

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Vista's records, a signature guarantee is required. The Fund may require additional documentation for the sale of shares by a corporation, partnership, agent or fiduciary, or a surviving joint owner. Contact the Vista Service Center for details.

DELIVERY OF PROCEEDS. The Fund generally sends you payment for your shares the business day after your request is received in proper form, assuming the Fund has collected payment of the purchase price of your shares. Under unusual

circumstances, the Fund may suspend redemptions, or postpone payment for more than seven days, as permitted by federal securities law.

TELEPHONE REDEMPTIONS. You may use Vista's Telephone Redemption Privilege to redeem shares from your account unless you have notified the Vista Service Center of an address change within the preceding 30 days. Telephone redemption requests in excess of \$25,000 will only be made by wire to a bank account on record with the Fund. Unless an investor indicates otherwise on the account application, the Fund will be authorized to act upon redemption and transfer instructions received by telephone from a shareholder, or any person claiming to act as his or her representative, who can provide the Fund with his or her account registration and address as it appears on the Fund's records.

The Vista Service Center will employ these and other reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine; if it fails to employ reasonable procedures, the Fund may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. An investor agrees, however, that to the extent permitted by applicable law, neither the Fund nor its agents will be liable for any loss, liability, cost or expense arising out of any redemption request, including any fraudulent or unauthorized request. For information, consult the Vista Service Center.

During periods of unusual market changes and shareholder activity, you may experience delays in contacting the Vista Service Center by telephone. In this event, you may wish to submit a written redemption request, as described above, or contact your investment representative. The Telephone Redemption Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. The Telephone Redemption Privilege may be modified or terminated without notice.

SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL. You can make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan. Call the Vista Service Center at  $1-800-34-{\rm VISTA}$  for complete instructions.

SELLING SHARES THROUGH YOUR INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVE. Your investment representative must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's net asset value. Your investment representative will be responsible for furnishing all necessary

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documentation to the Vista Service Center, and may charge you for its services.

INVOLUNTARY REDEMPTIONS OF ACCOUNTS. The Fund may involuntarily redeem your shares if at such time the aggregate net asset value of the shares in your account is less than \$500 or if you purchase through the Systematic Investment Plan and fail to meet the Fund's investment minimum within a twelve month period. In the event of any such redemption, you will receive at least 60 days notice prior to the redemption.

## HOW TO EXCHANGE YOUR SHARES

You can exchange your shares for Class A shares of certain other Vista funds at net asset value plus any applicable sales charge beginning 15 days after purchase. Not all Vista funds offer all classes of shares. The prospectus of the other Vista fund into which shares are being exchanged should be read carefully and retained for future reference.

For federal income tax purposes, an exchange is treated as a sale of shares and generally results in a capital gain or loss.

EXCHANGING BY PHONE. A Telephone Exchange Privilege is currently available. Call the Vista Service Center for procedures for telephone transactions. The Telephone Exchange Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. Ask your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for prospectuses of other Vista funds. Shares of certain Vista funds are not available to residents of all states.

EXCHANGE PARAMETERS. The exchange privilege is not intended as a vehicle for short-term trading. Excessive exchange activity may interfere with portfolio management and have an adverse effect on all shareholders. In order to limit excessive exchange activity and in other circumstances where Vista management or the Trustees believe doing so would be in the best interests of the Fund, the Fund reserves the right to revise or terminate the exchange privilege, limit the amount or number of exchanges or reject any exchange. In addition, any shareholder who makes more than ten exchanges of shares involving the Fund in a year or three in a calendar quarter will be charged a \$5.00 administration fee for each such exchange. Shareholders would be notified of any such action to the

extent required by law. Consult the Vista Service Center before requesting an exchange. See the SAI to find out more about the exchange privilege.

REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE. Upon written request, shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value within 90 calendar days of the redemption. The reinstatement request must be accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption), and shares will be purchased at the next determined net asset value.

HOW THE FUND VALUES ITS SHARES

The net asset value of the Fund's shares is determined once daily based upon prices determined as of the close of regular trading on the

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New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, however, options are priced at 4:15 p.m., Eastern time), on each business day of the Fund, by dividing the net assets of the Fund by the total number of outstanding shares. Values of assets held by the Fund are determined on the basis of their market or other fair value, as described in the SAI.

HOW DISTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE; TAX INFORMATION

The Fund distributes any net investment income at least annually and any net realized capital gains at least annually. Capital gains are distributed after deducting any available capital loss carryovers.

DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT OPTION. You can choose from three distribution options: (1) reinvest all distributions in additional Fund shares without a sales charge; (2) receive distributions from net investment income in cash or by ACH to a pre-established bank account while reinvesting capital gains distributions in additional shares without a sales charge; or (3) receive all distributions in cash or by ACH. You can change your distribution option by notifying the Vista Service Center in writing. If you do not select an option when you open your account, all distributions will be reinvested. All distributions not paid in cash or by ACH will be reinvested in shares of the Fund. You will receive a statement confirming reinvestment of distributions in additional Fund shares promptly following the quarter in which the reinvestment occurs.

If a check representing a Fund distribution is not cashed within a specified period, the Vista Service Center will notify you that you have the option of requesting another check or reinvesting the distribution in the Fund or in another Vista fund without a sales charge. If the Vista Service Center does not receive your election, the distribution will be reinvested in the Fund. Similarly, if the Fund or the Vista Service Center sends you correspondence returned as "undeliverable," distributions will automatically be reinvested in the Fund.

The Fund intends to qualify as a "regulated investment company" for federal income tax purposes and to meet all other requirements that are necessary for it to be relieved of federal taxes on income and gains it distributes to shareholders. The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gain net income on a current basis. If the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company for any taxable year or does not make such distributions, the Fund will be subject to tax on all of its income and gains.

TAXATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS. Fund distributions other than net long-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions of net long-term capital gains will be taxable as such, regardless of how long you have held the shares. The taxation of your distribution is the same whether received in cash or in shares through the reinvestment of distributions.

You should carefully consider the tax implications of purchasing shares just prior to a distribution.

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This is because you will be taxed on the entire amount of the distribution received, even though the net asset value per share will be higher on the date of such purchase as it will include the distribution amount.

Early in each calendar year the Fund will notify you of the amount and tax status of distributions paid to you by the Fund for the preceding year.

The above is only a summary of certain federal income tax consequences of investing in the Fund. You should consult your tax adviser to determine the precise effect of an investment in the Fund on your particular tax situation (including possible liability for state and local taxes and, for foreign shareholders, U.S. withholding taxes).

OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FUND

#### DISTRIBUTION PLANS

The Fund's distributor is Vista Fund Distributors, Inc. ("VFD"). VFD is a subsidiary of The BISYS Group, Inc. and is unaffiliated with Chase. The Trust has adopted a Rule 12b-1 distribution plan for the Fund's shares, which provides for the payment of distribution fees at annual rates of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets attributable to the shares of the Fund. Payments under the distribution plans shall be used to compensate or reimburse the Fund's distributor and broker-dealers for services provided and expenses incurred in connection with the sale of the Fund's shares, and are not tied to the amount of actual expenses incurred. Payments may be used to compensate broker-dealers with trail or maintenance commissions at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of the average daily net asset value of shares invested in the Fund by customers of these broker-dealers. Trail or maintenance commissions are paid to broker-dealers beginning the 13th month following the purchase of shares by their customers. Promotional activities for the sale of the Fund's shares will be conducted generally by the Vista Family of Funds, and activities intended to promote the Fund's shares may also benefit other Vista funds.

VFD may provide promotional incentives to broker-dealers that meet specified sales targets for one or more Vista funds. These incentives may include gifts of up to \$100 per person annually; an occasional meal, ticket to a sporting event or theater for entertainment for broker-deals and their guests; and payment or reimbursement for their guests; and payment or reimbursement for travel expenses, including lodging and meals, in connection with attendance at training and educational meetings within and outside the U.S.

#### SHAREHOLDER SERVICING AGENTS

The Trust has entered into shareholder servicing agreements with certain shareholder servicing agents (including Chase) under which the shareholder servicing agents have agreed to provide certain support services to their customers who beneficially own shares of the Fund. These services include assisting with purchase and redemption transactions, maintaining shareholder accounts

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and records, furnishing customer statements, transmitting shareholder reports and communications to customers and other similar shareholder liaison services. For performing these services, each shareholder servicing agent receives an annual fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of shares of the Fund held by investors for whom the shareholder servicing agent maintains a servicing relationship. Shareholder servicing agents may subcontract with other parties for the provision of shareholder support services.

Shareholder servicing agents may offer additional services to their customers, such as pre-authorized or systematic purchase and redemption plans. Each shareholder servicing agent may establish its own terms and conditions, including limitations on the amounts of subsequent transactions, with respect to such services. Certain shareholder servicing agents may (although they are not required by the Trust to do so) credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees an amount not exceeding such other fees or the fees for their services as shareholder servicing agents.

Chase and/or VFD may from time to time, at their own expense out of compensation retained by them from the Fund or other sources available to them, make additional payments to certain selected dealers or other shareholder servicing agents for performing administrative services for their customers. These services include maintaining account records, processing

orders to purchase, redeem and exchange Fund shares and responding to certain customer inquiries. The amount of such compensation may be up to an additional 0.10% annually of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to shares of the Fund held by customers of such shareholder servicing agents. Such compensation does not represent an additional expense to the Fund or its shareholders, since it will be paid by Chase and/or VFD.

#### ADMINISTRATOR AND SUB-ADMINISTRATOR

Chase acts as the Fund's administrator and is entitled to receive a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

VFD provides certain sub-administrative services to the Fund pursuant to a distribution and sub-administration agreement and is entitled to receive a fee for these services from the Fund at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of the Fund's average daily net assets. VFD has agreed to use a portion of this fee to pay for certain expenses incurred in connection with organizing new series of the Trust and certain other ongoing expenses of the Trust. VFD is located at 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10178.

#### CUSTODIAN

Chase acts as the Fund's custodian and fund accountant and receives compensation under an agreement with the Trust. Fund securities and cash may be held by sub-custodian banks if such arrangements are

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reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

#### EXPENSES

The Fund pays the expenses incurred in its operations, including its pro rata share of expenses of the Trust. These expenses include investment advisory and administrative fees; the compensation of the Trustees; registration fees; interest charges; taxes; expenses connected with the execution, recording and settlement of security transactions; fees and expenses of the Fund's custodian for all services to the Fund, including safekeeping of funds and securities and maintaining required books and accounts; expenses of preparing and mailing reports to investors and to government offices and commissions; expenses of meetings of investors; fees and expenses of independent accountants, of legal counsel and of any transfer agent, registrar or dividend disbursing agent of the Trust; insurance premiums; and expenses of calculating the net asset value of, and the net income on, shares of the Fund. Service providers to the Fund may, from time to time, voluntarily waive all or a portion of any fees to which they are entitled.

#### ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SHARES

The Fund is a portfolio of Mutual Fund Group, an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust in 1987 (the "Trust"). The Trust has reserved the right to create and issue additional series and classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The shares of each series or class participate equally in the earnings, dividends and assets of the particular series or class. Shares have no preemptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each whole share held, and each fractional share shall be entitled to a proportionate fractional vote, except that Trust shares held in the treasury of the Trust shall not be voted.

The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the general direction and supervision of the Trust's Board of Trustees. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders but will hold special meetings of shareholders of all series or classes when in the judgment of the Trustees it is necessary or desirable to submit matters for a shareholder vote. The Trustees will promptly call a meeting of shareholders to remove a trustee(s) when requested to do so in writing by record holders of not less than 10% of all outstanding shares of the Trust.

Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Trust itself was unable to meet its obligations.

#### PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The Fund's investment performance may from time to time be included in advertisements about the Fund. "Yield" for the shares is calculated by dividing the annualized net investment income per share during a recent 30-day period by the maximum public offering price per share of such class on the last day of the period.

"Total return" for the one-, five- and ten-year periods (or since inception, if shorter) through the most recent calendar quarter represents the average annual compounded rate of return on an investment of \$1,000 in the Fund invested at the maximum public offering price. Total return may also be presented for other periods. Any quotation of investment performance not reflecting the maximum initial sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge would be reduced if such sales charges were used.

All performance data is based on the Fund's past investment results and does not predict future performance. Investment performance, which will vary, is based on many factors, including market conditions, the composition of the Fund's portfolio and the Fund's operating expenses. Investment performance also often reflects the risks associated with the Fund's investment objectives and policies. These factors should be considered when comparing the Fund's investment results to those of other mutual funds and other investment vehicles. Quotation of investment performance for any period when a fee waiver or expense limitation was in effect will be greater than if the waiver or limitation had not been in effect. The Fund's performance may be compared to other mutual funds, relevant indices and rankings prepared by independent services. See the SAI.

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## MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISTA PRIVILEGES

The following services are available to you as a Vista mutual fund shareholder.

- [bullet] SYSTEMATIC INVESTMENT PLAN--Invest as much as you wish (\$100 or more) in the first or third week of any month. The amount will be automatically transferred from your checking or savings account.
- [bullet] SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL PLAN--Make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan.
- [bullet] SYSTEMATIC EXCHANGE--Transfer assets automatically from one Vista account to another on a regular, prearranged basis. There is no additional charge for this service.
- [bullet] EXCHANGE PRIVILEGE--Exchange money between Vista funds in the same class of shares. The exchange privilege allows you to adjust your investments as your objectives change.

Investors may not maintain, within the same fund, simultaneous plans for systematic investment or exchange and systematic withdrawal or exchange.

[bullet] REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE--Shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value next determined subject to written request within 90 calendar days of the redemption, accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption).

For more information about any of these services and privileges, call your shareholder servicing agent investment representative or the Vista Service Center at  $1-800-34-{\rm VISTA}$ . These privileges are subject to change or

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Vista Family of Mutual Funds & Retirement Products

VISTA INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUNDS Southeast Asian Fund Japan Fund European Fund International Equity Fund

VISTA U.S. EQUITY FUNDS Small Cap Equity Fund The Growth Fund of Washington Capital Growth Fund Growth and Income Fund Large Cap Equity Fund Balanced Fund Equity Income Fund

VISTA FIXED INCOME FUNDS
Bond Fund
U.S. Government Securities Fund
U.S. Treasury Income Fund
Short-Term Bond Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE FUNDS(1)
New York Tax Free Income Fund
California Intermediate Tax Free Fund
Tax Free Income Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(1,2)
New York Tax Free Money Market Fund
Connecticut Daily Tax Free Income Fund Select Shares(3)
New Jersey Daily Municipal Income Fund Select Shares(3)
Tax Free Money Market Fund
California Tax Free Money Market Fund

VISTA TAXABLE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(2)
Cash Management Money Market Fund
Federal Money Market Fund
100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund
U.S. Government Money Market Fund
Treasury Plus Money Market Fund

VISTA RETIREMENT PRODUCTS Vista Capital Advantage Variable Annuity(4) Vista 401(k) Advantage

For complete information on the Vista Mutual Funds or Retirement Products, including information about fees and expenses, call your investment professional or  $1-800-34-{\rm VISTA}$  for a prospectus. Please read it carefully before you invest or send money.

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- (1) Some income may be subject to certain state and local taxes. A portion of the income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax for some investors
- (2) An investment in a Money Market Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Yields will fluctuate, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per share.
- (3) Vista Select Shares of these funds are not a part of, or affiliated with, the Vista Family of Mutual Funds. Reich & Tang Distributors L.P. and New England Investment Companies L.P., which are unaffiliated with Chase, are the funds' distributor and investment adviser, respectively.
- (4) The variable annuity contract is issued by First SunAmerica Life Insurance Company in New York; in other states, but not necessarily all states, it is issued by Anchor National Life Insurance Company.

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PROSPECTUS
VISTA(SM) GROWTH AND INCOME FUND
CLASS A AND B SHARES

INVESTMENT STRATEGY: GROWTH AND INCOME

February 28, 1997

This Prospectus explains concisely what you should know before investing. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. You can find more detailed information about the Fund in its February 28, 1997 Statement of Additional Information, as amended periodically (the "SAI"). For a free copy of the SAI, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA. The SAI has been filled with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference.

The Fund, unlike many other investment companies which directly acquire and manage their own portfolios of securities, seeks its investment objective by investing all of its investable assets in Growth and Income Portfolio (the "Portfolio"), an open-end management investment company with investment objectives identical to those of the Fund. Investors should carefully consider this investment approach. For additional information regarding this investment structure, see "Unique Characteristics of Master/Feeder Fund Structure" on page 25.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION, NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

INVESTMENTS IN THE FUND ARE NOT BANK DEPOSITS OR OBLIGATIONS OF, OR GUARANTEED OR ENDORSED BY, THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES AND ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FDIC, THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY. INVESTMENTS IN MUTUAL FUNDS INVOLVE RISK, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE LOSS OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT INVESTED.

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## EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses are one of several factors to consider when investing. The following table summarizes your costs from investing in the Fund based on expenses incurred in the most recent fiscal year. The examples show the cumulative expenses attributable to a hypothetical \$1,000 investment over specified periods.

SHAREHOLDER TRANSACTION EXPENSES	
Maximum Sales Charge Imposed on Purchases	
(as a percentage of offering price) 4.75% None	
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge	
(as a percentage of the lower of original	
purchase price or redemption proceeds) * None 5.00	18
ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES	
(as a percentage of average net assets)	
Investment Advisory Fee 0.40% 0.40	
12b-1 Fee** 0.25% 0.75	
Shareholder Servicing Fee 0.25% 0.25	18
Other Expenses 0.40% 0.40	18
Total Fund Operating Expenses 1.30% 1.80	
EXAMPLES	
Your investment of \$1,000 would	
incur the following expenses,	
assuming 5% annual return: 1 Year 3 Years 5 Years 10 Yea	rs
Class A Shares+ \$60 \$87 \$115 \$197	
Class B Shares:	
Assuming complete redemption at	
the end of the period++ +++ \$70 \$90 \$121 \$198	
Assuming no redemptions+++ \$18 \$57 \$ 97 \$198	

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  The maximum deferred sales charge on Class B shares applies to

- redemptions during the first year after purchase; the charge generally declines by 1% annually thereafter (except in the fourth year), reaching zero after six years. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares."
- \*\* Long-term shareholders in mutual funds with 12b-1 fees, such as Class A and Class B shareholders of the Fund, may pay more than the economic equivalent of the maximum front-end sales charge permitted by rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.
- + Assumes deduction at the time of purchase of the maximum sales charge.
- ++ Assumes deduction at the time of redemption of the maximum applicable deferred sales charge.
- +++ Ten-year figures assume conversion of Class B shares to Class A shares at the beginning of the ninth year after purchase. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares."

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The table is provided to help you understand the expenses of investing in the Fund and your share of the operating expenses that the Fund incurs. THE EXAMPLES SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED REPRESENTATIONS OF PAST OR FUTURE EXPENSES OR RETURNS; ACTUAL EXPENSES AND RETURNS MAY BE GREATER OR LESS THAN SHOWN.

Charges or credits, not reflected in the expense table above, may be incurred directly by customers of financial institutions in connection with an investment in the Fund. The Fund understands that Shareholder Servicing Agents may credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees amounts not exceeding such other fees or the fees received by the Shareholder Servicing Agent from the Fund with respect to those accounts. See "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

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#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The table set forth below provides selected per share data and ratios for both Class A and Class B shares outstanding throughout each of the periods shown. This information is supplemented by financial statements and accompanying notes appearing in the Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, which is incorporated by reference into the SAI. Shareholders can obtain a copy of this annual report by contacting the Fund or their Shareholder Servicing Agent. The financial statements and notes, as well as the financial information set forth in the table below for each of the five years in the period ended October 31, 1996, has been audited by Price Waterhouse LLP, independent accountants, whose report thereon is also included in the Annual Report to Shareholders.

#### VISTA GROWTH AND INCOME FUND

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Class A Year ended October 31,

	1996			1993	1992
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PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period			30.99	26.60	\$ 25.49
Income from Investment Operations: Net Investment Income Net Gains or (Losses) in Securities				0.341	 0.313
(both realized and unrealized)				5.007	2.702
Total from Investment Operations		5.324		5.348	3.015
Less Distributions: Dividends from Net Investment Income Distributions from Capital Gains		0.621	0.422 0.345	0.338 0.620	1.587
Total Distributions		0.621	0.767	0.958	1.900
Net Asset Value, End of Period		\$ 34.96	\$ 30.26	\$ 30.99	\$ 26.60
Total Return(1) Ratios/Supplemental Data#:				20.47%	
Net Assets, End of Period (000 omitted) Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets Ratio of Net Investment			 •	1.39%	
Income to Average Net Assets Ratio of Expenses without waivers		1.93%	1.60%	1.07%	1.19%

and assumption of expenses to Average Net				
Assets	1.45%	1.40%	1.39%	1.46%
Ratio of Net Investment Income without				
waivers and assumption of expenses to				
Average Net Assets	1.91%	1.60%	1.07%	1.16%
Portfolio Turnover Rate			41%	56%

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			Class A				Class B	
	1991	1990	1989	1988	9/8/87* to 10/31/87		Year Ended 10/31/95	11/4/93** through 10/31/94
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Per Share Operating Performance Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$ 16.49	\$ 18.12	\$14.08	\$10.00	\$10.00		\$ 30.12	\$ 30.39
Income from Investment Operations: Net Investment Income Net Gains or (Losses) in Securities	0.388	0.707	0.633	0.225	0.000		0.463	0.336
(both realized and unrealized)	9.521	(0.573)	5.033	4.050	0.000		4.700	0.109
Total from Investment Operations	9.909	0.134	5.666	4.275	0.000		5.163	0.445
Less Distributions: Dividends from Net Investment Income Distributions from Capital Gains	0.574	1.063	1.015		0.000		0.470	0.370 0.345
Total Distributions	0.913			0.195	0.000		0.470	0.715
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$ 25.49	,	\$18.12	\$14.08	\$10.00		\$ 34.81	\$ 30.12
Total Return(1) Ratios/Supplemental Data#:				42.87%		=======	17.21%	1.55%
Net Assets, End of Period (000 omitted) Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets Ratio of Net Investment	\$43,261 1.25%				\$ 13 0.00%#		\$273,685 1.93%	\$160,375 1.89%#
Income to Average Net Assets Ratio of Expenses without waivers and assumption of expenses to Average	1.24%	3.65%	4.56%	2.64%	0.00%#		1.38%	1.21%#
Net Assets Ratio of Net Investment Income without	1.76%	2.06%	2.50%	2.00%	2.00%#		1.94%	.89%#
waivers and assumption of expenses to Average Net Assets Portfolio Turnover Rate 								

 0.739 1039 |  |  |  | (2.00%) 0% | # | 1.36% | 1.21%# |

- \* Commencement of operations.
- (1) Total return figures are calculated before taking into account sales load of 4.75% for Class A shares, or any contingent deferred sale charges on Class B shares.
- # Annualized.
- \*\* Commencement of offering of shares.

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## FUND OBJECTIVES

Vista Growth and Income Fund seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation and dividend income. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program, and there is no assurance it will achieve its objectives.

INVESTMENT POLICIES

## INVESTMENT APPROACH

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing all of its investable assets in the Portfolio. The Portfolio invests in common stocks of issuers with a broad range of market capitalizations. Under normal market conditions, the Portfolio will invest at least 80% of its total assets in common stocks. In addition, the Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its total assets in convertible securities.

The Portfolio's advisers intend to utilize both quantitative and fundamental research to identify undervalued stocks with a catalyst for positive change. The advisers believe that the market risk involved in seeking capital appreciation will be moderated to an extent by the anticipated dividend returns on the stocks in which the Portfolio invests.

The Portfolio is classified as a "non-diversified" fund under federal securities law. The Portfolio's assets may be more concentrated in the securities of any single issuer or group of issuers than if the Portfolio were diversified.

The Portfolio may invest any portion of its assets not invested as described above in high quality money market instruments and repurchase agreements. For temporary defensive purposes, the Portfolio may invest without limitation in these instruments as well as investment grade debt securities. At times when the Fund's advisers deem it advisable to limit the Fund's exposure to the equity markets, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in U.S. Government obligations (exclusive of any investments in money market instruments). To the extent that the Portfolio departs from its investment policies during temporary defensive periods, the Fund's investment objective may not be achieved.

WHO MAY WANT TO INVEST

This Fund may be most suitable for investors who...

[bullet] Are seeking long-term growth potential with dividend income

[bullet] Are investing for goals at least 3-5 years away

[bullet] Own or plan to own other types of investments for diversification purposes

[bullet] Can assume an average degree of stock market risk

This Fund may NOT be appropriate for investors who are unable to tolerate moderate up and down price changes, are investing for short-term goals or who are in need of more aggressive growth potential.

#### FUND STRUCTURE

The Portfolio has an objective identical to that of the Fund. The Fund may withdraw its investment from the Portfolio at any time if the Trustees determine that it is in

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the best interest of the Fund to do so. Upon any such withdrawal, the Trustees would consider what action might be taken, including investing all of the Fund's investable assets in another pooled investment entity having substantially the same objective and policies as the Fund or retaining an investment adviser to manage the Fund's assets directly.

## OTHER INVESTMENT PRACTICES

The Portfolio may also engage in the following investment practices, when consistent with the Portfolio's overall objective and policies. These practices, and certain associated risks, are more fully described in the SAI.

FOREIGN SECURITIES. The Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its total assets in foreign securities, including Depositary Receipts, which are described below. Since foreign securities are normally denominated and traded in foreign currencies, the values of the Portfolio's foreign investments may be influenced by currency exchange rates and exchange control regulations. There may be less information publicly available about foreign issuers than U.S. issuers, and they are not generally subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices comparable to those in the U.S. Foreign securities may be less liquid and more volatile than comparable U.S. securities. Foreign settlement procedures and trade regulations may involve certain expenses and risks. One risk would be the delay in payment or delivery of securities or in the recovery of the Portfolio's assets held abroad. It is possible that nationalization or expropriation of assets, imposition of currency exchange controls, taxation by withholding Fund assets, political or financial instability and diplomatic developments could affect the value of the Portfolio's investments in certain foreign countries. Foreign laws may restrict the ability to invest in certain countries or issuers and special tax considerations will apply to foreign securities. The risks can increase if the Portfolio invests in emerging market securities.

The Portfolio may invest its assets in securities of foreign issuers in the form of American Depositary Receipts, European Depositary Receipts, Global Depositary Receipts or other similar securities representing securities of foreign issuers (collectively, "Depositary Receipts"). The Portfolio treats Depositary Receipts as interests in the underlying securities for purposes of its investment policies. The Portfolio will limit its investment in

Depositary Receipts not sponsored by the issuer of the underlying securities to no more than 5% of the value of its net assets (at the time of investment).

SUPRANATIONAL AND ECU OBLIGATIONS. The Portfolio may invest in securities issued by supranational organizations, which include organizations such as The World Bank, the European Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the Asian Development Bank. The Portfolio may also invest in securities denominated in the ECU, which is a "basket" consisting of specified amounts of the currencies of certain member states of the European

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Community. These securities are typically issued by European governments and supranational organizations.

CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES. The Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its net assets in convertible securities, which are securities generally offering fixed interest or dividend yields which may be converted either at a stated price or stated rate for common or preferred stock. Although to a lesser extent than with fixed-income securities generally, the market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase, and increase as interest rates decline. Because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities also tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying common or preferred stock.

U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS. U.S. Government obligations include obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities.

MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS. The Portfolio may invest in cash or high-quality, short-term money market instruments. These may include U.S. Government securities, commercial paper of domestic and foreign issuers and obligations of domestic and foreign banks. Investments in foreign money market instruments may involve certain risks associated with foreign investment.

INVESTMENT GRADE DEBT SECURITIES. Investment grade debt securities are securities rated in the category BBB or higher by Standard & Poor's Corporation ("S&P"), or Baa or higher by Moody's Investors Services, Inc. ("Moody's") or the equivalent by another national rating organization, or, if unrated, determined by the advisers to be of comparable quality.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS, SECURITIES LOANS AND FORWARD COMMITMENTS. The Portfolio may enter into agreements to purchase and resell securities at an agreed-upon price and time. The Portfolio also has the ability to lend portfolio securities in an amount equal to not more than 30% of its total assets to generate additional income. These transactions must be fully collateralized at all times. The Portfolio may purchase securities for delivery at a future date, which may increase its overall investment exposure and involves a risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date. These transactions involve some risk to the Portfolio if the other party should default on its obligation and the Portfolio is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction.

BORROWINGS AND REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. The Portfolio may borrow money from banks for temporary or short-term purposes, but will not borrow money to buy additional securities, known as "leveraging." The Portfolio may also sell and simultaneously commit to repurchase a portfolio security at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund may use this practice to generate cash for shareholder redemptions without selling securities in a down market. Whenever the Portfolio enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will establish

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a segregated account in which it will maintain liquid assets on a daily basis in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest). The Portfolio would be required to pay interest on amounts obtained through reverse repurchase agreements, which are considered borrowings under federal securities laws.

STAND-BY COMMITMENTS. The Portfolio may enter into put transactions, including those sometimes referred to as stand-by commitments, with respect to securities in its portfolio. In these transactions, the Portfolio would acquire the right to sell a security at an agreed upon price within a specified period prior to its maturity date. These transactions involve some risk to the Portfolio if the other party should default on its obligation and

the Portfolio is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction. A put transaction will increase the cost of the underlying security and consequently reduce the available yield.

OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES. The Portfolio may invest up to 10% of its total assets in shares of other investment companies when consistent with its investment objective and policies, subject to applicable regulatory limitations. Additional fees may be charged by other investment companies.

STRIPS. The Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its total assets in stripped obligations (i.e., separately traded principal and interest components of securities) where the underlying obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, including instruments known as "STRIPS". The value of these instruments tends to fluctuate more in response to changes in interest rates than the value of ordinary interest-paying debt securities with similar maturities. The risk is greater when the period to maturity is longer.

DERIVATIVES AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS. The Portfolio may invest its assets in derivative and related instruments to hedge various market risks or to increase the Portfolio's income or gain. Some of these instruments will be subject to asset segregation requirements to cover the Portfolio's obligations. The Portfolio may (i) purchase, write and exercise call and put options on securities and securities indexes (including using options in combination with securities, other options or derivative instruments); (ii) enter into swaps, futures contracts and options on futures contracts; (iii) employ forward currency contracts; and (iv) purchase and sell structured products, which are instruments designed to restructure or reflect the characteristics of certain other investments.

There are a number of risks associated with the use of derivatives and related instruments and no assurance can be given that any strategy will succeed. The value of certain derivatives or related instruments in which the Portfolio invests may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing economic conditions and market value. The ability of the Portfolio to successfully utilize these

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instruments may depend in part upon the ability of its advisers to forecast these factors correctly. Inaccurate forecasts could expose the Portfolio to a risk of loss. There can be no quarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in a hedging instrument and in the portfolio assets being hedged. The Portfolio is not required to use any hedging strategies. Hedging strategies, while reducing risk of loss, can also reduce the opportunity for gain. Derivatives transactions not involving hedging may have speculative characteristics, involve leverage and result in losses that may exceed the original investment of the Fund. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Portfolio seeks to close out a derivatives position. Activities of large traders in the futures and securities markets involving arbitrage, "program trading," and other investment strategies may cause price distortions in derivatives markets. In certain instances, particularly those involving over-the-counter transactions or forward contracts, there is a greater potential that a counterparty or broker may default. In the event of a default, the Portfolio may experience a loss. For additional information concerning derivatives, related instruments and the associated risks, see the SAI.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER. The frequency of the Portfolio's buy and sell transactions will vary from year to year. The Portfolio's investment policies may lead to frequent changes in investments, particularly in periods of rapidly changing market conditions. High portfolio turnover rates would generally result in higher transaction costs, including brokerage commissions or dealer mark-ups, and would make it more difficult for the Portfolio to qualify as a registered investment company under federal tax law. See "How Distributions are Made; Tax Information" and "Other Information Concerning the Fund--Certain Regulatory Matters."

## LIMITING INVESTMENT RISKS

Specific investment restrictions help the Portfolio limit investment risks for the Fund's shareholders. These restrictions prohibit the Portfolio from: (a) investing more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (which include securities restricted as to resale unless they are determined to be readily marketable in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees); or (b) investing more than 25% of its total assets in any one industry. A complete description of these and other investment policies is included in the SAI. Except for restriction (b) above and investment policies designated as fundamental in the SAI, the investment policies (including their investment objective) of the Portfolio and the Fund are not

fundamental. Shareholder approval is not required to change any non-fundamental investment policy. However, in the event of a change in the Fund's or Portfolio's investment objective, shareholders will be given at least 30 days prior written notice.

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#### RISK FACTORS

The net asset value of the Fund's shares will fluctuate based on the value of the securities held by the Portfolio. The Fund does not constitute a balanced or complete investment program. The Fund is subject to the general risks and considerations associated with equity investing.

Because the Portfolio is "non-diversified," the value of the Fund's shares is more susceptible to developments affecting issuers in which the Portfolio invests.

For a discussion of certain other risks associated with the Portfolio's additional investment activities, see "Other Investment Practices" above.

#### MANAGEMENT

THE PORTFOLIO'S ADVISERS

The Chase Manhattan Bank ("Chase") is the Portolio's investment adviser under an Investment Advisory Agreement and has overall responsibility for investment decisions of the Portfolio, subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees. Chase is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation, a bank holding company. CHASE AND ITS PREDECESSORS HAVE OVER 100 YEARS OF MONEY MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE.

For its investment advisory services to the Portfolio, Chase is entitled to receive an annual fee computed daily and paid monthly based at an annual rate equal to 0.40% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets. Chase is located at 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Chase Asset Management, Inc. ("CAM"), a registered investment adviser, is the Portfolio's sub-investment adviser under a Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement between CAM and Chase. CAM is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Chase. CAM makes investment decisions for the Portfolio on a day-to-day basis. For these services, CAM is entitled to receive a fee, payable by Chase from its advisory fee, at an annual rate equal to 0.20% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets. CAM was recently formed for the purpose of providing discretionary investment advisory services to institutional clients and to consolidate Chase's investment management function. The same individuals who serve as portfolio managers for Chase also serve as portfolio managers for CAM. CAM is located at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS. David Klassen, Director, U.S. Funds Management and Equity Research of Domestic Equity Management at Chase, is responsible for asset allocation and investment strategy for Chase's domestic equity portfolios. Mr. Klassen joined Chase in March 1992. Prior to joining Chase, Mr. Klassen was a vice president and portfolio manager at Dean Witter Reynolds, responsible for managing several mutual funds and other accounts.

Mr. Klassen and Greg Adams, a Senior Portfolio Manager at Chase, have been responsible for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio since March 1995. In addition to managing the Vista Growth and Income Portfolio, Mr.

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Klassen is a manager of the Vista Small Cap Equity Fund and the Vista Capital Growth Portfolio. Mr. Adams joined Chase in 1987 and is also a manager of the Vista Balanced Fund and Vista Large Cap Equity Fund. In addition, Mr. Adams has been responsible for overseeing the proprietary computer model program used in the U.S. equity selection process.

ABOUT YOUR INVESTMENT

CHOOSING A SHARE CLASS

CLASS A SHARES. An investor who purchases Class A shares pays a sales charge at the time of purchase. As a result, Class A shares are not subject to any sales charges when they are redeemed. Certain purchases of Class A shares qualify for reduced sales charges. Class A shares have lower combined 12b-1 and service fees than Class B shares. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares" and "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

CLASS B SHARES. Class B shares are sold without an initial sales charge, but are subject to a contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") if redeemed within a specified period after purchase. Class B shares also have higher combined 12b-1 and service fees than Class A shares.

Class B shares automatically convert into Class A shares, based on relative net asset value, at the beginning of the ninth year after purchase. For more information about the conversion of Class B shares, see the SAI. This discussion will include information about how shares acquired through reinvestment of distributions are treated for conversion purposes. Class B shares provide an investor the benefit of putting all of the investor's dollars to work from the time the investment is made. Until conversion, Class B shares will have a higher expense ratio and pay lower dividends than Class A shares because of the higher combined 12b-1 and service fees. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares" and "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

WHICH ARRANGEMENT IS BEST FOR YOU? The decision as to which class of shares provides a more suitable investment for you depends on a number of factors, including the amount and intended length of the investment. If you are making an investment that qualifies for reduced sales charges, you might consider Class A shares. If you prefer not to pay an initial sales charge might consider Class B shares. In almost all cases, if you are planning to purchase \$250,000 or more of the Fund's shares you will pay lower aggregate charges and expenses by purchasing Class A shares.

HOW TO BUY, SELL AND EXCHANGE SHARES

HOW TO BUY SHARES

You can open a Fund account with as little as \$2,500 for regular accounts or \$1,000 for IRAs, SEP-IRAs and the Systematic Investment Plan. Additional investments can be made at any time with as little as \$100. You can buy Fund shares three ways--through an investment representative, through the Fund's distributor by calling the Vista

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Service Center, or through the Systematic Investment Plan.

All purchases made by check should be in U.S. dollars and made payable to the Vista Funds. Third party checks, credit cards and cash will not be accepted. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order or cease offering shares for purchase at any time. When purchases are made by check, redemptions will not be allowed until the check clears, which may take 15 calendar days or longer. In addition, the redemption of shares purchased through Automated Clearing House (ACH) will not be allowed until your payment clears, which may take 7 business days or longer.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH THE FUND'S DISTRIBUTOR. Complete and return the enclosed application and your check in the amount you wish to invest to the Vista Service Center.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH SYSTEMATIC INVESTING. You can make regular investments of \$100 or more per transaction through automatic periodic deduction from your bank checking or savings account. Shareholders electing to start this Systematic Investment Plan when opening an account should complete Section 8 of the account application. Current shareholders may begin such a plan at any time by sending a signed letter and a deposit slip or voided check to the Vista Service Center. Call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions.

Shares are purchased at the public offering price, which is based on the net asset value next determined after the Vista Service Center receives your order in proper form. In most cases, in order to receive that day's public offering price, the Vista Service Center must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange. If you buy shares through your investment representative, the representative must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to

receive that day's public offering price. Orders for shares are accepted by the Fund after funds are converted to federal funds. Orders paid by check and received by 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time will generally be available for the purchase of shares the following business day.

If you are considering redeeming or exchanging shares or transferring shares to another person shortly after purchase, you should pay for those shares with a certified check to avoid any delay in redemption, exchange or transfer. Otherwise the Fund may delay payment until the purchase price of those shares has been collected or, if you redeem by telephone, until 15 calendar days after the purchase date. To eliminate the need for safekeeping, the Fund will not issue certificates for your Class A shares unless you request them. Due to the conversion feature of Class B shares, certificates for Class B shares will be held in book entry form.

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#### CLASS A SHARES

The public offering price of Class A shares is the net asset value plus a sales charge that varies depending on the size of your purchase. The Fund receives the net asset value. The sales charge is allocated between your broker-dealer and the Fund's distributor as shown in the following table, except when the Fund's distributor, in its discretion, allocates the entire amount to your broker-dealer.

		harge as a ntage of:	Amount of sales charge reallowed to dealers as a
Amount of transaction at offering price(\$)	Offering price	Net amount invested	percentage of offering price
Under 100,000	4.75	4.99	4.00
100,000 but under 250,000	3.75	3.90	3.25
250,000 but under 500,000	2.50	2.56	2.25
500,000 but under 1,000,000	2.00	2.04	1.75

There is no initial sales charge on purchases of Class A shares of \$1 million or more.

The Fund's distributor pays broker-dealers commissions on net sales of Class A shares of \$1 million or more based on an investor's cumulative purchases. Such commissions are paid at the rate of 1.00% of the amount under \$2.5 million, 0.75% of the next \$7.5 million, 0.50% of the next \$40 million and 0.20% thereafter. The Fund's distributor may withhold such payments with respect to short-term investments.

#### CLASS B SHARES

Class B shares are sold without an initial sales charge, although a CDSC will be imposed if you redeem shares within a specified period after purchase, as shown in the table below. The following types of shares may be redeemed without charge at any time: (i) shares acquired by reinvestment of distributions and (ii) shares otherwise exempt from the CDSC, as described below. For other shares, the amount of the charge is determined as a percentage of the lesser of the current market value or the purchase price of shares being redeemed.

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+
CDSC	5%	4%	3%	3%	2%	1%	0%	0%

In determining whether a CDSC is payable on any redemption, the Fund will first redeem shares not subject to any charge, and then shares held longest during the CDSC period. When a share that has appreciated in value is redeemed during the CDSC period, a CDSC is assessed only on its initial purchase price. For information on how sales charges are calculated if you exchange your shares, see "How to Exchange Your Shares." The Fund's distributor pays broker-dealers a commission of 4.00% of the offering price on sales of Class B Shares, and the distributor receives the entire amount of any CDSC you pay.

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#### GENERAL

You may be eligible to buy Class A shares at reduced sales charges. Consult your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for details about Vista's combined purchase privilege, cumulative quantity discount, statement

of intention, group sales plan, employee benefit plans, and other plans. Descriptions are also included in the enclosed application and in the SAI. In addition, sales charges are waived if you are using redemption proceeds received within the prior ninety days from non-Vista mutual funds to buy your shares on which you paid a front-end or contingent deferred sales charge.

Some participant-directed employee benefit plans participate in a "multi-fund" program which offers both Vista and non-Vista mutual funds. With Board of Trustee approval, the money that is invested in Vista Funds may be combined with the other mutual funds in the same program when determining the plan's eligibility to buy Class A shares without a sales charge. These investments will also be included for purposes of the discount privileges and programs described above.

The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge to the current and retired Trustees (and their immediate families), current and retired employees (and their immediate families) of Chase, the Fund's distributor and transfer agent or any affiliates or subsidiaries thereof, registered representatives and other employees (and their immediate families) of broker-dealers having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor, employees (and their immediate families) of financial institutions having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor (or otherwise having an arrangement with a broker-dealer or financial institution with respect to sales of Vista fund shares), financial institution trust departments investing an aggregate of \$1 million or more in the Vista Family of Funds and clients of certain administrators of tax-qualified plans when proceeds from repayments of loans to participants are invested (or reinvested) in the Vista Family of Funds.

No initial sales charge will apply to the purchase of the Fund's Class A shares if you are investing the proceeds of a qualified retirement plan where a portion of the plan was invested in the Vista Family of Funds, any qualified retirement plan with 50 or more participants, or an individual participant in a tax-qualified plan making a tax-free rollover or transfer of assets from the plan in which Chase or an affiliate serves as trustee or custodian of the plan or manages some portion of the plan's assets.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge through an investment adviser or financial planner that charges a fee for its services. Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge (i) by an investment adviser, broker or financial planner, provided arrangements are preapproved and purchases are placed through an omnibus account with the Fund or (ii) by clients of such investment adviser or financial

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planner who place trades for their own accounts, if such accounts are linked to a master account of such investment adviser or financial planner on the books and records of the broker or agent. Such purchases may also be made for retirement and deferred compensation plans and trusts used to fund those plans.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge in accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which is acting as a fiduciary exercising investment discretion, provided that appropriate notification of such fiduciary relationship is reported at the time of the investment to the Fund, the Fund's distributor or the Vista Service Center.

Shareholders of record of any Vista fund as of November 30, 1990 and certain immediate family members may purchase the Fund's Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own Class A shares of any Vista fund, provided there is no change in account registration. Shareholders of record of any portfolio of The Hanover Funds, Inc. or The Hanover Investment Funds, Inc. as of May 3, 1996 and certain related investors may purchase the Fund's Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own shares of any Vista fund following this date, provided there is no change in account registration.

The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge in connection with the acquisition by the Fund of assets of an investment company or personal holding company. The CDSC will be waived on redemption of Class B shares arising out of death or disability or in connection with certain withdrawals from IRA or other retirement plans. Up to 12% of the value of Class B shares subject to a systematic withdrawal plan may also be redeemed each year without a CDSC, provided that the Class B account had a minimum balance of \$20,000 at the time the systematic withdrawal plan was established. The SAI contains additional information about purchasing the Fund's shares at reduced sales charges.

The Fund reserves the right to change any of these policies on purchases without an initial sales charge at any time and may reject any such purchase request.

For shareholders that bank with Chase, Chase may aggregate investments in the Vista Funds with balances held in Chase bank accounts for purposes of determining eligibility for certain bank privileges that are based on specified minimum balance requirements, such as reduced or no fees for certain banking services or preferred rates on loans and deposits. Chase and certain broker-dealers and other shareholder servicing agents may, at their own expense, provide gifts, such as computer software packages, guides and books related to investment or additional Fund shares valued up to \$250 to their customers that invest in the Vista Funds.

Shareholders of other Vista funds may be entitled to exchange their shares for, or reinvest distributions from their funds in, shares of the Fund at net asset value.

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#### HOW TO SELL SHARES

You can sell your Fund shares any day the New York Stock Exchange is open, either directly to the Fund or through your investment representative. The Fund will only forward redemption payments on shares for which it has collected payment of the purchase price.

SELLING SHARES DIRECTLY TO THE FUND. Send a signed letter of instruction to the Vista Service Center, along with any certificates that represent shares you want to sell. The price you will receive is the next net asset value calculated after the Fund receives your request in proper form, less any applicable CDSC. In order to receive that day's net asset value, the Vista Service Center must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

If you sell shares having a net asset value of \$100,000 or more, the signatures of registered owners or their legal representatives must be guaranteed by a bank, broker-dealer or certain other financial institutions. See the SAI for more information about where to obtain a signature guarantee.

If you want your redemption proceeds sent to an address other than your address as it appears on Vista's records, a signature guarantee is required. The Fund may require additional documentation for the sale of shares by a corporation, partnership, agent or fiduciary, or a surviving joint owner. Contact the Vista Service Center for details.

DELIVERY OF PROCEEDS. The Fund generally sends you payment for your shares the business day after your request is received in proper form, assuming the Fund has collected payment of the purchase price of your shares. Under unusual circumstances, the Fund may suspend redemptions, or postpone payment for more than seven days, as permitted by federal securities law.

TELEPHONE REDEMPTIONS. You may use Vista's Telephone Redemption Privilege to redeem shares from your account unless you have notified the Vista Service Center of an address change within the preceding 30 days. Telephone redemption requests in excess of \$25,000 will only be made by wire to a bank account on record with the Fund. Unless an investor indicates otherwise on the account application, the Fund will be authorized to act upon redemption and transfer instructions received by telephone from a shareholder, or any person claiming to act as his or her representative, who can provide the Fund with his or her account registration and address as it appears on the Fund's records.

The Vista Service Center will employ these and other reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine; if it fails to employ reasonable procedures, the Fund may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. An investor agrees, however, that to the extent permitted by applicable law, neither the Fund nor its agents will be liable for any loss, liability, cost or expense arising out of any redemption request, including any fraudulent or unauthorized request. For information, consult the Vista Service Center.

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During periods of unusual market changes and shareholder activity, you may experience delays in contacting the Vista Service Center by telephone. In this event, you may wish to submit a written redemption request, as described above, or contact your investment representative. The Telephone Redemption

Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. The Telephone Redemption Privilege may be modified or terminated without notice.

SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL. You can make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more (\$100 or more for Class B accounts) monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan for Class A accounts. Call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions.

SELLING SHARES THROUGH YOUR INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVE. Your investment representative must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's net asset value. Your investment representative will be responsible for furnishing all necessary documentation to the Vista Service Center, and may charge you for its services.

INVOLUNTARY REDEMPTION OF ACCOUNTS. The Fund may involuntarily redeem your shares if at such time the aggregate net asset value of the shares in your account is less than \$500 or if you purchase through the Systematic Investment Plan and fail to meet the Fund's investment minimum within a twelve month period. In the event of any such redemption, you will receive at least 60 days notice prior to the redemption. In the event the Fund redeems Class B shares pursuant to this provision, no CDSC will be imposed.

#### HOW TO EXCHANGE YOUR SHARES

You can exchange your shares for shares of the same class of certain other Vista funds at net asset value beginning 15 days after purchase. Not all Vista funds offer all classes of shares. The prospectus of the other Vista fund into which shares are being exchanged should be read carefully and retained for future reference. If you exchange shares subject to a CDSC, the transaction will not be subject to the CDSC. However, when you redeem the shares acquired through the exchange, the redemption may be subject to the CDSC, depending upon when you originally purchased the shares. The CDSC will be computed using the schedule of any fund into or from which you have exchanged your shares that would result in your paying the highest CDSC applicable to your class of shares. In computing the CDSC, the length of time you have owned your shares will be measured from the date of original purchase and will not be affected by any exchange.

EXCHANGING TO MONEY MARKET FUNDS. An exchange of Class B shares into any of the Vista money market funds other than the Class B shares of the Vista Prime Money Market Fund will be treated as a redemption—and therefore

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subject to the conditions of the CDSC--and a subsequent purchase. Class B shares of any Vista non-money market fund may be exchanged into the Class B shares of the Vista Prime Money Market Fund in order to continue the aging of the initial purchase of such shares.

For federal income tax purposes, an exchange is treated as a sale of shares and generally results in a capital gain or loss.

EXCHANGING BY PHONE. A Telephone Exchange Privilege is currently available. Call the Vista Service Center for procedures for telephone transactions. The Telephone Exchange Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. Ask your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for prospectuses of other Vista funds. Shares of certain Vista funds are not available to residents of all states.

EXCHANGE PARAMETERS. The exchange privilege is not intended as a vehicle for short-term trading. Excessive exchange activity may interfere with portfolio management and have an adverse effect on all shareholders. In order to limit excessive exchange activity and in other circumstances where Vista management or the Trustees believe doing so would be in the best interests of the Fund, the Fund reserves the right to revise or terminate the exchange privilege, limit the amount or number of exchanges or reject any exchange. In addition, any shareholder who makes more than ten exchanges of shares involving the Fund in a year or three in a calendar quarter will be charged a \$5.00 administration fee for each such exchange. Shareholders would be notified of any such action to the extent required by law. Consult the Vista Service Center before requesting an exchange. See the SAI to find out more about the exchange privilege.

REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE. Upon written request, Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value within 90 calendar days of the redemption. The reinstatement request must be accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the

redemption), and shares will be purchased at the next determined net asset value. Class B shareholders who have redeemed their shares and paid a CDSC with such redemption may purchase Class A shares with no initial sales charge (in an amount not in excess of their redemption proceeds) if the purchase occurs within 90 days of the redemption of the Class B shares.

#### HOW THE FUND VALUES ITS SHARES

The net asset value of each class of the Fund's shares is determined once daily based upon prices determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, however, options are priced at 4:15 p.m., Eastern time), on each business day of the Fund, by dividing the net assets of the Fund attributable to that class by the total number of outstanding shares of that class. Values of assets held by the Fund (i.e., the value of

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its investment in the Portfolio and its other assets) are determined on the basis of their market or other fair value, as described in the SAI.

HOW DISTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE; TAX INFORMATION

The Fund distributes any net investment income at least quarterly and any net realized capital gains at least annually. Capital gains are distributed after deducting any available capital loss carryovers. Distributions paid by the Fund with respect to Class A shares will generally be greater than those paid with respect to Class B shares because expenses attributable to Class B shares will generally be higher.

DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT OPTION. You can choose from three distribution options: (1) reinvest all distributions in additional Fund shares without a sales charge; (2) receive distributions from net investment income in cash or by ACH to a pre-established bank account while reinvesting capital gains distributions in additional shares without a sales charge; or (3) receive all distributions in cash or by ACH. You can change your distribution option by notifying the Vista Service Center in writing. IF YOU DO NOT SELECT AN OPTION WHEN YOU OPEN YOUR ACCOUNT, ALL DISTRIBUTIONS WILL BE REINVESTED. All distributions not paid in cash or by ACH will be reinvested in shares of the same share class. You will receive a statement confirming reinvestment of distributions in additional Fund shares promptly following the quarter in which the reinvestment occurs.

If a check representing a Fund distribution is not cashed within a specified period, the Vista Service Center will notify you that you have the option of requesting another check or reinvesting the distribution in the Fund or in another Vista fund without a sales charge. If the Vista Service Center does not receive your election, the distribution will be reinvested in the Fund. Similarly, if the Fund or the Vista Service Center sends you correspondence returned as "undeliverable," distributions will automatically be reinvested in the Fund.

The Fund intends to qualify as a "regulated investment company" for federal income tax purposes and to meet all other requirements that are necessary for it to be relieved of federal taxes on income and gains it distributes to shareholders. The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gain net income on a current basis. If the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company for any taxable year or does not make such distributions, the Fund will be subject to tax on all of its income and gains.

TAXATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS. Fund distributions other than net long-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions of net long-term capital gains will be taxable as such, regardless of how long you have held the shares. The taxation of your distribution is the same whether received in cash or in shares through the reinvestment of distributions.

You should carefully consider the tax implications of purchasing shares just prior to a distribution.

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This is because you will be taxed on the entire amount of the distribution received, even though the net asset value per share will be higher on the date of such purchase as it will include the distribution amount.

Early in each calendar year the Fund will notify you of the amount and tax status of distributions paid to you by the Fund for the preceding year.

The above is only a summary of certain federal income tax consequences of investing in the Fund. You should consult your tax adviser to determine the precise effect of an investment in the Fund on your particular tax situation (including possible liability for state and local taxes and, for foreign shareholders, U.S. withholding taxes).

OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FUND

#### DISTRIBUTION PLANS

The Fund's distributor is Vista Fund Distributors, Inc. ("VFD"). VFD is a subsidiary of The BISYS Group, Inc. and is unaffiliated with Chase. The Trust has adopted Rule 12b-1 distribution plans for Class A and Class B shares, which provide for the payment of distribution fees at annual rates of up to 0.25% and 0.75% of the average daily net assets attributable to Class A and Class B shares, of the Fund, respectively. Payments under the distribution plans shall be used to compensate or reimburse the Fund's distributor and broker-dealers for services provided and expenses incurred in connection with the sale of Class A and Class B shares, and are not tied to the amount of actual expenses incurred. Payments may be used to compensate broker-dealers with trail or maintenance commissions at an annual rate of up to 0.20% of the average daily net asset value of Class A shares, or 0.25% of the average daily net asset value of the Class B shares invested in the Fund by customers of these broker-dealers. Trail or maintenance commissions are paid to broker-dealers beginning the 13th month following the purchase of shares by their customers. Promotional activities for the sale of Class A and Class B shares will be conducted generally by the Vista Family of Funds, and activities intended to promote the Fund's Class A or Class B shares may also benefit the Fund's other shares and other Vista funds.

Class A shares are also permitted to pay an additional fee at an annual rate of up to 0.05% of its average daily net asset value in anticipation of, or as reimbursement for, expenses incurred in connection with print or electronic media advertising in connection with the sale of Fund shares. When such expenses are incurred, the maximum compensation paid by the Class A shares under the Class A distribution plan would be at an annual rate of 0.25% of its average daily net asset value.

VFD may provide promotional incentives to broker-dealers that meet specified sales targets for one or more Vista funds. These incentives may include gifts of up to \$100 per person annually; an occasional meal, ticket to a sporting event or theater for entertainment for broker-dealers and their guests; and payment or

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reimbursement for travel expenses, including lodging and meals, in connection with attendance at training and educational meetings within and outside the U.S.  $\,$ 

#### SHAREHOLDER SERVICING AGENTS

The Trust has entered into shareholder servicing agreements with certain shareholder servicing agents (including Chase) under which the shareholder servicing agents have agreed to provide certain support services to their customers who beneficially own or Class A and Class B shares of the Fund. These services include assisting with purchase and redemption transactions, maintaining shareholder accounts and records, furnishing customer statements, transmitting shareholder reports and communications to customers and other similar shareholder liaison services. For performing these services, each shareholder servicing agent receives an annual fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of or Class A and Class B shares of the Fund held by investors for whom the shareholder servicing agent maintains a servicing relationship. Shareholder servicing agents may subcontract with other parties for the provision of shareholder support services.

Shareholder servicing agents may offer additional services to their customers, such as pre-authorized or systematic purchase and redemption plans. Each shareholder servicing agent may establish its own terms and conditions, including limitations on the amounts of subsequent transactions, with respect to such services. Certain shareholder servicing agents may (although they are not required by the Trust to do so) credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees an amount not exceeding such other fees or the fees for their services as shareholder

Chase and/or VFD may from time to time, at their own expense out of compensation retained by them from the Fund or other sources available to them, make additional payments to certain selected dealers or other shareholder servicing agents for performing administrative services for their customers. These services include maintaining account records, processing orders to purchase, redeem and exchange Fund shares and responding to certain customer inquiries. The amount of such compensation may be up to an additional 0.10% annually of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to shares of the Fund held by customers of such shareholder servicing agents. Such compensation does not represent an additional expense to the Fund or its shareholders, since it will be paid by Chase and/or VFD.

#### ADMINISTRATOR AND SUB-ADMINISTRATOR

Chase acts as the administrator for the Fund and the Portfolio and is entitled to receive from each of the Fund and the Portfolio a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of their respective average daily net assets.

VFD provides certain sub-administrative services to the Fund

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pursuant to a distribution and sub-administration agreement and is entitled to receive a fee for these services from the Fund at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of the Fund's average daily net assets. VFD has agreed to use a portion of this fee to pay for certain expenses incurred in connection with organizing new series of the Trust and certain other ongoing expenses of the Trust. VFD is located at 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10178.

#### CUSTODIAN

Chase acts as the Fund's custodian and fund accountant and receives compensation under an agreement with the Trust. Fund securities and cash may be held by sub-custodian banks if such arrangements are reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

## EXPENSES

The Fund pays the expenses incurred in its operations, including its pro rata share of expenses of the Trust. These expenses include investment advisory and administrative fees; the compensation of the Trustees; registration fees; interest charges; taxes; expenses connected with the execution, recording and settlement of security transactions; fees and expenses of the Fund's custodian for all services to the Fund, including safekeeping of funds and securities and maintaining required books and accounts; expenses of preparing and mailing reports to investors and to government offices and commissions; expenses of meetings of investors; fees and expenses of independent accountants, of legal counsel and of any transfer agent, registrar or dividend disbursing agent of the Trust; insurance premiums; and expenses of calculating the net asset value of, and the net income on, shares of the Fund. Shareholder servicing and distribution fees are allocated to specific classes of the Fund. In addition, the Fund may allocate transfer agency and certain other expenses by class. Service providers to the Fund may, from time to time, voluntarily waive all or a portion of any fees to which they are entitled.

## ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SHARES

The Fund is a portfolio of Mutual Fund Group, an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust in 1987 (the "Trust"). The Trust has reserved the right to create and issue additional series and classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The shares of each series or class participate equally in the earnings, dividends and assets of the particular series or class. Shares have no preemptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each whole share held, and each fractional share shall be entitled to a proportionate fractional vote, except that Trust shares held in the treasury of the Trust shall not be voted. Shares of each class of the Fund generally vote together except when required under federal securities laws to vote separately on matters that only affect a particular class, such as the

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approval of distribution plans for a particular class.

The Fund issues multiple classes of shares. This Prospectus relates only to Class A and Class B shares of the Fund. The Fund offers other classes of shares in addition to these classes. The categories of investors that are eligible to purchase shares and minimum investment requirements may differ for each class of Fund shares. In addition, other classes of Fund shares may be subject to differences in sales charge arrangements, ongoing distribution and service fee levels, and levels of certain other expenses, which will affect the relative performance of the different classes. Investors may call 1-800-34-VISTA to obtain additional information about other classes of shares of the Fund that are offered. Any person entitled to receive compensation for selling or servicing shares of the Fund may receive different levels of compensation with respect to one class of shares over another.

The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the general direction and supervision of its Board of Trustees. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders but will hold special meetings of shareholders of all series or classes when in the judgment of the Trustees it is necessary or desirable to submit matters for a shareholder vote. The Trustees will promptly call a meeting of shareholders to remove a trustee(s) when requested to do so in writing by record holders of not less than 10% of all outstanding shares of the Trust.

Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Trust itself was unable to meet its obligations.

#### UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF MASTER/FEEDER FUND STRUCTURE

Unlike other mutual funds which directly acquire and manage their own portfolio securities, the Fund invests all of its investable assets in the Portfolio, a separate registered investment company. Therefore, a shareholder's interest in the Portfolio's securities is indirect. In addition to selling a beneficial interest to the Fund, the Portfolio may sell beneficial interests to other mutual funds or institutional investors. Such investors will invest in the Portfolio on the same terms and conditions and will pay a proportionate share of the Portfolio's expenses. However, other investors investing in the Portfolio are not required to sell their shares at the same public offering prices as the Fund, and may bear different levels of ongoing expenses than the Fund. Shareholders of the Fund should be aware that these differences may result in differences in returns experienced in the different funds that invest in the Portfolio. Such differences in returns are also present in other mutual fund structures.

Smaller funds investing in the Portfolio may be materially affected by the actions of larger funds investing in the Portfolio. For example, if a large fund withdraws

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from the Portfolio, the remaining funds may experience higher pro rata operating expenses, thereby producing lower returns. Additionally, the Portfolio may become less diverse, resulting in increased portfolio risk. However, this possibility also exists for traditionally structured funds which have large or institutional investors. Funds with a greater pro rata ownership in the Portfolio could have effective voting control of the operations of the Portfolio. Whenever the Trust is requested to vote on matters pertaining to the Portfolio, the Trust will hold a meeting of shareholders of the Fund and will cast all of its votes in the same proportion as do the Fund's shareholders. Shares of the Fund for which no voting instructions have been received will be voted in the same proportion as those shares for which voting instructions are received. Certain changes in the Portfolio's objective, policies or restrictions may require the Trust to withdraw the Fund's interest in the Portfolio. Any withdrawal could result in a distribution in kind of portfolio securities (as opposed to a cash distribution from the Portfolio). The Fund could incur brokerage fees or other transaction costs in converting such securities to cash. In addition, a distribution in kind may result in a less diversified portfolio of investments or adversely affect the liquidity of the Fund.

The Trustees of the Trust, including a majority of the disinterested Trustees, have adopted procedures they believe are reasonably appropriate to deal with any conflict of interest up to and including creating a separate Board of Trustees.

Investors in the Fund may obtain information about whether an investment in the Portfolio may be available through other funds by calling the Vista Service Center at  $1-800-34-{\rm VISTA}$ .

The Fund's investment performance may from time to time be included in advertisements about the Fund. Performance is calculated separately for each class of shares, in the manner described in the SAI. "Yield" for each class of shares is calculated by dividing the annualized net investment income per share during a recent 30-day period by the maximum public offering price per share of such class on the last day of that period.

"Total return" for the one-, five- and ten-year periods (or since inception, if shorter) through the most recent calendar quarter represents the average annual compounded rate of return on an investment of \$1,000 in the Fund invested at the maximum public offering price (in the case of Class A shares) or reflecting the deduction of any applicable contingent deferred sales charge (in the case of Class B shares). Total return may also be presented for other periods or without reflecting sales charges. Any quotation of investment performance not reflecting the maximum initial sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge would be reduced if such sales charges were used.

All performance data is based on the Fund's past investment results and

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does not predict future performance. Investment performance, which will vary, is based on many factors, including market conditions, the composition of the Fund's portfolio, the Fund's operating expenses and which class of shares you purchase. Investment performance also often reflects the risks associated with the Fund's investment objectives and policies. These factors should be considered when comparing the Fund's investment results to those of other mutual funds and other investment vehicles. Quotation of investment performance for any period when a fee waiver or expense limitation was in effect will be greater than if the waiver or limitation had not been in effect. The Fund's performance may be compared to other mutual funds, relevant indices and rankings prepared by independent services. See the SAI.

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# MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISTA PRIVILEGES

The following services are available to you as a Vista mutual fund shareholder.

- [bullet] SYSTEMATIC INVESTMENT PLAN--Invest as much as you wish (\$100 or more) in the first or third week of any month. The amount will be automatically transferred from your checking or savings account.
- [bullet] SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL PLAN--Make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more (\$100 or more for Class B accounts) monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan for Class A accounts.
- [bullet] SYSTEMATIC EXCHANGE--Transfer assets automatically from one Vista account to another on a regular, prearranged basis. There is no additional charge for this service.
- [bullet] FREE EXCHANGE PRIVILEGE--Exchange money between Vista funds in the same class of shares without charge. The exchange privilege allows you to adjust your investments as your objectives change. Investors may not maintain, within the same fund, simultaneous plans for systematic investment or exchange and systematic withdrawal or exchange.
- [bullet] REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE--Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value next determined subject to written request within 90 calendar days of the redemption, accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption).

Class B shareholders who have redeemed their shares and paid a CDSC with such redemption may purchase Class A shares with no initial sales charge (in an amount not in excess of their redemption proceeds) if the purchase occurs within 90 days of the redemption of the Class B shares.

For more information about any of these services and privileges, call your

shareholder servicing agent, investment representative or the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA. These privileges are subject to change or termination.

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Vista Family of Mutual Funds & Retirement Products

VISTA INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUNDS Southeast Asian Fund Japan Fund European Fund International Equity Fund

VISTA U.S. EQUITY FUNDS Small Cap Equity Fund The Growth Fund of Washington Capital Growth Fund Growth and Income Fund Large Cap Equity Fund Balanced Fund Equity Income Fund

VISTA FIXED INCOME FUNDS Bond Fund U.S. Government Securities Fund U.S. Treasury Income Fund Short-Term Bond Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE FUNDS(1)
New York Tax Free Income Fund
California Intermediate Tax Free Fund
Tax Free Income Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(1,2)
New York Tax Free Money Market Fund
Connecticut Daily Tax Free Income Fund Select Shares(3)
New Jersey Daily Municipal Income Fund Select Shares(3)
Tax Free Money Market Fund
California Tax Free Money Market Fund

VISTA TAXABLE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(2)
Cash Management Money Market Fund
Federal Money Market Fund
100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund
U.S. Government Money Market Fund
Treasury Plus Money Market Fund

VISTA RETIREMENT PRODUCTS Vista Capital Advantage Variable Annuity(4) Vista 401(k) Advantage

For complete information on the Vista Mutual Funds or Retirement Products, including information about fees and expenses, call your investment professional or 1-800-34-VISTA for a prospectus. Please read it carefully before you invest or send money.

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- (1) Some income may be subject to certain state and local taxes. A portion of the income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax for some investors
- (2) An investment in a Money Market Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Yields will fluctuate, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per share.
- (3) Vista Select Shares of these funds are not a part of, or affiliated with, the Vista Family of Mutual Funds. Reich & Tang Distributors L.P. and New England Investment Companies L.P., which are unaffiliated with Chase, are the funds' distributor and investment adviser, respectively.
- (4) The variable annuity contract is issued by First SunAmerica Life Insurance Company in New York; in other states, but not necessarily all states, it is issued by Anchor National Life Insurance Company.

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PROSPECTUS
VISTA(SM) INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUND
CLASS A AND B SHARES
INVESTMENT STRATEGY: TOTAL RETURN

February 28, 1997

This Prospectus explains concisely what you should know before investing. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. You can find more detailed information about the Fund in its February 28, 1997 Statement of Additional Information, as amended periodically (the "SAI"). For a free copy of the SAI, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA. The SAI has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference.

The Fund, unlike many other investment companies which directly acquire and manage their own portfolios of securities, seeks its investment objective by investing all of its investable assets in International Equity Portfolio (the "Portfolio"), an open-end management investment company with an investment objective identical to that of the Fund. Investors should carefully consider this investment approach. For additional information regarding this investment structure, see "Unique Characteristics of Master/Feeder Fund Structure" on page 27.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION, NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

INVESTMENTS IN THE FUND ARE NOT BANK DEPOSITS OR OBLIGATIONS OF, OR GUARANTEED OR ENDORSED BY, THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES AND ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FDIC, THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY. INVESTMENTS IN MUTUAL FUNDS INVOLVE RISK, INCLUDING THE

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# EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses are one of several factors to consider when investing. The following table summarizes your costs from investing in the Fund based on expenses incurred in the most recent fiscal year. The examples show the cumulative expenses attributable to a hypothetical \$1,000 investment over specified periods.

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	Class A Shares	
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Shareholder Transaction Expenses		
Maximum Sales Charge Imposed on Purchases		
(as a percentage of offering price)	4.75%	None
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge		
(as a percentage of the lower of original		
purchase price or redemption proceeds) *	None	5.00%
Annual Fund Operating Expenses		
(as a percentage of average net assets)		
Investment Advisory Fee (after estimated waiver) **	0.00%	0.00%
12b-1 Fee***	0.25%	0.75%
Shareholder Servicing Fee	0.25%	0.25%
Other Expenses	1.50%	1.50%
Total Fund Operating Expenses (after waiver of fee) **	2.00%	2.50%

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Your investment of \$1,000 would incur the following expenses, assuming 5% annual return:

1 Year 3 Years 5 Years 10 Years

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Class A Shares+	\$67	\$107	\$150	\$269
Class B Shares:				
Assuming complete redemption at the end of	the			
period+++ ++++	\$77	\$110	\$156	\$271
Assuming no redemptions++++	\$25	\$ 78	\$133	\$271

- \* The maximum deferred sales charge on Class B shares applies to redemptions during the first year after purchase; the charge generally declines by 1% annually thereafter (except in the fourth year), reaching zero after six years. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares."
- \*\* Reflects current waiver arrangement to maintain Total Fund Operating Expenses at the levels indicated in the table above. Absent such waiver, the Investment Advisory Fee would be 1.00% for Class A and Class B shares, and Total Fund Operating Expenses would be 3.00% and 3.50% for Class A and Class B shares, respectively.
- \*\*\* Long-term shareholders in mutual funds with 12b-1 fees, such as Class A and Class B shareholders of the Fund, may pay more than the economic equivalent of the maximum front-end sales charge permitted by rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.
  - + Assumes deduction at the time of purchase of the maximum sales charge.
- +++ Assumes deduction at the time of redemption of the maximum applicable deferred sales charge.
- ++++ Ten-year figures assume conversion of Class B shares to Class A shares at the beginning of the ninth year after purchase. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares."

The table is provided to help you understand the expenses of investing in the Fund and your share of the operating expenses that the Fund incurs. THE EXAMPLES SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED REPRESENTATIONS OF PAST OR FUTURE EXPENSES OR RETURNS; ACTUAL EXPENSES AND RETURNS MAY BE GREATER OR LESS THAN SHOWN.

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Charges or credits, not reflected in the expense table above, may be incurred directly by customers of financial institutions in connection with an investment in the Fund. The Fund understands that Shareholder Servicing Agents may credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees amounts not exceeding such other fees or the fees received by the Shareholder Servicing Agent from the Fund with respect to those accounts. See "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The table set forth below provides selected per share data and ratios for both Class A and Class B shares for the periods shown. This information is supplemented by and should be read in conjunction with financial statements and accompanying notes appearing in the Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, which is incorporated by reference into the SAI. The financial statements and notes, as well as the financial information set forth in the table below, have been audited by Price Waterhouse LLP, independent accountants, whose report thereon is also included in the Annual Report to Shareholders. Shareholders can obtain a copy of this Annual Report by contacting the Fund or their Shareholder Servicing Agent.

# Vista International Equity Fund

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CHITOW		Class A				Class B	
		Year Ended		12/31/92+ through Year Ended		Year Ended	11/4/93+++ through
	10/31/96	10/31/95	10/31/94	10/31/93	10/31/96	10/31/95	10/31/94
<pre><s> PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:</s></pre>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>
Net asset value, beginning of period		\$ 12.31	\$ 11.82	\$ 10.00	-	\$ 12.23	\$ 11.69

Income from Investment Operations: Net Investment Income (Loss)* Net Gains or (Losses) in	0.039	(0.022)	(0.010)	(0.026)	(0.053)
Securities (both realized and unrealized)	(0.190)	0.566	1.830	(0.180)	0.647
Total from Investment Operations	(0.151)	0.544	1.820	(0.206)	0.594
Less Distributions: Distribution from Capital Gains	0.137	0.054		0.137	
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$ 12.02	\$ 12.31		\$ 11.89	\$ 12.23
Total Return (1) Ratios/Supplemental Data** Net Assets, end of period (in			22.23%	(1.61%)	
000's) Ratio of Expenses to Average Net	\$26,287	\$37 <b>,</b> 926	\$14,290	\$ 6,759	\$ 7,182
Assets* Ratio of Net Investment Income	2.01%	2.00%	2.13%	2.50%	2.50%
(Loss) to Average Net Assets*(2) Ratio of Expenses without waivers and assumption	(0.10%)	(0.27%)	(0.14%)	(0.53%)	(0.94%)
of expenses to Average Net Assets* Ratio of Net Investment (Loss) Income without	2.86%	2.46%	2.86%	3.36%	3.36%
waivers and assumption of expenses to Average Net Assets* 					

 (0.96%) | (0.73%) | (2.11%) | (1.40%) | (1.80%) |

- + Commencement of operations.
- +++ Commencement of offering of shares.
- \*\* Includes the Fund's share of Portfolio income and expenses, as appropriate.
- \* Short periods have been Annualized.
- Total return figures do not include the effect of any front-end sales load.
- (2) Not to exceed maximum statutory expense ratio.

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# FUND OBJECTIVE

Vista International Equity Fund seeks total return from long-term capital growth and income. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program, and there is no assurance it will achieve its objective.

INVESTMENT POLICIES

INVESTMENT APPROACH

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing all of its investable assets in the Portfolio. The Portfolio will invest principally (under normal market conditions, at least 65% of its total assets) in a broad portfolio of marketable equity securities of established foreign companies organized in countries other than the U.S, and foreign subsidiaries of U.S. companies participating in foreign economies. Under normal market conditions, the Portfolio will invest at least 65% of its total assets in equity securities. These will include common stocks, preferred stocks, securities convertible into common stocks, and warrants to purchase common stocks.

The Portfolio's advisers seek to identify those countries and industries where economic and political factors, including currency movements, are likely to produce above-average growth rates. The Portfolio's advisers attempt to identify those companies in such countries and industries that are best positioned and managed to take advantage of these economic and political factors. The Portfolio will seek to diversify investments broadly among issuers in various countries and normally to have represented in the Portfolio business activities of not less than three different countries other than the U.S. The Portfolio may invest a substantial portion of its assets in one or more of such countries.

The Portfolio intends to invest in companies based in (or governments located in) the Far East (including Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia), Western Europe (including the United Kingdom, Germany, Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Italy and Spain), Scandinavia, Australia, Canada and such other areas and countries as the Portfolio's advisers may determine from time to time. Because the Fund invests a large portion of its assets in countries comprising the Morgan Stanley Capital International Europe, Australia and Far

East Index, which is heavily weighted towards companies based in Japan and the United Kingdom, a substantial portion of the Fund's assets may be invested in companies based in Japan, the United Kingdom and/or other countries represented in the Index. However, investments may be made from time to time in companies in, or governments of, developing countries as well as developed countries.

The Portfolio's advisers will allocate investments among securities denominated in the U.S. dollar and currencies of foreign countries. The advisers may adjust the Portfolio's exposure to each currency based on their perception of the most favorable markets and issuers. The percentage of the Portfolio's assets invested in securities of a particular country or denominated in a particular currency will vary in

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accordance with the advisers' assessment of the relative yield and appreciation potential of such securities and the current and anticipated relationship of a country's currency to the U.S. dollar. Fundamental economic strength, earnings growth, quality of management, industry growth, credit quality and interest rate trends are some of the principal factors which may be considered by the Portfolio's advisers in determining whether to increase or decrease the emphasis placed upon a particular type of security, industry sector, country or currency. Securities purchased by the Portfolio may be denominated in a currency other than that of the country in which the issuer is domiciled.

Primary emphasis will be placed on equity securities and securities with equity features. However, the Portfolio may invest in any type of investment grade debt security including, but not limited to, other convertible securities, bonds, notes and other debt securities of foreign governmental and private issuers, and various derivative securities.

The Portfolio will not invest more than 25% of its net assets in debt securities denominated in a single currency other than the U.S. dollar, nor will it invest more than 25% of its net assets in debt securities issued by a single foreign government or supranational organization.

The Portfolio may invest in securities of companies of various sizes, including smaller companies whose securities may be more volatile and less liquid than securities of larger companies. With respect to certain countries in which capital markets are either less developed or not easily accessed, investments by the Portfolio may be made through investment in closed-end investment companies that in turn are authorized to invest in the securities of such countries.

The Portfolio is classified as a "non-diversified" fund under federal securities law. The Portfolio's assets may be more concentrated in the securities of any single issuer or group of issuers than if the Portfolio were diversified.

The Portfolio may invest any portion of its assets not invested as described above in high quality money market instruments and repurchase agreements. For temporary defensive purposes, the Portfolio may invest without limitation in these instruments. At times when its advisers deem it advisable to limit the Fund's exposure to the equity markets, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in U.S. Government obligations (exclusive of any investments in money market instruments). To the extent that the Portfolio departs from its investment policies during temporary defensive periods, the Fund's investment objective may not be achieved.

WHO MAY WANT TO INVEST

This Fund may be most suitable for investors who . . . (bullet) Are seeking total return from long-term capital growth and income (bullet) Are investing for goals several years away

(bullet) Own or plan to own other types of investments for diversification purposes  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right)$ 

(bullet) Can assume market risk and the risk of investing internationally

The Funds may NOT be appropriate for investors who are unable to tolerate frequent up and down price changes and the potential instability of foreign markets; who are investing for short-term goals or who are in need of current income.

## FUND STRUCTURE

The Portfolio has an objective identical to that of the Fund. The Fund may withdraw its investment from the Portfolio at any time if the Trustees determine that it is in the best interest of the Fund to do so. Upon any such withdrawal, the Trustees would consider what action might be taken, including investing all of the Fund's investable assets in another pooled investment entity having substantially the same objective and policies as the Fund or retaining an investment adviser to manage the Fund's assets directly.

## OTHER INVESTMENT PRACTICES

The Portfolio may also engage in the following investment practices, when consistent with the Portfolio's overall objective and policies. These practices, and certain associated risks, are more fully described in the SAI.

DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS. The Portfolio may invest its assets in securities of foreign issuers in the form of American Depositary Receipts, European Depositary Receipts, Global Depository Receipts or other similar securities representing securities of foreign issuers (collectively, "Depositary Receipts"). The Portfolio treats Depositary Receipts as interests in the underlying securities for purposes of its investment policies. The Portfolio will limit its investment in Depositary Receipts not sponsored by the issuer of the underlying securities to no more than 5% of the value of its net assets (at the time of investment).

U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS. U.S. Government obligations include obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities.

MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS. The Portfolio may invest in cash or high-quality, short-term money market instruments. These may include U.S. Government securities, commercial paper of domestic and foreign issuers and obligations of domestic and foreign banks. Investments in foreign money market instruments may involve certain risks associated with foreign investment.

INVESTMENT GRADE DEBT SECURITIES. Investment grade debt securities are securities rated in the category BBB or higher by Standard & Poor's Corporation ("S&P"), or Baa or higher by Moody's Investors Service Inc. ("Moody's") or the equivalent by another national rating organization, or, if unrated, determined by the advisers to be of comparable quality.

SUPRANATIONAL AND ECU OBLIGATIONS. The Portfolio may invest in securities issued by supranational organizations, which include organizations such as The World Bank, the European

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Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the Asian Development Bank. The Portfolio may also invest in securities denominated in the ECU, which is a "basket" consisting of specified amounts of the currencies of certain member states of the European Community. These securities are typically issued by European governments and supranational organizations.

INDEXED INVESTMENTS. The Portfolio may invest in instruments which are indexed to certain specific foreign currency exchange rates. The terms of such instruments may provide that their principal amounts or just their coupon interest rates are adjusted upwards or downwards (but not below zero) at maturity or on established coupon payment dates to reflect changes in the exchange rate between two or more currencies while the obligation is outstanding. Such indexed investments entail the risk of loss of principal and/or interest payments from currency movements in addition to principal

risk, but offer the potential for realizing gains as a result of changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS, SECURITIES LOANS AND FORWARD COMMITMENTS. The Portfolio may enter into agreements to purchase and resell securities at an agreed-upon price and time. The Portfolio also has the ability to lend portfolio securities in an amount equal to not more than 30% of its total assets to generate additional income. These transactions must be fully collateralized at all times. The Portfolio may purchase securities for delivery at a future date, which may increase its overall investment exposure and involves a risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date. These transactions involve some risk to the Portfolio if the other party should default on its obligation and the Portfolio is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction.

BORROWINGS AND REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. The Portfolio may borrow money from banks for temporary or short-term purposes, but will not borrow money to buy additional securities, known as "leveraging." The Portfolio may also sell and simultaneously commit to repurchase a portfolio security at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund may use this practice to generate cash for shareholder redemptions without selling securities in a down market. Whenever the Portfolio enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will establish a segregated account in which it will maintain liquid assets on a daily basis in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest). The Portfolio would be required to pay interest on amounts obtained through reverse repurchase agreements, which are considered borrowings under federal securities laws.

STAND-BY COMMITMENTS. The Portfolio may enter into put transactions, including those sometimes referred to as stand-by commitments, with respect to securities in its portfolio. In these transactions, the Portfolio would acquire the right to sell a security at an agreed upon price within a specified period prior to its maturity date. These transactions involve

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some risk to the Portfolio if the other party should default on its obligation and the Portfolio is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction. A put transaction will increase the cost of the underlying security and consequently reduce the available yield.

CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES. The Portfolio may invest in convertible securities, which are securities generally offering fixed interest or dividend yields which may be converted either at a stated price or stated rate for common or preferred stock. Although to a lesser extent than with fixed-income securities generally, the market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase, and increase as interest rates decline. Because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities also tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying common or preferred stock.

OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES. The Portfolio may invest up to 10% of its total assets in shares of other investment companies when consistent with its investment objective and policies, subject to applicable regulatory limitations. Additional fees may be charged by other investment companies.

STRIPS. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in stripped obligations (i.e., separately traded principal and interest components of securities) where the underlying obligation is backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, including instruments known as "STRIPS." The value of these instruments tends to fluctuate more in response to changes in interest rates than the value of ordinary interest-paying debt securities with similar maturities. The risk is greater when the period to maturity is longer.

DERIVATIVES AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS. The Portfolio may invest its assets in derivative and related instruments to hedge various market risks or to increase the Portfolio's income or gain. Some of these instruments will be subject to asset segregation requirements to cover the Portfolio's obligations. The Portfolio may (i) purchase, write and exercise call and put options on securities and securities indexes (including using options in combination with securities, other options or derivative instruments); (ii)

enter into swaps, futures contracts and options on futures contracts; (iii) employ forward currency and interest rate contracts; and (iv) purchase and sell structured products, which are instruments designed to restructure or reflect the characteristics of certain other investments.

There are a number of risks associated with the use of derivatives and related instruments and no assurance can be given that any strategy will succeed. The value of certain derivatives or related instruments in which the Portfolio invests may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing economic conditions and market value. The ability of the Portfolio to successfully utilize these instruments may depend in part upon the ability of the Portfolio's

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advisers to forecast these factors correctly. Inaccurate forecasts could expose the Portfolio to a risk of loss. There can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in a hedging instrument and in the portfolio assets being hedged. The Portfolio is not required to use any hedging strategies. Hedging strategies, while reducing risk of loss, can also reduce the opportunity for gain. Derivatives transactions not involving hedging may have speculative characteristics, involve leverage and result in losses that may exceed the original investment of the Fund. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Portfolio seeks to close out a derivatives position. Activities of large traders in the futures and securities markets involving arbitrage, "program trading," and other investment strategies may cause price distortions in derivatives markets. In certain instances, particularly those involving over-the-counter transactions or forward contracts, there is a greater potential that a counterparty or broker may default. In the event of a default, the Portfolio may experience a loss. For additional information concerning derivatives, related instruments and the associated risks, see the SAI.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER. The frequency of the Portfolio's buy and sell transactions will vary from year to year. The Portfolio's investment policies may lead to frequent changes in investments, particularly in periods of rapidly changing market conditions. High portfolio turnover rates would generally result in higher transaction costs, including brokerage commissions or dealer mark-ups, and would make it more difficult for the Portfolio to qualify as a registered investment company under federal tax law. See "How Distributions are Made; Tax Information."

# LIMITING INVESTMENT RISKS

Specific investment restrictions help the Portfolio limit investment risks for the Fund's shareholders. These restrictions prohibit the Portfolio from:

(a) investing more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (which include securities restricted as to resale unless they are determined to be readily marketable in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees of the Portfolio); or (b) investing more than 25% of its total assets in any one industry. A complete description of these and other investment policies is included in the SAI. Except for the Fund's investment objective, restriction (b) above and investment policies designated as fundamental in the SAI, the investment policies of the Portfolio and the Fund are not fundamental. Shareholder approval is not required to change any non-fundamental investment policy.

# RISK FACTORS

The net asset value of the Fund's shares will fluctuate based on the value of the securities held by the Portfolio. As the Portfolio invests primarily in equity securities of companies outside the U.S., an investment in the Fund's shares involves a higher degree of risk than an investment in a U.S. equity find

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An investment in the Fund should not be considered a complete investment program and may not be appropriate for all investors.

Since foreign securities are normally denominated and traded in foreign

currencies, the values of the Portfolio's foreign investments may be influenced by currency exchange rates and exchange control regulations. There may be less information publicly available about foreign issuers than U.S. issuers, and they are not generally subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices comparable to those in the U.S. Foreign securities may be less liquid and more volatile than comparable U.S. securities. Foreign settlement procedures and trade regulations may involve certain expenses and risks. One risk would be the delay in payment or delivery of securities or in the recovery of the Portfolio's assets held abroad. It is possible that nationalization or expropriation of assets, imposition of currency exchange controls, taxation by withholding Fund assets, political or financial instability and diplomatic developments could affect the value of the Portfolio's investments in certain foreign countries. Foreign laws may restrict the ability to invest in certain countries or issuers and special tax considerations will apply to foreign securities. Investments in securities of issuers based in developing countries entails certain additional risks, including greater risks of expropriation, taxation by withholding Fund assets, nationalization, and less social, political and economic stability.

The small size of markets for securities of issuers based in such countries and the low or non-existent volume of trading may result in a lack of liquidity and in price volatility. Certain national policies may restrict the investment opportunities, including restrictions on investing in issuers or industries deemed sensitive to relevant national interests. There may be an absence of developed legal structures governing private or foreign investment and private property.

The Portfolio may invest in the securities of smaller companies, which, whether foreign or domestic, often trade less frequently and in lower volume. Consequently, price changes may be more abrupt or erratic than securities of larger, more established companies. Such companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, or may depend on a limited management group.

Securities rated in the category Baa by Moody's or BBB by S&P lack certain investment characteristics and may have speculative characteristics.

Because the Portfolio is "non-diversified," the value of the Fund's shares may be more susceptible to developments affecting the specific companies whose securities are owned by the Portfolio.

For a discussion of certain other risks associated with the Portfolio's additional investment activities, see "Other Investment Practices" above.

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# MANAGEMENT

The Portfolio's Advisers

The Chase Manhattan Bank ("Chase") is the Portfolio's investment adviser under an Investment Advisory Agreement and has overall responsibility for investment decisions of the Portfolio, subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees. Chase is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation, a bank holding company. CHASE AND ITS PREDECESSORS HAVE OVER 100 YEARS OF MONEY MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE.

For its investment advisory services to the Portfolio, Chase is entitled to receive an annual fee computed daily and paid monthly based at an annual rate equal to 1.00% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets. Chase is located at 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Chase Asset Management (London) Limited ("CAM London"), a registered investment adviser, is the Portfolio's sub-investment adviser under a Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement between CAM London and Chase. CAM London is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Chase. CAM London makes investment decisions for the Portfolio on a day-to-day basis. For these services, CAM London is entitled to receive a fee, payable by Chase from its advisory fee, at an annual rate equal to 0.50% of the average daily net assets of the Portfolio. CAM London was recently formed for the purpose of providing discretionary investment advisory services to institutional clients and to consolidate Chase's investment management function. The same individuals who

serve as portfolio managers for Chase also serve as portfolio managers of CAM London. CAM London is located at Colvile House, 32 Curzon Street, London W1Y RAT.

PORTFOLIO MANAGER. Michael Browne and David Webb, Vice Presidents of Chase, have been responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio since August 1996. Prior to joining Chase, Mr. Browne was Assistant Director of Continental European Equities for BZW Investment Management, the investment arm of Barclays Bank PLC, London, where he was responsible for stock selection for external customers. Mr. Browne also manages the Vista European Fund. Mr. Webb was previously with Hambros Bank Limited based in London and was responsible for the asset allocation and portfolio management of international funds invested in Asia. Mr. Webb also manages the Vista Southeast Asian Fund and Vista Japan Fund.

ABOUT YOUR INVESTMENT

Choosing a Share Class

CLASS A SHARES. An investor who purchases Class A shares pays a sales charge at the time of purchase. As a result, Class A shares are not subject to any sales charges when they are redeemed. Certain purchases of Class A shares qualify for reduced sales charges. Class A shares have lower combined 12b-1 and service fees than Class B shares. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares" and "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

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CLASS B SHARES. Class B shares are sold without an initial sales charge, but are subject to a contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") if redeemed within a specified period after purchase. Class B shares also have higher combined 12b-1 and service fees than Class A shares.

Class B shares automatically convert into Class A shares, based on relative net asset value, at the beginning of the ninth year after purchase. For more information about the conversion of Class B shares, see the SAI. This discussion will include information about how shares acquired through reinvestment of distributions are treated for conversion purposes. Class B shares provide an investor the benefit of putting all of the investor's dollars to work from the time the investment is made. Until conversion, Class B shares will have a higher expense ratio and pay lower dividends than Class A shares because of the higher combined 12b-1 and service fees. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares" and "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

WHICH ARRANGEMENT IS BEST FOR YOU?

The decision as to which class of shares provides a more suitable investment for you depends on a number of factors, including the amount and intended length of the investment. If you are making an investment that qualifies for reduced sales charges you might consider Class A shares. If you prefer not to pay an initial sales charge you might consider Class B shares. In almost all cases, if you are planning to purchase \$250,000 or more of the Fund's shares you will pay lower aggregate charges and expenses by purchasing Class A shares.

HOW TO BUY, SELL AND EXCHANGE SHARES

How to Buy Shares

You can open a Fund account with as little as \$2,500 for regular accounts or \$1,000 for IRAs, SEP-IRAs and the Systematic Investment Plan. Additional investments can be made at any time with as little as \$100. You can buy Fund shares three ways—through an investment representative, through the Fund's distributor by calling the Vista Service Center, or through the Systematic Investment Plan.

All purchases made by check should be in U.S. dollars and made payable to the Vista Funds. Third party checks, credit cards and cash will not be accepted. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order or cease offering shares for purchase at any time. When purchases are made by check, redemptions will not be allowed until the purchase check clears, which may

take 15 calendar days or longer. In addition, the redemption of shares purchased through Automated Clearing House (ACH) will not be allowed until your payment clears, which may take 7 business days or longer.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH THE FUND'S DISTRIBUTOR. Complete and return the enclosed application and your check in the amount you wish to invest to the Vista Service Center.

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BUYING SHARES THROUGH SYSTEMATIC INVESTING. You can make regular investments of \$100 or more per transaction through automatic periodic deduction from your bank checking or savings account. Shareholders electing to start this Systematic Investment Plan when opening an account should complete Section 8 of the account application. Current shareholders may begin such a plan at any time by sending a signed letter and a deposit slip or voided check to the Vista Service Center. Call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions.

Shares are purchased at the public offering price, which is based on the net asset value next determined after the Vista Service Center receives your order in proper form. In most cases, in order to receive that day's public offering price, the Vista Service Center must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange. If you buy shares through your investment representative, the representative must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's public offering price. Orders for shares are accepted by the Fund after funds are converted to federal funds. Orders paid by check and received by 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time will generally be available for the purchase of shares the following business day.

If you are considering redeeming or exchanging shares or transferring shares to another person shortly after purchase, you should pay for those shares with a certified check to avoid any delay in redemption, exchange or transfer. Otherwise the Fund may delay payment until the purchase price of those shares has been collected or, if you redeem by telephone, until 15 calendar days after the purchase date. To eliminate the need for safekeeping, the Fund will not issue certificates for your Class A shares unless you request them. Due to the conversion feature of Class B shares, certificates for Class B shares will not be issued and all Class B shares will be held in book entry form.

# Class A Shares

The public offering price of Class A shares is the net asset value plus a sales charge that varies depending on the size of your purchase. The Fund receives the net asset value. The sales charge is allocated between your broker-dealer and the Fund's distributor as shown in the following table, except when the Fund's distributor, in its discretion, allocates the entire amount to your broker-dealer.

<TABLE>

Sales	charge	as	а	percentage	of:

			Amount of sales charge
Amount of transaction at offering price (\$)	Offering Price	Net Amount Invested	reallowed to dealers as a percentage of offering price
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Under 100,000	4.75	4.99	4.00
100,000 but under 250,000	3.75	3.90	3.25
250,000 but under 500,000	2.50	2.56	2.25
500,000 but under 1,000,000			

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There is no initial sales charge on purchases of Class A shares of \$1 million or more.

The Fund's distributor pays broker-dealers commissions on net sales of Class A shares of \$1 million or more based on an investor's cumulative purchases. Such commissions are paid at the rate of 1.00% of the amount under \$2.5 million, 0.75% of the next \$7.5 million, 0.50% of the next \$40 million and 0.20% thereafter. The Fund's distributor may withhold such payments with respect to short-term investments.

Class B shares are sold without an initial sales charge, although a CDSC will be imposed if you redeem shares within a specified period after purchase, as shown in the table below. The following types of shares may be redeemed without charge at any time: (i) shares acquired by reinvestment of distributions and (ii) shares otherwise exempt from the CDSC, as described below. For other shares, the amount of the charge is determined as a percentage of the lesser of the current market value or the purchase price of shares being redeemed.

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+
CDSC	5%	4%	3%	3%	2%	1%	0%	0%

In determining whether a CDSC is payable on any redemption, the Fund will first redeem shares not subject to any charge, and then shares held longest during the CDSC period. When a share that has appreciated in value is redeemed during the CDSC period, a CDSC is assessed only on its initial purchase price. For information on how sales charges are calculated if you exchange your shares, see "How to Exchange Your Shares." The Fund's distributor pays broker-dealers a commission of 4.00% of the offering price on sales of Class B shares, and the distributor receives the entire amount of any CDSC you pay.

## GENERAL

You may be eligible to buy Class A shares at reduced sales charges. Consult your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for details about Vista's combined purchase privilege, cumulative quantity discount, statement of intention, group sales plan, employee benefit plans, and other plans. Descriptions are also included in the enclosed application and in the SAI. In addition, sales charges are waived if you are using redemption proceeds received within the prior ninety days from non-Vista mutual funds to buy your shares, and on which you paid a front-end or contingent deferred sales charge.

Some participant-directed employee benefit plans participate in a "multi-fund" program which offers both Vista and non-Vista mutual funds. With Board of Trustee approval, the money that is invested in Vista Funds may be combined with the other mutual funds in the same program when determining the Plan's eligibility to buy Class A shares without a sales charge. These investments will also be included for purposes of the discount privileges and programs described above.

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The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge to the current and retired Trustees (and their immediate families), current and retired employees (and their immediate families) of Chase, the Fund's distributor and transfer agent or any affiliates or subsidiaries thereof, registered representatives and other employees (and their immediate families) of broker-dealers having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor, employees (and their immediate families) of financial institutions having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor (or otherwise having an arrangement with a broker-dealer or financial institution with respect to sales of Vista fund shares), financial institution trust departments investing an aggregate of \$1 million or more in the Vista Family of Funds and clients of certain administrators of tax-qualified plans when proceeds from repayments of loans to participants are invested (or reinvested) in the Vista Family of Funds.

No initial sales charge will apply to the purchase of the Fund's Class A shares if you are investing the proceeds of a qualified retirement plan where a portion of the plan was invested in the Vista Family of Funds, any qualified retirement plan with 50 or more participants, or an individual participant in a tax-qualified plan making a tax-free rollover or transfer of assets from the plan in which Chase or an affiliate serves as trustee or custodian of the plan or manages some portion of the plan's assets.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge through an investment adviser or financial planner that charges a fee for its services. Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge (i) by an investment adviser, broker or financial planner, provided arrangements are preapproved and purchases are placed

through an omnibus account with the Fund or (ii) by clients of such investment adviser or financial planner who place trades for their own accounts, if such accounts are linked to a master account of such investment adviser or financial planner on the books and records of the broker or agent. Such purchases may also be made for retirement and deferred compensation plans and trusts used to fund those plans.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge in accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which is acting as a fiduciary exercising investment discretion, provided that appropriate notification of such fiduciary relationship is reported at the time of the investment to the Fund, the Fund's distributor or the Vista Service Center.

Shareholders of record of any Vista fund as of November 30, 1990 and certain immediate family members may purchase the Fund's Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own Class A shares of any Vista fund, provided there is no change in account registration. Shareholders of record of any portfolio of The Hanover Funds, Inc. or The Hanover Investment Funds, Inc. as

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of May 3, 1996 and certain related investors may purchase the Fund's Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own shares of any Vista fund following this date, provided there is no change in account registration.

The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge in connection with the acquisition by the Fund of assets of an investment company or personal holding company. The CDSC will be waived on redemption of Class B shares arising out of death or disability or in connection with certain withdrawals from IRA or other retirement plans. Up to 12% of the value of Class B shares subject to a systematic withdrawal plan may also be redeemed each year without a CDSC, provided that the Class B account had a minimum balance of \$20,000 at the time the systematic withdrawal plan was established. The SAI contains additional information about purchasing the Fund's shares at reduced sales charges.

The Fund reserves the right to change any of these policies on purchases without an initial sales charge at any time and may reject any such purchase request.

For shareholders that bank with Chase, Chase may aggregate investments in the Vista Funds with balances held in Chase bank accounts for purposes of determining eligibility for certain bank privileges that are based on specified minimum balance requirements, such as reduced or no fees for certain banking services or preferred rates on loans and deposits. Chase and certain broker-dealers and other shareholder servicing agents may, at their own expense, provide gifts, such as computer software packages, guides and books related to investment or additional Fund shares valued up to \$250 to their customers that invest in the Vista Funds.

Shareholders of other Vista funds may be entitled to exchange their shares for, or reinvest distributions from their funds in, shares of the Fund at net asset value.

HOW TO SELL SHARES

You can sell your Fund shares any day the New York Stock Exchange is open, either directly to the Fund or through your investment representative. The Fund will only forward redemption payments on shares for which it has collected payment of the purchase price.

SELLING SHARES DIRECTLY TO THE FUND. Send a signed letter of instruction to the Vista Service Center, along with any certificates that represent shares you want to sell. The price you will receive is the next net asset value calculated after the Fund receives your request in proper form, less any applicable CDSC. In order to receive that day's net asset value, the Vista Service Center must receive your request before the close of regular trading

SIGNATURE GUARANTEES. If you sell shares having a net asset value of \$100,000 or more, the signatures of registered owners or their legal representatives must be guaranteed by a bank, broker-dealer or certain other financial institutions. See the SAI for more information about where to obtain a signature guarantee.

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If you want your redemption proceeds sent to an address other than your address as it appears on Vista's records, a signature guarantee is required. The Fund may require additional documentation for the sale of shares by a corporation, partnership, agent or fiduciary, or a surviving joint owner. Contact the Vista Service Center for details.

DELIVERY OF PROCEEDS. The Fund generally sends you payment for your shares the business day after your request is received in proper form, assuming the Fund has collected payment of the purchase price of your shares. Under unusual circumstances, the Fund may suspend redemptions, or postpone payment for more than seven days, as permitted by federal securities law.

TELEPHONE REDEMPTIONS. You may use Vista's Telephone Redemption Privilege to redeem shares from your account unless you have notified the Vista Service Center of an address change within the preceding 30 days. Telephone redemption requests in excess of \$25,000 will only be made by wire to a bank account on record with the Fund. Unless an investor indicates otherwise on the account application, the Fund will be authorized to act upon redemption and transfer instructions received by telephone from a shareholder, or any person claiming to act as his or her representative, who can provide the Fund with his or her account registration and address as it appears on the Fund's records.

The Vista Service Center will employ these and other reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine; if it fails to employ reasonable procedures, the Fund may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. An investor agrees, however, that to the extent permitted by applicable law, neither the Fund nor its agents will be liable for any loss, liability, cost or expense arising out of any redemption request, including any fraudulent or unauthorized request. For information, consult the Vista Service Center.

During periods of unusual market changes and shareholder activity, you may experience delays in contacting the Vista Service Center by telephone. In this event, you may wish to submit a written redemption request, as described above, or contact your investment representative. The Telephone Redemption Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. The Telephone Redemption Privilege may be modified or terminated without notice.

SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL. You can make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more (\$100 or more for Class B accounts) monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan for Class A accounts. Call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions.

SELLING SHARES THROUGH YOUR INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVE. Your investment representative must receive your request before the close

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of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's net asset value. Your investment representative will be responsible for furnishing all necessary documentation to the Vista Service Center, and may charge you for its services.

INVOLUNTARY REDEMPTION OF ACCOUNTS. The Fund may involuntarily redeem your shares if at such time the aggregate net asset value of the shares in your account is less than \$500 or if you purchase through the Systematic Investment Plan and fail to meet the Fund's investment minimum within a twelve month period. In the event of any such redemption, you will receive at least 60 days notice prior to the redemption. In the event the Fund redeems Class B shares pursuant to this provision, no CDSC will be imposed.

You can exchange your shares for shares of the same class of certain other Vista funds at net asset value beginning 15 days after purchase. Not all Vista funds offer all classes of shares. The prospectus of the other Vista fund into which shares are being exchanged should be read carefully and retained for future reference. If you exchange shares subject to a CDSC, the transaction will not be subject to the CDSC. However, when you redeem the shares acquired through the exchange, the redemption may be subject to the CDSC, depending upon when you originally purchased the shares. The CDSC will be computed using the schedule of any fund into or from which you have exchanged your shares that would result in your paying the highest CDSC applicable to your class of shares. In computing the CDSC, the length of time you have owned your shares will be measured from the date of original purchase and will not be affected by any exchange.

EXCHANGING TO MONEY MARKET FUNDS. An exchange of Class B shares into any of the Vista money market funds other than the Class B shares of the Vista Prime Money Market Fund will be treated as a redemption—and therefore subject to the conditions of the CDSC—and a subsequent purchase. Class B shares of any Vista non—money market fund may be exchanged into the Class B shares of the Vista Prime Money Market Fund in order to continue the aging of the initial purchase of such shares.

For federal income tax purposes, an exchange is treated as a sale of shares and generally results in a capital gain or loss.

EXCHANGING BY PHONE. A Telephone Exchange Privilege is currently available. Call the Vista Service Center for procedures for telephone transactions. The Telephone Exchange Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. Ask your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for prospectuses of other Vista funds. Shares of certain Vista funds are not available to residents of all states.

EXCHANGE PARAMETERS. The exchange privilege is not intended as a vehicle for short-term trading. Excessive exchange activity may interfere with portfolio management and have an adverse

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effect on all shareholders. In order to limit excessive exchange activity and in other circumstances where Vista management or the Trustees believe doing so would be in the best interests of the Fund, the Fund reserves the right to revise or terminate the exchange privilege, limit the amount or number of exchanges or reject any exchange. In addition, any shareholder who makes more than ten exchanges of shares involving the Fund in a year or three in a calendar quarter will be charged a \$5.00 administration fee for each such exchange. Shareholders would be notified of any such action to the extent required by law. Consult the Vista Service Center before requesting an exchange. See the SAI to find out more about the exchange privilege.

REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE. Upon written request, Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value within 90 calendar days of the redemption. The reinstatement request must be accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption), and shares will be purchased at the next determined net asset value. Class B shareholders who have redeemed their shares and paid a CDSC with such redemption may purchase Class A shares with no initial sales charge (in an amount not in excess of their redemption proceeds) if the purchase occurs within 90 days of the redemption of the Class B shares.

HOW THE FUND VALUES ITS SHARES

The net asset value of each class of the Fund's shares is determined once daily based upon prices determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, however, options are priced at 4:15 p.m., Eastern time), on each business day of the Fund, by dividing the net assets of the Fund attributable to that class by the total number of outstanding shares of that class. Values of assets held by the Fund

(i.e., the value of its investment in the Portfolio and its other assets) are determined on the basis of their market or other fair value, as described in the SAT.

HOW DISTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE; TAX INFORMATION

The Fund distributes any net investment income at least semi-annually and any net realized capital gains at least annually. Capital gains are distributed after deducting any available capital loss carryovers. Distributions paid by the Fund with respect to Class A shares will generally be greater than those paid with respect to Class B shares because expenses attributable to Class B shares will generally be higher.

DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT OPTION. You can choose from three distribution options: (1) reinvest all distributions in additional Fund shares without a sales charge; (2) receive distributions from net investment income in cash or by ACH to a pre-established bank account while reinvesting capital gains

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distributions in additional shares without a sales charge; or (3) receive all distributions in cash or by ACH. You can change your distribution option by notifying the Vista Service Center in writing. IF YOU DO NOT SELECT AN OPTION WHEN YOU OPEN YOUR ACCOUNT, ALL DISTRIBUTIONS WILL BE REINVESTED. All distributions not paid in cash or by ACH will be reinvested in shares of the same share class. You will receive a statement confirming reinvestment of distributions in additional Fund shares promptly following the quarter in which the reinvestment occurs.

If a check representing a Fund distribution is not cashed within a specified period, the Vista Service Center will notify you that you have the option of requesting another check or reinvesting the distribution in the Fund or in another Vista fund without a sales charge. If the Vista Service Center does not receive your election, the distribution will be reinvested in the Fund. Similarly, the Fund or the Vista Service Center sends you correspondence returned as "undeliverable," distributions will automatically be reinvested in the Fund.

The Fund intends to qualify as a "regulated investment company" for federal income tax purposes and to meet all other requirements that are necessary for it to be relieved of federal taxes on income and gains it distributes to shareholders. The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gain net income on a current basis. If the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company for any taxable year or does not make such distributions, the Fund will be subject to tax on all of its income and gains.

TAXATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS. Fund distributions other than net long-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions of net long-term capital gains will be taxable as such, regardless of how long you have held the shares. The taxation of your distributions is the same whether received in cash or in shares through the reinvestment of distributions.

Investment income received by the Fund from sources within foreign countries may be subject to foreign taxes withheld at the source. Since more than 50% of the value of the total assets of the Fund at the close of the Fund's taxable year is anticipated to be stock or securities of foreign corporations, the Fund may elect to "pass through" to its shareholders the amount of foreign taxes paid by the Fund.

You should carefully consider the tax implications of purchasing shares just prior to a distribution. This is because you will be taxed on the entire amount of the distribution received, even though the net asset value per share will be higher on the date of such purchase as it will include the distribution amount.

Early in each calendar year the Fund will notify you of the amount and tax status of distributions paid to you by the Fund for the preceding year.

The above is only a summary of certain federal income tax consequences of investing in the Fund. You should consult your tax adviser to determine the precise

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effect of an investment in the Fund on your particular tax situation (including possible liability for state and local taxes and, for foreign shareholders, U.S. withholding taxes).

OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FUND

Distribution Plans

The Fund's distributor is Vista Fund Distributors, Inc. ("VFD"). VFD is a subsidiary of The BISYS Group, Inc. and is unaffiliated with Chase. The Trust has adopted Rule 12b-1 distribution plans for Class A and Class B shares, which provide for the payment of distribution fees at annual rates of up to 0.25% and 0.75% of the average daily net assets attributable to Class A and Class B shares of the Fund, respectively. Payments under the distribution plans shall be used to compensate or reimburse the Fund's distributor and broker-dealers for services provided and expenses incurred in connection with the sale of Class A and Class B shares, and are not tied to the amount of actual expenses incurred. Payments may be used to compensate broker-dealers with trail or maintenance commissions at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of the average daily net asset value of Class A or Class B shares invested in the Fund by customers of these broker-dealers. Trail or maintenance commissions are paid to broker-dealers beginning the 13th month following the purchase of shares by their customers. Promotional activities for the sale of Class A and Class B shares will be conducted generally by the Vista Family of Funds, and activities intended to promote the Fund's Class A or Class B shares may also benefit the Fund's other shares and other Vista funds.

VFD may provide promotional incentives to broker-dealers that meet specified sales targets for one or more Vista funds. These incentives may include gifts of up to \$100 per person annually; an occasional meal, ticket to a sporting event or theater for entertainment for broker-dealers and their guests; and payment or reimbursement for travel expenses, including lodging and meals, in connection with attendance at training and educational meetings within and outside the U.S.

SHAREHOLDER SERVICING AGENTS

The Trust has entered into shareholder servicing agreements with certain shareholder servicing agents (including Chase) under which the shareholder servicing agents have agreed to provide certain support services to their customers who beneficially own Class A or Class B shares of the Fund. These services include assisting with purchase and redemption transactions, maintaining shareholder accounts and records, furnishing customer statements, transmitting shareholder reports and communications to customers and other similar shareholder liaison services. For performing these services, each shareholder servicing agent receives an annual fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Class A and Class B shares of the Fund held by investors for whom the shareholder servicing agent maintains a servicing relationship. Shareholder servicing agents may

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subcontract with other parties for the provision of shareholder support services.

Shareholder servicing agents may offer additional services to their customers such as pre-authorized or systematic purchase and redemption plans. Each shareholder servicing agent may establish its own terms and conditions, including limitations on the amounts of subsequent transactions, with respect to such services. Certain shareholder servicing agents may (although they are not required by the Trust to do so) credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees an amount not exceeding such other fees or the fees for their services as shareholder servicing agents.

Chase and/or VFD may from time to time, at their own expense out of

compensation retained by them from the Fund or other sources available to them, make additional payments to certain selected dealers or other shareholder servicing agents for performing administrative services for their customers. These services include maintaining account records, processing orders to purchase, redeem and exchange Fund shares and responding to certain customer inquiries. The amount of such compensation may be up to an additional 0.10% annually of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to shares of the Fund held by customers of such shareholder servicing agents. Such compensation does not represent an additional expense to the Fund or its shareholders, since it will be paid by Chase and/or VFD.

# ADMINISTRATOR AND SUB-ADMINISTRATOR

Chase acts as the administrator for the Fund and the Portfolio and is entitled to receive from each of the Fund and the Portfolio a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of their respective average daily net assets.

VFD provides certain sub-administrative services to the Fund pursuant to its distribution and sub-administration agreement and is entitled to receive a fee for these services from the Fund at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of the Fund's average daily net assets. VFD has agreed to use a portion of this fee to pay for certain expenses incurred in connection with organizing new series of the Trust and certain other ongoing expenses of the Trust. VFD is located at 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10178.

## CUSTODIAN

Chase acts as the Fund's custodian and fund accountant and receives compensation under an agreement with the Trust. Fund securities and cash may be held by sub-custodian banks if such arrangements are reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

#### EXPENSES

The Fund pays the expenses incurred in its operations, including its pro rata share of expenses of the Trust. These expenses include investment advisory and administrative fees; the compensation of the Trustees; registration fees; interest charges; taxes; expenses connected with the

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execution, recording and settlement of security transactions; fees and expenses of the Fund's custodian for all services to the Fund, including safekeeping of funds and securities and maintaining required books and accounts; expenses of preparing and mailing reports to investors and to government offices and commissions; expenses of meetings of investors; fees and expenses of independent accountants, of legal counsel and of any transfer agent, registrar or dividend disbursing agent of the Trust; insurance premiums; and expenses of calculating the net asset value of, and the net income on, shares of the Fund. Shareholder servicing and distribution fees are allocated to specific classes of the Fund. In addition, the Fund may allocate transfer agency and certain other expenses by class. Service providers to the Fund may, from time to time, voluntarily waive all or a portion of any fees to which they are entitled.

# ORGANIZATION AND

The Fund is a portfolio of Mutual Fund Group, an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust in 1987 (the "Trust"). The Trust has reserved the right to create and issue additional series and classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The shares of each series or class participate equally in the earnings, dividends and assets of the particular series or class. Shares have no preemptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each whole share held, and each fractional share shall be entitled to a proportionate fractional vote, except that Trust shares held in the treasury of the Trust shall not be voted. Shares of each class of the Fund generally vote together except when required under federal securities laws to vote separately on matters that only affect a particular class, such as the approval of distribution plans for a particular class.

The Fund issues multiple classes of shares. This Prospectus relates to Class A and Class B shares of the Fund. The Fund may offer other classes of shares in addition to these classes. The categories of investors that are eligible

to purchase shares and minimum investment requirements may differ for each class of Fund shares. In addition, other classes of Fund shares may be subject to differences in sales charge arrangements, ongoing distribution and service fee levels, and levels of certain other expenses, which would affect the relative performance of the different classes. Investors may call 1-800-34-VISTA to obtain additional information about other classes of shares of the Fund that are offered. Any person entitled to receive compensation for selling or servicing shares of the Fund may receive different levels of compensation with respect to one class of shares over another.

The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the general direction and supervision of its Board of Trustees. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders but will hold special

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meetings of shareholders of all series or classes when in the judgment of the Trustees it is necessary or desirable to submit matters for a shareholder vote. The Trustees will promptly call a meeting of shareholders to remove a trustee(s) when requested to do so in writing by record holders of not less than 10% of all outstanding shares of the Trust.

Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Trust itself was unable to meet its obligations.

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS
OF MASTER/FEEDER FUND
STRUCTURE

Unlike other mutual funds which directly acquire and manage their own portfolio securities, the Fund invests all of its investable assets in the Portfolio, a separate registered investment company. Therefore, a shareholder's interest in the Portfolio's securities is indirect. In addition to selling a beneficial interest to the Fund, the Portfolio may sell beneficial interests to other mutual funds or institutional investors. Such investors will invest in the Portfolio on the same terms and conditions and will pay a proportionate share of the Portfolio's expenses. However, other investors investing in the Portfolio are not required to sell their shares at the same public offering prices as the Fund, and may bear different levels of ongoing expenses than the Fund. Shareholders of the Fund should be aware that these differences may result in differences in returns experienced in the different funds that invest in the Portfolio. Such differences in returns are also present in other mutual fund structures.

Smaller funds investing in the Portfolio may be materially affected by the actions of larger funds investing in the Portfolio. For example, if a large fund withdraws from the Portfolio, the remaining funds may experience higher pro rata operating expenses, thereby producing lower returns. Additionally, the Portfolio may become less diverse, resulting in increased portfolio risk. However, this possibility also exists for traditionally structured funds which have large or institutional investors. Funds with a greater pro rata ownership in the Portfolio could have effective voting control of the operations of the Portfolio. Whenever the Trust is requested to vote on matters pertaining to the Portfolio, the Trust will hold a meeting of shareholders of the Fund and will cast all of its votes in the same proportion as do the Fund's shareholders. Shares of the Fund for which no voting instructions have been received will be voted in the same proportion as those shares for which voting instructions are received. Certain changes in the Portfolio's objective, policies or restrictions may require the Trust to withdraw the Fund's interest in the Portfolio. Any withdrawal could result in a distribution in kind of portfolio securities (as opposed to a cash distribution from the Portfolio). The Fund could incur

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brokerage fees or other transaction costs in converting such securities to cash. In addition, a distribution in kind may result in a less diversified portfolio of investments or adversely affect the liquidity of the Fund.

The same individuals who are disinterested Trustees of the Trust serve as Trustees of the Portfolio. The Trustees of the Trust, including a majority of

the disinterested Trustees, have adopted procedures they believe are reasonably appropriate to deal with resulting potential conflicts of interest, up to and including creating a separate Board of Trustees.

Investors in the Fund may obtain information about whether an investment in the Portfolio may be available through other funds by calling the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA.

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#### PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The Fund's investment performance may from time to time be included in advertisements about the Fund. Performance is calculated separately for each class of shares, in the manner described in the SAI. "Yield" for each class of shares is calculated by dividing the annualized net investment income per share during a recent 30-day period by the maximum public offering price per share of such class on the last day of that period.

"Total return" for the one-, five- and ten-year periods (or since inception, if shorter) through the most recent calendar quarter represents the average annual compounded rate of return on an investment of \$1,000 in the Fund invested at the maximum public offering price (in the case of Class A shares) or reflecting the deduction of any applicable contingent deferred sales charge (in the case of Class B shares). Total return may also be presented for other periods or without reflecting sales charges. Any quotation of investment performance not reflecting the maximum initial sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge would be reduced if such sales charges were used.

All performance data is based on the Fund's past investment results and does not predict future performance. Investment performance, which will vary, is based on many factors, including market conditions, the composition of the Fund's portfolio, the Fund's operating expenses and which class of shares you purchase. Investment performance also often reflects the risks associated with the Fund's investment objectives and policies. These factors should be considered when comparing the Fund's investment results to those of other mutual funds and other investment vehicles. Quotation of investment performance for any period when a fee waiver or expense limitation was in effect will be greater than if the waiver or limitation had not been in effect. The Fund's performance may be compared to other mutual funds, relevant indices and rankings prepared by independent services. See the SAI.

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## MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISTA PRIVILEGES

The following services are available to you as a Vista mutual fund shareholder.

- (bullet) SYSTEMATIC INVESTMENT PLAN--Invest as much as you wish (\$100 or more) in the first or third week of any month. The amount will be automatically transferred from your checking or savings account.
- (bullet) SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL PLAN--Make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more (\$100 or more for Class B accounts) monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan for Class A accounts.
- (bullet) SYSTEMATIC EXCHANGE--Transfer assets automatically from one Vista account to another on a regular, prearranged basis. There is no additional charge for this service.
- (bullet) FREE EXCHANGE PRIVILEGE--Exchange money between Vista funds in the same class of shares without charge. The exchange privilege allows you to adjust your investments as your objectives change. Investors may not maintain, within the same fund, simultaneous plans for systematic investment or exchange and systematic withdrawal or exchange.

(bullet) REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE--Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value next determined subject to written request within 90 calendar days of the redemption, accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption).

Class B shareholders who have redeemed their shares and paid a CDSC with such redemption may purchase Class A shares with no initial sales charge (in an amount not in excess of their redemption proceeds) if the purchase occurs within 90 days of the redemption of the Class B shares.

For more information about any of these services and privileges, call your shareholder servicing agent, investment representative or the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA. These privileges are subject to change or termination.

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Vista Family of Mutual Funds & Retirement Products

VISTA INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUNDS Southeast Asian Fund Japan Fund European Fund International Equity Fund

VISTA U.S. EQUITY FUNDS Small Cap Equity Fund The Growth Fund of Washington Capital Growth Fund Growth and Income Fund Large Cap Equity Fund Balanced Fund Equity Income Fund

VISTA FIXED INCOME FUNDS Bond Fund U.S. Government Securities Fund U.S. Treasury Income Fund Short-Term Bond Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE FUNDS(1) New York Tax Free Income Fund California Intermediate Tax Free Fund Tax Free Income Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(1,2)
New York Tax Free Money Market Fund
Connecticut Daily Tax Free Income Fund Select Shares(3)
New Jersey Daily Municipal Income Fund Select Shares(3)
Tax Free Money Market Fund
California Tax Free Money Market Fund

VISTA TAXABLE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(2)
Cash Management Money Market Fund
Federal Money Market Fund
100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund
U.S. Government Money Market Fund
Treasury Plus Money Market Fund

VISTA RETIREMENT PRODUCTS Vista Capital Advantage Variable Annuity(4) Vista 401(k) Advantage

For complete information on the Vista Mutual Funds or Retirement Products, including information about fees and expenses, call your investment professional or  $1-800-34-{\rm VISTA}$  for a prospectus. Please read it carefully before you invest or send money.

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(1) Some income may be subject to certain state and local taxes. A portion of the income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax for some investors.

(2) An investment in a Money Market Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Yields will fluctuate, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per share.

(3) Vista Select Shares of these funds are not a part of, or affiliated with, the Vista Family of Mutual Funds. Reich & Tang Distributors L.P. and New England Investment Companies L.P., which are unaffiliated with Chase, are the funds' distributor and investment adviser, respectively.

(4) The variable annuity contract is issued by First SunAmerica Life Insurance Company in New York; in other states, but not necessarily all states, it is issued by Anchor National Life Insurance Company.

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PROSPECTUS
VISTA(SM) EQUITY INCOME FUND
CLASS A AND CLASS B SHARES

INVESTMENT STRATEGY: INCOME. CAPITAL APPRECIATION IS A SECONDARY CONSIDERATION.

February 28, 1997

This Prospectus explains concisely what you should know before investing. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. You can find more detailed information about the Fund in its February 28, 1997 Statement of Additional Information, as amended periodically (the "SAI"). For a free copy of the SAI, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA. The SAI has been filled with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION, NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

INVESTMENTS IN THE FUND ARE NOT BANK DEPOSITS OR OBLIGATIONS OF, OR GUARANTEED OR ENDORSED BY, THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES AND ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FDIC, THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY. INVESTMENTS IN MUTUAL FUNDS INVOLVE RISK, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE LOSS OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT INVESTED.

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## EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses are one of several factors to consider when investing. The following table summarizes your costs from investing in the Fund based on expenses incurred in the most recent fiscal year. The examples show the cumulative expenses attributable to a hypothetical \$1,000 investment over specified periods.

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		_	Class A Shares	
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Shareholder Transaction Expenses Maximum Sales Charge Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)			4.50%	None
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (as a percentage of the lower of original or redemption proceeds)* Annual Fund Operating Expenses	purchase pr	rice	None	5.00%
(as a percentage of average net assets)  Investment Advisory Fee (after estimated wa. 12b-1 Fee***  Shareholder Servicing Fee	iver)**		0.00% 0.25%	0.00% 0.75%
(after estimated waiver, where indicated) Other Expenses (after estimated waiver)**			0.00%** 1.25%	0.25% 1.25%
Total Fund Operating Expenses (after waiver	s of fees)**		1.50%	2.25%

return:	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years				
``` Class A Shares+ Class B Shares: Assuming complete redemption at the ```	\$60	\$ 90	\$123	\$216				
end of the period++ +++ Assuming no redemptions+++	\$74 \$23	\$103 \$ 70	\$143 \$120	\$240 \$240				

- \* The maximum deferred sales charge on Class B shares applies to redemptions during the first year after purchase; the charge generally declines by 1% annually thereafter (except in the fourth year), reaching zero after six years. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares."
- \*\* Reflects current waiver arrangements to maintain Total Fund Operating Expenses at the levels indicated in the table above. Absent such waivers, the Investment Advisory Fee and Other Expenses would be 0.40% and 1.35%, respectively, for Class A and Class B shares, the Shareholder Servicing Fee would be 0.25% for Class A shares, and Total Fund Operating Expenses would be 2.25% and 2.75% for Class A and Class B shares, respectively.
- \*\*\* Long-term shareholders in mutual funds with 12b-1 fees, such as Class A and Class B shareholders of the Fund, may pay more than the economic equivalent of the maximum front-end sales charge permitted by rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.
- $\,$  +  $\,$  Assumes deduction at the time of purchase of the maximum sales charge.
- ++ Assumes deduction at the time of redemption of the maximum applicable deferred sales charge.
- +++ Ten-year figures assume conversion of Class B shares to Class A shares at the beginning of the ninth year after purchase. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares."

The table is provided to help you understand the expenses of investing in the Fund and your share of the operating expenses that the Fund incurs. THE EXAMPLES SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED REPRESENTATIONS OF PAST OR FUTURE EXPENSES OR RETURNS; ACTUAL EXPENSES AND RETURNS MAY BE GREATER OR LESS THAN SHOWN.

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Charges or credits, not reflected in the expense table above, may be incurred directly by customers of financial institutions in connection with an investment in the Fund. The Fund understands that Shareholder Servicing Agents may credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees amounts not exceeding such other fees or the fees received by the Shareholder Servicing Agent from the Fund with respect to those accounts. See "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The table set forth below provides selected per share data and ratios for a Class A and Class B share outstanding for each period shown. This information is supplemented by and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and accompanying notes appearing in the Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, which is incorporated by reference into the SAI. Shareholders may obtain a copy of this Annual Report by contacting the Fund or their Shareholder Servicing Agent. The financial statements and notes, as well as the financial information set forth in the table below, have been audited by Price Waterhouse LLP, independent accountants, whose report thereon is also included in the Annual Report to Shareholders.

## VISTA EQUITY INCOME FUND

<TABLE>

	Class A					Class B	
	Year Ended					07/15/93*	. , ,
		10/31/95		10/31/94		10/31/93	
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PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:							
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period		\$	12.12	\$	13.84	\$ 13.14	
Income from Investment Operations:							
Net Investment Income			0.347		0.290	0.078	
Net Gains or (Losses) in Securities							
(both realized and unrealized)			1.698		(0.477)	0.700	
Total from Investment Operations					(0.187)		
Less Distributions:							
Dividends from Net Investment Income					0.258		
Distributions from Capital Gains			0.410		1.275	0.000	
Total distributions					1.533	0.078	
Net Asset Value, End of Period		\$	13.39		12.12		
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Total Return(1)			17.97%		(1.35%)	5.91%	
Ratios/Supplemental Data:							
Net Assets, End of Period (000 omitted)		\$			11,409		
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets#			1.50%		1.50%	1.50%	
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net			0.010		0 210	1 500	
Assets#			2.81%		2.31%	1.72%	
Ratio of Expenses without waivers and assumption of expenses to Average Net Assets#			2.19%		2.02%	2.40%	
Ratio of Net Investment Income without waivers and			2.190		2.023	2.40%	
assumption of expenses to Average Net Assets#			2.12%		1.79%	0.82%	
Portfolio Turnover Rate			91%		75%		

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- # Short periods have been annualized.
- (1) Total return figures do not include the effect of any front-end sales load.
- \* Commencement of operations.
- \*\* Commencement of offering of class of shares.

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# FUND OBJECTIVE

Vista Equity Income Fund seeks to obtain income. The Fund pursues this objective primarily by investing in income-producing equity securities. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program, and there is no assurance it will achieve its objective.

INVESTMENT POLICIES

# INVESTMENT APPROACH

Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 65% of its total assets in income-producing equity securities. Capital appreciation is a secondary consideration. The income-producing equity securities in which the Fund invests include common stocks, preferred stocks and convertible securities. The Fund attempts to achieve a yield which exceeds the composite

yield on the securities comprising the Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Price Index.

It is anticipated that the major portion of the Fund's assets will be invested in common stocks traded on a national securities exchange or on NASDAQ. A significant portion of the Fund's assets may be invested in convertible bonds or convertible preferred stock.

The Fund may invest any portion of its assets not invested as described above in high quality money market instruments and repurchase agreements. For temporary defensive purposes, the Fund may invest without limitation in these instruments, as well as investment grade debt securities. To the extent that the Fund departs from its investment policies during temporary defensive periods, its investment objective may not be achieved.

The Fund is classified as a "diversified" fund under federal securities law.

Instead of investing directly in underlying securities, the Fund is authorized to seek to achieve its objective by investing all of its investable assets in an investment company having substantially the same investment objective and policies as the Fund.

## WHO MAY WANT TO INVEST

This Fund may be most suitable for investors who . . .

- (bullet) Are seeking current income while maintaining an opportunity to benefit from growth in the equity market
- (bullet) Are investing for goals at least 3-5 years
- (bullet) Own or plan to own other types of investments for diversification purposes
- (bullet) Can assume a moderate degree of stock market risk

This Fund may NOT be appropriate for investors who are unable to tolerate moderate up and down price changes, are investing for very short-term goals or who are in need of higher growth potential.

## OTHER INVESTMENT PRACTICES

The Fund may also engage in the following investment practices, when consistent with the Fund's overall objective and policies. These practices, and certain associated risks, are more fully described in the SAI.

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FOREIGN SECURITIES. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in foreign securities, including Depositary Receipts, which are described below. Since foreign securities are normally denominated and traded in foreign currencies, the values of the Fund's foreign investments may be influenced by currency exchange rates and exchange control regulations. There may be less information publicly available about foreign issuers than U.S. issuers, and they are not generally subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices comparable to those in the U.S. Foreign securities may be less liquid and more volatile than comparable U.S. securities. Foreign settlement procedures and trade regulations may involve certain expenses and risks. One risk would be the delay in payment or delivery of securities or in the recovery of the Fund's assets held abroad. It is possible that nationalization or expropriation of assets, imposition of currency exchange controls, taxation by withholding Fund assets, political or financial instability and diplomatic developments could affect the value of the Fund's investments in certain foreign countries. Foreign laws may restrict the ability to invest in certain issuers or countries and special tax considerations will apply to foreign securities. The risks can increase if the Fund invests in emerging market securities.

The Fund may invest its assets in securities of foreign issuers in the form of American Depositary Receipts, European Depositary Receipts, Global Depositary Receipts or other similar securities representing securities of foreign issuers (collectively, "Depositary Receipts"). The Fund treats Depositary Receipts as interests in the underlying securities for purposes of its investment policies. The Fund will limit its investment in Depositary Receipts not sponsored by the issuer of the underlying securities to no more than 5% of the value of its net assets (at the time of investment).

SUPRANATIONAL AND ECU OBLIGATIONS. The Portfolio may invest in securities issued by supranational organizations, which include organizations such as The World Bank, the European Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the Asian Development Bank. The Portfolio may also invest in securities denominated in the ECU, which is a "basket" consisting of specified amounts of the currencies of certain member states of the European Community. These securities are typically issued by European governments and supranational organizations.

CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES. The Fund may invest in convertible securities, which are securities generally offering fixed interest or dividend yields which may be converted either at a stated price or stated rate for common or preferred stock. Although to a lesser extent than with fixed-income securities generally, the market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase, and increase as interest rates decline. Because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities also tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of

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the underlying common or preferred stock.

U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS. U.S. Government obligations include obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities.

MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest in cash or high-quality, short-term money market instruments. These may include U.S. Government securities, commercial paper of domestic and foreign issuers and obligations of domestic and foreign banks. Investments in foreign money market instruments may involve certain risks associated with foreign investment.

INVESTMENT GRADE DEBT SECURITIES. Investment grade debt securities are securities rated in the category BBB or higher by Standard & Poor's Corporation ("S&P"), or Baa or higher by Moody's Investors Services, Inc. ("Moody's") or the equivalent by another national rating organization, or, if unrated, determined by the advisers to be of comparable quality.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS, SECURITIES LOANS AND FORWARD COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into agreements to purchase and resell securities at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund also has the ability to lend portfolio securities in an amount equal to not more than 30% of its total assets to generate additional income. These transactions must be fully collateralized at all times. The Fund may purchase securities for delivery at a future date, which may increase its overall investment exposure and involves a risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction.

BORROWINGS AND REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. The Fund may borrow money from banks for temporary or short-term purposes, but will not borrow money to buy additional securities, known as "leveraging." The Fund may also sell and simultaneously commit to repurchase a portfolio security at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund may use this practice to generate cash for shareholder redemptions without selling securities in a down market. Whenever the Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will establish a segregated account in which it will maintain liquid assets on a daily basis in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest). The Fund would be required to pay interest on amounts obtained through reverse repurchase agreements, which are considered borrowings under federal securities laws.

STAND-BY COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into put transactions, including those sometimes referred to as stand-by commitments, with respect to securities in its portfolio. In these transactions, the Fund would acquire the right to sell a security at an agreed upon price within a specified period prior to its maturity date. These transactions involve

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some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and

the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction. A put transaction will increase the cost of the underlying security and consequently reduce the available yield.

OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its total assets in shares of other investment companies when consistent with its investment objective and policies, subject to applicable regulatory limitations. Additional fees may be charged by other investment companies.

STRIPS. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in stripped obligations (i.e., separately traded principal and interest components of securities) where the underlying obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Govrnment, including instruments known as "STRIPS". The value of these instruments tends to fluctuate more in response to changes in interest rates than the value of ordinary interest-paying debt securities with similar maturities. The risk is greater when the period to maturity is longer.

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS. The Fund's equity securities may include shares of real estate investment trusts ("REITs"). REITs are pooled investment vehicles which invest primarily in income-producing real estate ("equity trust") or real estate related loans or interests ("mortgage trusts"). The value of equity trusts will depend upon the value of the underlying properties, and the value of the mortgage trusts will be sensitive to the value of the underlying loans or interests.

DERIVATIVES AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest its assets in derivative and related instruments to hedge various market risks or to increase the Fund's income or gain. Some of these instruments will be subject to asset segregation requirements to cover the Fund's obligations. The Fund may (i) purchase, write and exercise call and put options on securities and securities indexes (including using options in combination with securities, other options or derivative instruments); (ii) enter into swaps, futures contracts and options on futures contracts; (iii) employ forward currency contracts; and (iv) purchase and sell structured products, which are instruments designed to restructure or reflect the characteristics of certain other investments.

There are a number of risks associated with the use of derivatives and related instruments and no assurance can be given that any strategy will succeed. The value of certain derivatives or related instruments in which the Fund invests may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing economic conditions and market value. The ability of the Fund to successfully utilize these instruments may depend in part upon the ability of its advisers to forecast these factors correctly. Inaccurate forecasts could expose the Fund to a risk of loss. There can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in a hedging instrument and in the portfolio

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assets being hedged. The Fund is not required to use any hedging strategies. Hedging strategies, while reducing risk of loss, can also reduce the opportunity for gain. Derivatives transactions not involving hedging may have speculative characteristics, involve leverage and result in losses that may exceed the original investment of the Fund. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Fund seeks to close out a derivatives position. Activities of large traders in the futures and securities markets involving arbitrage, "program trading," and other investment strategies may cause price distortions in derivatives markets. In certain instances, particularly those involving overthe-counter

transactions or forward contracts, there is a greater potential that a counterparty or broker may default. In the event of a default, the Fund may experience a loss. For additional information concerning derivatives, related instruments and the associated risks, see the SAI.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER. The frequency of the Fund's buy and sell transactions will vary from year to year. The Fund's investment policies may lead to frequent changes in investments, particularly in periods of rapidly changing market conditions. High portfolio turnover rates would generally result in higher transaction costs, including brokerage commissions or dealer mark-ups,

and would make it more difficult for the Fund to qualify as a registered investment company under federal tax law. See "How Distributions are Made; Tax Information."

#### LIMITING INVESTMENT RISKS

Investment restrictions help the Fund limit investment risks for its shareholders. These restrictions prohibit the Fund from: (a) with respect to 75% of its total assets, holding more than 10% of the voting securities of any issuer or investing more than 5% of its total assets in the securities of any one issuer (other than U.S. Government obligations); (b) investing more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (which include securities restricted as to resale unless they are determined to be readily marketable in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees); or (c) investing more than 25% of its total assets in any one industry. A complete description of these and other investment policies is included in the SAI. Except for restriction (c) above and investment policies designated as fundamental in the SAI, the Fund's investment policies (including its investment objective) are not fundamental. The Trustees may change any nonfundamental investment policy without shareholder approval. However, in the event of a change in the Fund's investment objective, shareholders will be given at least 30 days' prior written notice.

#### RISK FACTORS

The Fund does not constitute a balanced or complete investment program, and the net asset value of its shares will fluctuate based on the value of the securities in the Fund's portfolio. The Fund is subject to the general risks and considerations associated with equity investing, as well as the risks discussed herein.

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To the extent the Fund invests in convertible securities or other fixed income securities, the performance of the Fund will depend in part on interest rate changes. As interest rates increase, the value of fixed income securities held by the Fund tends to decrease. To the extent the Fund invests in fixed income securities with longer maturities, the volatility of the Fund in response to changes in interest rates can be expected to be greater than if the Fund had invested in comparable securities with shorter maturities. In addition, the market value of convertible securities tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying common or preferred stock.

For a discussing of certain other risks associated with the Fund's additional investment activities, see "Other Investment Practices" above.

# MANAGEMENT

THE FUND'S ADVISERS

The Chase Manhattan Bank ("Chase") is the Fund's investment adviser under an Investment Advisory Agreement and has overall responsibility for investment decisions of the Fund, subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees. Chase is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation, a bank holding company. CHASE AND ITS PREDECESSORS HAVE OVER 100 YEARS OF MONEY MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE.

For its investment advisory services to the Fund, Chase is entitled to receive an annual fee computed daily and paid monthly based at an annual rate equal to 0.40% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Chase is located at 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Chase Asset Management, Inc. ("CAM"), a registered investment adviser, is the Fund's sub-investment adviser under a Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement between CAM and Chase. CAM is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Chase. CAM makes investment decisions for the Fund on a day-to-day basis. For these services, CAM is entitled to receive a fee, payable by Chase from its advisory fee, at an annual rate equal to 0.20% of the Fund's average daily net assets. CAM was recently formed for the purpose of providing discretionary investment advisory services to institutional clients and to consolidate Chase's investment management function. The same individuals who serve as portfolio managers for Chase also serve as portfolio managers for CAM. CAM is located at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

PORTFOLIO MANAGER. David Klassen, Director, U.S. Funds Management and Equity

Research of Domestic Equity Management at Chase, is responsible for asset allocation and investment strategy for Chase's domestic equity portfolios. Mr. Klassen joined Chase in March 1992. Prior to joining Chase, Mr. Klassen was a vice president and portfolio manager at Dean Witter Reynolds, responsible for managing several mutual funds and other accounts.

Tony Gleason, a Vice President of Chase, has been responsible for the day-to-day management of Fund's

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portfolio since September 1995. Mr. Gleason is also a manager of the Vista Capital Growth Portfolio. Mr. Gleason joined Chase in 1995 with 10 years of investment experience. Prior to joining Chase, Mr. Gleason spent nine years as a Vice President and Portfolio Manager with Prudential Equity Management.

ABOUT YOUR INVESTMENT

CHOOSING A SHARE CLASS

CLASS A SHARES. An investor who purchases Class A shares pays a sales charge at the time of purchase. As a result, Class A shares are not subject to any sales charges when they are redeemed. Certain purchases of Class A shares qualify for reduced sales charges. Class A shares have lower combined 12b-1 and service fees than Class B shares. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Your Shares" and "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

CLASS B SHARES. Class B shares are sold without an initial sales charge, but are subject to a contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") if redeemed within a specified period after purchase. Class B shares also have higher combined 12b-1 and service fees than Class A shares.

Class B shares automatically convert into Class A shares, based on relative net asset value, at the beginning of the ninth year after purchase. For more information about the conversion of Class B shares, see the SAI. This discussion will include information about how shares acquired through reinvestment of distributions are treated for conversion purposes. Class B shares provide an investor the benefit of putting all of the investor's dollars to work from the time the investment is made. Until conversion, Class B shares will have a higher expense ratio and pay lower dividends than Class A shares because of the higher combined 12b-1 and service fees. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares" and "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

WHICH ARRANGEMENT IS BEST FOR YOU? The decision as to which class of shares provides a more suitable investment for you depends on a number of factors, including the amount and intended length of the investment. If you are making an investment that qualifies for reduced sales charges, you might consider class A shares. If you prefer not to pay an initial sales charge, you might consider Class B shares. In almost all cases, if you are planning to purchase \$250,000 or more of the Fund's shares you will pay lower aggregate charges and expenses by purchasing Class A shares.

HOW TO BUY, SELL AND EXCHANGE SHARES

HOW TO BUY SHARES

You can open a Fund account with as little as \$2,500 for regular accounts or \$1,000 for IRAs, SEP-IRAs and the Systematic Investment Plan. Additional investments can be made at any time with as little as \$100. You can buy Fund shares three ways--through an investment representative, through the Fund's distributor by calling the Vista Service Center, or through the Systematic Investment Plan.

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All purchases made by check should be in U.S. dollars and made payable to the Vista Funds. Third party checks, credit cards and cash will not be accepted. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order or cease offering shares for purchase at any time. When purchases are made by check,

redemptions will not be allowed until the check clears, which may take 15 calendar days or longer. In addition, the redemption of shares purchased through Automated Clearing House (ACH) will not be allowed until your payment clears, which may take 7 business days or longer.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH THE FUND'S DISTRIBUTOR. Complete and return the enclosed application and your check in the amount you wish to invest to the Vista Service Center.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH SYSTEMATIC INVESTING. You can make regular investments of \$100 or more per transaction through automatic periodic deduction from your bank checking or savings account. Shareholders electing to start this Systematic Investment Plan when opening an account should complete Section 8 of the account application. Current shareholders may begin such a plan at any time by sending a signed letter and a deposit slip or voided check to the Vista Service Center. Call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions.

Shares are purchased at the public offering price, which is based on the net asset value next determined after the Vista Service Center receives your order in proper form. In most cases, in order to receive that day's public offering price, the Vista Service Center must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange. If you buy shares through your investment representative, the representative must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's public offering price. Orders for shares are accepted by the Fund after funds are converted to federal funds. Orders paid by check and received by 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time will generally be available for the purchase of shares the following business day.

If you are considering redeeming or exchanging shares or transferring shares to another person shortly after purchase, you should pay for those shares with a certified check to avoid any delay in redemption, exchange or transfer. Otherwise the Fund may delay payment until the purchase price of those shares has been collected or, if you redeem by telephone, until 15 calendar days after the purchase date. To eliminate the need for safekeeping, the Fund will not issue certificates for your Class A shares unless you request them. Due to the conversion feature of Class B shares, certificates for Class B shares will not be issued and all Class B shares will be held in book entry form.

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## CLASS A SHARES

The public offering price of Class A shares is the net asset value plus a sales charge that varies depending on the size of your purchase. The Fund receives the net asset value. The sales charge is allocated between your broker-dealer and the Fund's distributor as shown in the following table, except when the Fund's distributor, in its discretion, allocates the entire amount to your broker-dealer.

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	percent	tage of:	Amount of sales charge reallowed
Amount of transaction at offering price (\$)	Offering Price	Net amount invested	to dealers as a percentage of offering price
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Under 100,000	4.50	4.71	4.00
100,000 but under 250,000	3.75	3.90	3.25
250,000 but under 500,000	2.50	2.56	2.25
500,000 but under 1,000,000			

 2.00 | 2.04 | 1.75 |Sales charge as a

There is no initial sales charge on purchases of Class A shares of \$1 million or more.

The Fund's distributor pays broker-dealers commissions on net sales of Class A shares of \$1 million or more based on an investor's cumulative purchases. Such commissions are paid at the rate of 0.75% of the amount under \$2.5 million, 0.50% of the next \$7.5 million, 0.25% of the next \$40 million and 0.15% thereafter. The Fund's distributor may withhold such payments with respect to short-term investments.

Class B shares are sold without an initial sales charge, although a CDSC will be imposed if you redeem shares within a specified period after purchase, as shown in the table below. The following types of shares may be redeemed without charge at any time: (i) shares acquired by reinvestment of distributions and (ii) shares otherwise exempt from the CDSC, as described below. For other shares, the amount of the charge is determined as a percentage of the lesser of the current market value or the purchase price of shares being redeemed.

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+
CDSC	5%	4%	3%	3%	2.8	1%	0%	0%

In determining whether a CDSC is payable on any redemption, the Fund will first redeem shares not subject to any charge, and then shares held longest during the CDSC period. When a share that has appreciated in value is redeemed during the CDSC period, a CDSC is assessed only on its initial purchase price. For information on how sales charges are calculated if you exchange your shares, see "How to Exchange Your Shares." The Fund's distributor pays broker-dealers a commission of 4.00% of the offering price on sales of Class B shares, and the distributor receives the entire amount of any CDSC you pay.

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## GENERAL

You may be eligible to buy Class A shares at reduced sales charges. Consult your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for details about Vista's combined purchase privilege, cumulative quantity discount, statement of intention, group sales plan, employee benefit plans, and other plans. Descriptions are also included in the enclosed application and in the SAI. In addition, sales charges are waived if you are using redemption proceeds received within the prior ninety days from non-Vista mutual funds to buy your shares, and on which you paid a front-end or contingent deferred sales charge.

Some participant-directed employee benefit plans participate in a "multifund" program which offers both Vista and non-Vista mutual funds. With Board of Trustee approval, the money that is invested in Vista Funds may be combined with the other mutual funds in the same program when determining the plan's eligibility to buy Class A shares without a sales charge. These investments will also be included for purposes of the discount privileges and programs described above.

The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge to the current and retired Trustees (and their immediate families), current and retired employees (and their immediate families) of Chase, the Fund's distributor and transfer agent or any affiliates or subsidiaries thereof, registered representatives and other employees (and their immediate families) of broker-dealers having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor, employees (and their immediate families) of financial institutions having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor (or otherwise having an arrangement with a broker-dealer or financial institution with respect to sales of Vista fund shares), financial institution trust departments investing an aggregate of \$1 million or more in the Vista Family of Funds and clients of certain administrators of tax-qualified plans when proceeds from repayments of loans to participants are invested (or reinvested) in the Vista Family of Funds.

No initial sales charge will apply to the purchase of the Fund's Class A shares if you are investing the proceeds of a qualified retirement plan where a portion of the plan was invested in the Vista Family of Funds, any qualified retirement plan with 50 or more participants, or an individual participant in a tax-qualified plan making a tax-free rollover or transfer of assets from the plan in which Chase or an affiliate serves as trustee or custodian of the plan or manages some portion of the plan's assets.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge through an investment adviser or financial planner that charges a fee for its services. Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge (i) by an investment adviser, broker or financial planner, provided arrangements are preapproved and purchases are placed

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planner who place trades for their own accounts, if such accounts are linked to a master account of such investment adviser or financial planner on the books and records of the broker or agent. Such purchases may also be made for retirement and deferred compensation plans and trusts used to fund those plans.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge in accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which is acting as a fiduciary exercising investment discretion, provided that appropriate notification of such fiduciary relationship is reported at the time of the investment to the Fund, the Fund's distributor or the Vista Service Center.

Shareholders of record of any Vista fund as of November 30, 1990 and certain immediate family members may purchase the Fund's Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own Class A shares of any Vista fund, provided there is no change in account registration. Shareholders of record of any portfolio of The Hanover Funds, Inc. or The Hanover Investment Funds, Inc. as of May 3, 1996 and certain related investors may purchase the Fund's Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own shares of any Vista fund following this date, provided there is no change in account registration.

The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge in connection with the acquisition by the Fund of assets of an investment company or personal holding company. The CDSC will be waived on redemption of Class B shares arising out of death or disability or in connection with certain withdrawals from IRA or other retirement plans. Up to 12% of the value of Class B shares subject to a systematic withdrawal plan may also be redeemed each year without a CDSC, provided that the Class B account had a minimum balance of \$20,000 at the time the systematic withdrawal plan was established. The SAI contains additional information about purchasing the Fund's shares at reduced sales charges.

The Fund reserves the right to change any of these policies on purchases without an initial sales charge at any time and may reject any such purchase request.

For shareholders that bank with Chase, Chase may aggregate investments in the Vista Funds with balances held in Chase bank accounts for purposes of determining eligibility for certain bank privileges that are based on specified minimum balance requirements, such as reduced or no fees for certain banking services or preferred rates on loans and deposits. Chase and certain broker-dealers and other shareholder servicing agents may, at their own expense, provide gifts, such as computer software packages, guides and books related to investment or additional Fund shares valued up to \$250 to their customers that invest in the Vista Funds.

Shareholders of other Vista funds may be entitled to exchange their shares for, or reinvest distributions from their funds in, shares of the Fund at net asset value.

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HOW TO SELL SHARES

You can sell your Fund shares any day the New York Stock Exchange is open, either directly to the Fund or through your investment representative. The Fund will only forward redemption payments on shares for which it has collected payment of the purchase price.

SELLING SHARES DIRECTLY TO THE FUND. Send a signed letter of instruction to the Vista Service Center, along with any certificates that represent shares you want to sell. The price you will receive is the next net asset value calculated after the Fund receives your request in proper form, less any applicable CDSC. In order to receive that day's net asset value, the Vista Service Center must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

If you sell shares having a net asset value of \$100,000 or more, the signatures of registered owners or their legal representatives must be guaranteed by a bank, broker-dealer or certain other financial institutions. See the SAI for more information about where to obtain a signature guarantee.

If you want your redemption proceeds sent to an address other than your address as it appears on Vista's records, a signature guarantee is required. The Fund may require additional documentation for the sale of shares by a corporation, partnership, agent or fiduciary, or a surviving joint owner. Contact the Vista Service Center for details.

DELIVERY OF PROCEEDS. The Fund generally sends you payment for your shares the business day after your request is received in proper form, assuming the Fund has collected payment of the purchase price of your shares. Under unusual circumstances, the Fund may suspend redemptions, or postpone payment for more than seven days, as permitted by federal securities law.

TELEPHONE REDEMPTIONS. You may use Vista's Telephone Redemption Privilege to redeem shares from your account unless you have notified the Vista Service Center of an address change within the preceding 30 days. Telephone redemption requests in excess of \$25,000 will only be made by wire to a bank account on record with the Fund. Unless an investor indicates otherwise on the account application, the Fund will be authorized to act upon redemption and transfer instructions received by telephone from a shareholder, or any person claiming to act as his or her representative, who can provide the Fund with his or her account registration and address as it appears on the Fund's records

The Vista Service Center will employ these and other reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine; if it fails to employ reasonable procedures, the Fund may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. An investor agrees, however, that to the extent permitted by applicable law, neither the Fund nor its agents will be liable for any loss, liability, cost or expense arising out of any redemption request, including any fraudulent or unauthorized request. For information, consult the Vista Service Center.

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During periods of unusual market changes and shareholder activity, you may experience delays in contacting the Vista Service Center by telephone. In this event, you may wish to submit a written redemption request, as described above, or contact your investment representative. The Telephone Redemption Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. The Telephone Redemption Privilege may be modified or terminated without notice.

SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL. You can make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more (\$100 or more for Class B accounts) monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan for Class A accounts. Call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions.

SELLING SHARES THROUGH YOUR INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVE. Your investment representative must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's net asset value. Your investment representative will be responsible for furnishing all necessary documentation to the Vista Service Center, and may charge you for its services.

INVOLUNTARY REDEMPTION OF ACCOUNTS. The Fund may involuntarily redeem your shares if at such time the aggregate net asset value of the shares in your account is less than \$500 or if you purchase through the Systematic Investment Plan and fail to meet the Fund's investment minimum within a twelve month period. In the event of any such redemption, you will receive at least 60 days notice prior to the redemption. In the event the Fund redeems Class B shares pursuant to this provision, no CDSC will be imposed.

# HOW TO EXCHANGE YOUR SHARES

You can exchange your shares for shares of the same class of certain other Vista funds at net asset value beginning 15 days after purchase. Not all Vista funds offer all classes of shares. The prospectus of the other Vista fund into which shares are being exchanged should be read carefully and retained for future reference. If you exchange shares subject to a CDSC, the transaction will not be subject to the CDSC. However, when you redeem the shares acquired through the exchange, the redemption may be subject to the CDSC, depending upon when you originally purchased the shares. The CDSC will be computed using the schedule of any fund into or from which you have

exchanged your shares that would result in your paying the highest CDSC applicable to your class of shares. In computing the CDSC, the length of time you have owned your shares will be measured from the date of original purchase and will not be affected by any exchange.

EXCHANGING TO MONEY MARKET FUNDS. An exchange of Class B shares into any of the Vista money market funds other than the Class B shares of the Vista Prime Money Market Fund will be treated

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as a redemption—and therefore subject to the conditions of the CDSC—and a subsequent purchase. Class B shares of any Vista non—money market fund may be exchanged into the Class B shares of the Vista Prime Money Market Fund in order to continue the aging of the initial purchase of such shares.

For federal income tax purposes, an exchange is treated as a sale of shares and generally results in a capital gain or loss.

EXCHANGING BY PHONE. A Telephone Exchange Privilege is currently available. Call the Vista Service Center for procedures for telephone transactions. The Telephone Exchange Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. Ask your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for prospectuses of other Vista funds. Shares of certain Vista funds are not available to residents of all states.

EXCHANGE PARAMETERS. The exchange privilege is not intended as a vehicle for short-term trading. Excessive exchange activity may interfere with portfolio management and have an adverse effect on all shareholders. In order to limit excessive exchange activity and in other circumstances where Vista management or the Trustees believe doing so would be in the best interests of the Fund, the Fund reserves the right to revise or terminate the exchange privilege, limit the amount or number of exchanges or reject any exchange. In addition, any shareholder who makes more than ten exchanges of shares involving the Fund in a year or three in a calendar quarter will be charged a \$5.00 administration fee for each such exchange. Shareholders would be notified of any such action to the extent required by law. Consult the Vista Service Center before requesting an exchange. See the SAI to find out more about the exchange privilege.

REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE. Upon written request, Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value within 90 calendar days of the redemption. The reinstatement request must be accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption), and shares will be purchased at the next determined net asset value. Class B shareholders who have redeemed their shares and paid a CDSC with such redemption may purchase Class A shares with no initial sales charge (in an amount not in excess of their redemption proceeds) if the purchase occurs within 90 days of the redemption of the Class B shares.

HOW THE FUND VALUES ITS SHARES

The net asset value of each class of the Fund's shares is determined once daily based upon prices determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, however, options are priced at 4:15 p.m., Eastern time), on each business day of the Fund, by dividing the net assets of the Fund attributable to that class by the total number of outstanding shares of that class. Values of assets held by the Fund are determined on

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the basis of their market or other fair value, as described in the SAI.

HOW DISTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE; TAX INFORMATION

The Fund distributes any net investment income at least quarterly and any net realized capital gains at least annually. Capital gains are distributed after deducting any available capital loss carryovers. Distributions paid by the Fund with respect to Class A shares will generally be greater than those paid with respect to Class B shares because expenses attributable to Class B shares will generally be higher.

DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT OPTION. You can choose from three distribution options: (1) reinvest all distributions in additional Fund shares without a sales charge; (2) receive distributions from net investment income in cash or by ACH to a pre-established bank account while reinvesting capital gains distributions in additional shares without a sales charge; or (3) receive all distributions in cash or by ACH. You can change your distribution option by notifying the Vista Service Center in writing. IF YOU DO NOT SELECT AN OPTION WHEN YOU OPEN YOUR ACCOUNT, ALL DISTRIBUTIONS WILL BE REINVESTED. All distributions not paid in cash or by ACH will be reinvested in shares of the same share class. You will receive a statement confirming reinvestment of distributions in additional Fund shares promptly following the quarter in which the reinvestment occurs.

If a check representing a Fund distribution is not cashed within a specified period, the Vista Service Center will notify you that you have the option of requesting another check or reinvesting the distribution in the Fund or in another Vista fund without a sales charge. If the Vista Service Center does not receive your election, the distribution will be reinvested in the Fund. Similarly, if the Fund or the Vista Service Center sends you correspondence returned as "undeliverable," distributions will automatically be reinvested in the Fund.

The Fund intends to qualify as a "regulated investment company" for federal income tax purposes and to meet all other requirements that are necessary for it to be relieved of federal taxes on income and gains it distributes to shareholders. The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gain net income on a current basis. If the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company for any taxable year or does not make such distributions, the Fund will be subject to tax on all of its income and gains.

TAXATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS. Fund distributions other than net long-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions of net long-term capital gains will be taxable as such, regardless of how long you have held the shares. The taxation of your distribution is the same whether received in cash or in shares through the reinvestment of distributions.

You should carefully consider the tax implications of purchasing shares just prior to a distribution. This is because you will be taxed on the entire amount of the

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distribution received, even though the net asset value per share will be higher on the date of such purchase as it will include the distribution amount

Early in each calendar year the Fund will notify you of the amount and tax status of distributions paid to you by the Fund for the preceding year.

The above is only a summary of certain federal income tax consequences of investing in the Fund. You should consult your tax adviser to determine the precise effect of an investment in the Fund on your particular tax situation (including possible liability for state and local taxes and, for foreign shareholders, U.S. withholding taxes).

OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FUND

DISTRIBUTION PLANS

The Fund's distributor is Vista Fund Distributors, Inc. ("VFD"). VFD is a subsidiary of The BISYS Group, Inc. and is unaffiliated with Chase. The Trust has adopted Rule 12b-1 distribution plans for Class A and Class B shares, which provide for the payment of distribution fees at annual rates of up to 0.25% and 0.75% of the average daily net assets attributable to Class A and Class B shares of the Fund, respectively. Payments under the distribution plans shall be used to compensate or reimburse the Fund's distributor and broker-dealers for services provided and expenses incurred in connection with the sale of Class A and Class B shares, and are not tied to the amount of actual expenses incurred. Payments may be used to compensate broker-dealers

with trail or maintenance commissions at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of the average daily net asset value of Class A or Class B shares invested in the Fund by customers of these broker- dealers. Trail or maintenance commissions are paid to broker-dealers beginning the 13th month following the purchase of shares by their customers. Promotional activities for the sale of Class A and Class B shares will be conducted generally by the Vista Family of Funds, and activities intended to promote the Fund's Class A or Class B shares may also benefit the Fund's other shares and other Vista funds.

VFD may provide promotional incentives to broker-dealers that meet specified sales targets for one or more Vista funds. These incentives may include gifts of up to \$100 per person annually; an occasional meal, ticket to a sporting event or theater for entertainment for broker-dealers and their guests; and payment or reimbursement for travel expenses, including lodging and meals, in connection with attendance at training and educational meetings within and outside the U.S.

SHAREHOLDER SERVICING AGENTS

The Trust has entered into shareholder servicing agreements with certain shareholder servicing agents (including Chase) under which the shareholder servicing agents have agreed to provide certain support services to their customers who beneficially own Class A or B shares of the Fund. These services include assisting with purchase and redemption

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transactions, maintaining shareholder accounts and records, furnishing customer statements, transmitting shareholder reports and communications to customers and other similar shareholder liaison services. For performing these services, each shareholder servicing agent receives an annual fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Class A and B shares of the Fund held by investors for whom the shareholder servicing agent maintains a servicing relationship. Shareholder servicing agents may subcontract with other parties for the provision of shareholder support services.

Shareholder servicing agents may offer additional services to their customers, such as pre-authorized or systematic purchase and redemption plans. Each shareholder servicing agent may establish its own terms and conditions, including limitations on the amounts of subsequent transactions, with respect to such services. Certain shareholder servicing agents may (although they are not required by the Trust to do so) credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees an amount not exceeding such other fees or the fees for their services as shareholder servicing agents.

Chase and/or VFD may from time to time, at their own expense out of compensation retained by them from the Fund or other sources available to them, make additional payments to certain selected dealers or other shareholder servicing agents for performing administrative services for their customers. These services include maintaining account records, processing orders to purchase, redeem and exchange Fund shares and responding to certain customer inquiries. The amount of such compensation may be up to an additional 0.10% annually of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to shares of the Fund held by customers of such shareholder servicing agents. Such compensation does not represent an additional expense to the Fund or its shareholders, since it will be paid by Chase and/or VFD.

# ADMINISTRATOR AND SUB-ADMINISTRATOR

Chase acts as the Fund's administrator and is entitled to receive a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

VFD provides certain sub-administrative services to the Fund pursuant to a distribution and sub-administration agreement and is entitled to receive a fee for these services from the Fund at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of the Fund's average daily net assets. VFD has agreed to use a portion of this fee to pay for certain expenses incurred in connection with organizing new series of the Trust and certain other ongoing expenses of the Trust. VFD is located at 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10178.

### CUSTODIAN

Chase acts as the Fund's custodian and fund accountant and receives compensation under an agreement with the Trust. Fund securities and cash may be held by sub-custodian

banks if such arrangements are reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

### EXPENSES

The Fund pays the expenses incurred in its operations, including its pro rata share of expenses of the Trust. These expenses include investment advisory and administrative fees; the compensation of the Trustees; registration fees; interest charges; taxes; expenses connected with the execution, recording and settlement of security transactions; fees and expenses of the Fund's custodian for all services to the Fund, including safekeeping of funds and securities and maintaining required books and accounts; expenses of preparing and mailing reports to investors and to government offices and commissions; expenses of meetings of investors; fees and expenses of independent accountants, of legal counsel and of any transfer agent, registrar or dividend disbursing agent of the Trust; insurance premiums; and expenses of calculating the net asset value of, and the net income on, shares of the Fund. Shareholder servicing and distribution fees are allocated to specific classes of the Fund. In addition, the Fund may allocate transfer agency and certain other expenses by class. Service providers to the Fund may, from time to time, voluntarily waive all or a portion of any fees to which they are entitled.

### ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SHARES

The Fund is a portfolio of Mutual Fund Group, an open-end Maagement investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust in 1987 (the "Trust"). The Trust has reserved the right to create and issue additional series and classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The shares of each series or class participate equally in the earnings, dividends and assets of the particular series or class. Shares have no preemptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each whole share held, and each fractional share shall be entitled to a proportionate fractional vote, except that Trust shares held in the treasury of the Trust shall not be voted. Shares of each class of the Fund generally vote together except when required under federal securities laws to vote separately on matters that only affect a particular class, such as the approval of distribution plans for a particular class.

The Fund issues multiple classes of shares. This Prospectus relates to Class A and Class B shares of the Fund. The Fund may offer other classes of shares in addition to these classes. The categories of investors that are eligible to purchase shares and minimum investment requirements may differ for each class of Fund shares. In addition, other classes of Fund shares may be subject to differences in sales charge arrangements, ongoing distribution and service fee levels, and levels of certain other expenses, which would affect the relative performance of the different classes. Investors may call 1-800-34-VISTA to obtain additional information about other

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classes of shares of the Fund that are offered. Any person entitled to receive compensation for selling or servicing shares of the Fund may receive different levels of compensation with respect to one class of shares over another.

The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the general direction and supervision of its Board of Trustees. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders but will hold special meetings of shareholders of all series or classes when in the judgment of the Trustees it is necessary or desirable to submit matters for a shareholder vote. The Trustees will promptly call a meeting of shareholders to remove a trustee(s) when requested to do so in writing by record holders of not less than 10% of all outstanding shares of the Trust.

Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Trust itself was unable to meet its obligations.

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF MASTER/FEEDER FUND STRUCTURE

Unlike other mutual funds which directly acquire and manage their own portfolio securities, the Fund is permitted to invest all of its investable assets in a separate registered investment company (a "Portfolio"). In that event, a shareholder's interest in the Fund's underlying investment securities would be indirect. In addition to selling a beneficial interest to the Fund, a Portfolio could also sell beneficial interests to other mutual funds or institutional investors. Such investors would invest in such Portfolio on the same terms and conditions and would pay a proportionate share of such Portfolio's expenses. However, other investors in a Portfolio would not be required to sell their shares at the same public offering price as the Fund, and might bear different levels of ongoing expenses than the Fund. Shareholders of the Fund should be aware that these differences may result in differences in returns experienced in the different funds that invest in a Portfolio. Such differences in return are also present in other mutual fund structures.

Smaller funds investing in a Portfolio could be materially affected by the actions of larger funds investing in the Portfolio. For example, if a large fund were to withdraw from a Portfolio, the remaining funds might experience higher pro rata operating expenses, thereby producing lower returns. Additionally, the Portfolio could become less diverse, resulting in increased portfolio risk. However, this possibility also exists for traditionally structured funds which have large or institutional investors. Funds with a greater pro rata ownership in a Portfolio could have effective voting control of such Portfolio. Under this master/feeder investment approach, whenever the Trust was requested to vote on matters pertaining to a Portfolio, the Trust would hold a meeting of shareholders of the Fund and would cast all of its votes in the

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same proportion as did the Fund's shareholders. Shares of the Fund for which no voting instructions had been received would be voted in the same proportion as those shares for which voting instructions had been received. Certain changes in a Portfolio's objective, policies or restrictions might require the Trust to withdraw the Fund's interest in such Portfolio. Any such withdrawal could result in a distribution in kind of portfolio securities (as opposed to a cash distribution from such Portfolio). The Fund could incur brokerage fees or other transaction costs in converting such securities to cash. In addition, a distribution in kind could result in a less diversified portfolio of investments or adversely affect the liquidity of the Fund.

The same individuals who are disinterested Trustees of the Trust serve as Trustees of the Portfolio. The Trustees of the Trust, including a majority of the disinterested Trustees, have adopted procedures they believe are reasonably appropriate to deal with resulting potential conflicts of interest, up to and including creating a separate Board of Trustees.

If the Fund invests all of its investable assets in a Portfolio, investors in the Fund will be able to obtain information about whether investment in the Portfolio might be available through other funds by contacting the Fund at 1-800-622-4273. In the event the Fund adopts a master/feeder structure and invests all of its investable assets in a Portfolio, shareholders of the Fund will be given at least 30 days' prior written notice.

# PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The Fund's investment performance may from time to time be included in advertisements about the Fund. Performance is calculated separately for each class of shares, in the manner described in the SAI. "Yield" for each class of shares is calculated by dividing the annualized net investment income per share during a recent 30-day period by the maximum public offering price per share of such class on the last day of that period.

"Total return" for the one-, five- and ten-year periods (or since inception, if shorter) through the most recent calendar quarter represents the average annual compounded rate of return on an investment of \$1,000 in the Fund invested at the maximum public offering price (in the case of Class A shares) or reflecting the deduction of any applicable contingent deferred sales charge (in the case of Class B shares). Total return may also be presented

for other periods or without reflecting sales charges. Any quotation of investment performance not reflecting the maximum initial sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge would be reduced if such sales charges were used.

All performance data is based on the Fund's past investment results and does not predict future performance. Investment performance, which will vary, is based on many factors, including market conditions, the composition of the Fund's portfolio, the Fund's operating expenses and which class of shares you purchase. Investment performance also often reflects the risks associated with the Fund's

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investment objectives and policies. These factors should be considered when comparing the Fund's investment results to those of other mutual funds and other investment vehicles. Quotation of investment performance for any period when a fee waiver or expense limitation was in effect will be greater than if the waiver or limitation had not been in effect. The Fund's performance may be compared to other mutual funds, relevant indices and rankings prepared by independent services. See the SAI.

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### MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISTA PRIVILEGES

The following services are available to you as a Vista mutual fund shareholder.

- (bullet) SYSTEMATIC INVESTMENT PLAN--Invest as much as you wish (\$100 or more) in the first or third week of any month. The amount will be automatically transferred from your checking or savings account.
- (bullet) SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL PLAN--Make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more (\$100 or more for Class B accounts) monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan for Class A accounts.
- (bullet) SYSTEMATIC EXCHANGE--Transfer assets automatically from one Vista account to another on a regular, prearranged basis. There is no additional charge for this service.
- (bullet) FREE EXCHANGE PRIVILEGE--Exchange money between Vista funds in the same class of shares without charge. The exchange privilege allows you to adjust your investments as your objectives change. Investors may not maintain, within the same fund, simultaneous plans for systematic investment or exchange and systematic withdrawal or exchange.
- (bullet) REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE--Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value next determined subject to written request within 90 calendar days of the redemption, accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption).

Class B shareholders who have redeemed their shares and paid a CDSC with such redemption may purchase Class A shares with no initial sales charge (in an amount not in excess of their redemption proceeds) if the purchase occurs within 90 days of the redemption of the Class B shares.

For more information about any of these services and privileges, call your shareholder servicing agent, investment representative or the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA. These privileges are subject to change or termination.

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Vista Family of Mutual Funds & Retirement Products

VISTA INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUNDS Southeast Asian Fund Japan Fund European Fund International Equity Fund

VISTA U.S. EQUITY FUNDS Small Cap Equity Fund The Growth Fund of Washington Capital Growth Fund Growth and Income Fund Large Cap Equity Fund Balanced Fund Equity Income Fund

VISTA FIXED INCOME FUNDS Bond Fund U.S. Government Securities Fund U.S. Treasury Income Fund Short-Term Bond Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE FUNDS(1)
New York Tax Free Income Fund
California Intermediate Tax Free Fund
Tax Free Income Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(1,2)
New York Tax Free Money Market Fund
Connecticut Daily Tax Free Income Fund Select Shares(3)
New Jersey Daily Municipal Income Fund Select Shares(3)
Tax Free Money Market Fund
California Tax Free Money Market Fund

VISTA TAXABLE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(2)
Cash Management Money Market Fund
Federal Money Market Fund
100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund
U.S. Government Money Market Fund
Treasury Plus Money Market Fund

VISTA RETIREMENT PRODUCTS Vista Capital Advantage Variable Annuity(4) Vista 401(k) Advantage

For complete information on the Vista Mutual Funds or Retirement Products, including information about fees and expenses, call your investment professional or  $1-800-34-{\rm VISTA}$  for a prospectus. Please read it carefully before you invest or send money.

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- (1) Some income may be subject to certain state and local taxes. A portion of the income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax for some investors.
- $(2)\,\mathrm{An}$  investment in a Money Market Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Yields will fluctuate, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per share
- (3) Vista Select Shares of these funds are not a part of, or affiliated with, the Vista Family of Mutual Funds. Reich & Tang Distributors L.P. and New England Investment Companies L.P., which are unaffiliated with Chase, are the funds' distributor and investment adviser, respectively.
- (4) The variable annuity contract is issued by First SunAmerica Life Insurance Company in New York; in other states, but not necessarily all states, it is issued by Anchor National Life Insurance Company.

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# PROSPECTUS VISTA(SM) U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES FUND INSTITUTIONAL SHARES

### INVESTMENT STRATEGY: TOTAL RETURN

### February 28, 1997

This Prospectus explains concisely what you should know before investing. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. You can find more detailed information about the Fund in its February 28, 1997 Statement of Additional Information, as amended periodically (the "SAI"). For a free copy of the SAI, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-622-4273. The SAI has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION, NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

INVESTMENTS IN THE FUND ARE NOT BANK DEPOSITS OR OBLIGATIONS OF, OR GUARANTEED OR ENDORSED BY, THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES AND ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FDIC, THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY. INVESTMENTS IN MUTUAL FUNDS INVOLVE RISK, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE LOSS OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT INVESTED.

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### EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses are one of several factors to consider when investing. The following table summarizes your costs from investing in the Fund based on estimated expenses for the current fiscal year. The example shows the cumulative expenses attributable to a hypothetical \$1,000 investment over specified periods.

ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES

(as a percentage of average net assets)

Investment Advisory Fee 0.30%

12b-1 Fee None
Shareholder Servicing Fee (after estimated waiver)\* 0.20%
Other Expenses 0.35%

Total Fund Operating Expenses (after waiver of fee)\* 0.85%

EXAMPLE

Your investment of \$1,000 would incur the following expenses, assuming 5% annual return:

1 Year 3 Years

Institutional Shares

\* Reflects current waiver arrangement to maintain Total Fund Operating Expenses at the level indicated in the table above. Absent such waiver, the Shareholder Servicing Fee would be 0.25% and Total Fund Operating Expenses would be 0.90%. Chase has agreed voluntarily to waive fees payable to it and/or reimburse expenses for a period of at least one year to the extent necessary to prevent Total Fund Operating Expenses of Institutional Shares of the Fund for such period from exceeding the amount indicated in the table.

The table is provided to help you understand the expenses of investing in the Fund and your share of the operating expenses that the Fund incurs. THE EXAMPLE SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A REPRESENTATION OF PAST OR FUTURE EXPENSES OR RETURNS; ACTUAL EXPENSES AND RETURNS MAY BE GREATER OR LESS THAN SHOWN.

Charges or credits, not reflected in the expense table above, may be incurred directly by customers of financial institutions in connection with an investment in the Fund. The Fund understands that Shareholder Servicing Agents may credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees amounts not exceeding such other fees or the fees received by the Shareholder Servicing Agent from the Fund with respect to those accounts. See "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

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### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

On May 3, 1996, The Hanover U.S. Government Securities Fund (the "Predecessor Fund") merged into Vista U.S. Government Securities Fund, which was created to be the successor to the Predecessor Fund. The table set forth below provides selected per share data and ratios for one Share of the Predecessor Fund for each period shown. This information is supplemented by financial statements and accompanying notes appearing in the Predecessor Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended November 30, 1995, which is incorporated by reference into the SAI. The financial statements and notes, as well as the financial information set forth in the table below, unless otherwise indicated, have been audited by KPMG Peat Marwick LLP, independent accountants, whose report thereon is also included in the Predecessor Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders. Shareholders can obtain a copy of this Annual Report by contacting the Fund.

# VISTA U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES FUND

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<s></s>	<c></c>	In	vestor Share	s <c></c>	Advisor Shares
PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period		\$ 9.23	\$ 10.27	\$ 10.00	\$ 9.59
Income From Investment Operations Net Investment Income Net gain (loss) on securities		0.56	0.50	0.34	0.30
(both realized and unrealized)		0.95	(0.94)	0.27	0.61
Total from Investment Operations		1.51	(0.44)	0.61	0.91
Less Distributions: Dividends from net investment income Distributions from capital gains		, ,	(0.50) (0.10)	(0.34)	(0.32)
Total Distributions		(0.56)	(0.60)	(0.34)	(0.32)
Net Asset Value, End of Period		\$ 10.18	\$ 9.23	\$ 10.27	\$10.18

Total Return***	16.82%	(4.41%)	6.16%	9.57%
Ratios/Supplemental Data				
Net Assets, End of Period (000 omitted)	\$83,304	\$83,649	\$86,089	\$ 28
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net				
Assets#	0.85%	0.85%	0.85%	0.83%
Ratio of Net Investment Income to				
Average Net Assets#	5.78%	5.15%	4.26%	5.43%
Ratio of expenses without waivers and				
assumption of expenses to Average				
Net Assets#	1.11%	1.04%	1.04%	6.65%
Ratio of net investment income without				
waivers and assumption of expenses to				
Average Net Assets (unaudited)#	5.52%	4.96%	4.07%	(0.39%)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	220.12%	134.29%	37.45%	220.12%

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- # Short periods have been annualized.
- \* Fund commenced operations on February 19, 1993.
- \*\* Sales of Advisor Shares began on May 3, 1995.
- \*\*\* Total return figures do not include the effect of any sales load.

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### FUND OBJECTIVE

Vista U.S. Government Securities Fund seeks as high a level of total return as is consistent with the preservation of capital. Total return consists of income and capital appreciation. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program, and there is no assurance it will achieve its objective.

### INVESTMENT POLICIES

### INVESTMENT APPROACH

Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 65% of its total assets in securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities, and related repurchase agreements. There is no restriction on the maturity of the Fund's portfolio or any individual portfolio security, and the Fund's advisers are free to take advantage of the entire range of maturities of securities eligible for the Fund's portfolio. The Fund may invest extensively in mortgage-backed securities issued or guaranteed by certain agencies of the U.S. Government, as described below.

The Fund's advisers may adjust the average maturity of the Fund's portfolio based upon their assessment of the relative yields available on securities of different maturities and their expectations of future changes in interest rates. Since the Fund invests extensively in U.S. Government securities, certain of which have less credit risk than that associated with other securities, the level of income achieved by the Fund may not be as high as that of other funds which invest in lower quality securities.

The Fund may invest the portion of its assets not invested in U.S. Government securities and related repurchase agreements in nonconvertible corporate debt securities of domestic and foreign issuers, such as bonds and debentures. These securities must be rated, at the time of investment, at least in the category A or the equivalent by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., or Standard & Poor's Corporation, or Fitch Investor's Service Inc., or another national rating organization, or if unrated, of comparable quality as determined by the Fund's advisers.

The Fund may invest any portion of its assets not invested as described above in high quality money market instruments and repurchase agreements. For temporary defensive purposes, the Fund may invest without limitation in these instruments. To the extent that the Fund departs from its investment policies during temporary defensive periods, its investment objective may not be achieved.

The Fund is classified as a "diversified" fund under federal securities law.

Instead of investing directly in underlying securities, the Fund is authorized to seek to achieve its objective by investing all of its investable assets in an investment company having substantially the same investment objective and policies as the Fund.

# WHO MAY WANT TO INVEST

This Fund may be most suitable for investors who . . .

[bullet] Are seeking current income as well as some growth potential

- [bullet] Are investing for mid- to long-term investment goals
- [bullet] Own or plan to own other types of investments for diversification purposes
- [bullet] Can assume a moderate degree of bond market (i.e., interest rate) risk

This Fund may NOT be appropriate for investors who are unable to tolerate frequent up and down price changes, are investing for very short-term goals or who are in need of higher growth potential.

### OTHER INVESTMENT PRACTICES

The Fund may also engage in the following investment practices, when consistent with the Fund's overall objective and policies. These practices, and certain associated risks, are more fully described in the SAI.

U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES. The Fund may invest in U.S. Treasury obligations, which are bills, notes and bonds backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government as to payment of principal and interest which generally differ only in their interest rates and maturities. The Fund also may invest in securities issued or guaranteed by U.S. Government agencies and instrumentalities, including obligations that are supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury, the limited authority of the issuer or guarantor to borrow from the U.S. Treasury, or only the credit of the issuer or guarantor. In the case of obligations not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury, the agency issuing or guaranteeing the obligation is principally responsible for ultimate repayment.

FOREIGN SECURITIES. The Fund may invest in foreign obligations issued or guaranteed by foreign governments and supranational entities, and in non-convertible corporate debt securities of foreign issuers.

Supranational entities include organizations such as The World Bank, the European Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the Asian Development Bank. Since foreign securities are normally denominated and traded in foreign currencies, the values of the Fund's foreign investments may be influenced by currency exchange rates and exchange control regulations. There may be less information publicly available about foreign issuers than U.S. issuers, and they are not generally subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices comparable to those in the U.S. Foreign securities may be less liquid and more volatile than comparable U.S. securities. Foreign settlement procedures and trade regulations may involve certain expenses and risks. One risk would be delay in payment or delivery of securities or in the recovery of the Fund's assets held abroad. It is possible that nationalization or expropriation of assets, imposition of currency exchange controls, taxation by withholding Fund assets, political or financial instability and diplomatic developments could affect the value of the Fund's investments in certain foreign countries. Foreign laws may restrict the ability to invest in certain countries or issuers and special tax considerations will apply to foreign securities. The risks can increase if

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the Fund invests in emerging market securities.

MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest in cash or high-quality, short-term money market instruments. These instruments may include U.S. Government securities, commercial paper of domestic and foreign issuers and obligations of domestic and foreign banks. Investments in foreign money market instruments may involve certain risks associated with foreign investment.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS, SECURITIES LOANS AND FORWARD COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into agreements to purchase and resell securities at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund also has the ability to lend portfolio securities in an amount equal to not more than 30% of its total assets to generate additional income. These transactions must be fully collateralized at all times. The Fund may purchase securities for delivery at a future date, which may increase its overall investment exposure and involves a risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction.

BORROWINGS AND REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. The Fund may borrow money from banks for temporary or short-term purposes, but will not borrow money to buy additional securities, known as "leveraging." The Fund may also sell and simultaneously commit to repurchase a portfolio security at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund may use this practice to generate cash for shareholder redemptions without selling securities in a down market. Whenever the Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will establish a segregated account in which it will maintain liquid assets on a daily basis in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest). The Fund would be required to pay interest on amounts obtained through reverse repurchase agreements, which are considered borrowings under federal securities laws.

STAND-BY COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into put transactions, including those sometimes referred to as stand-by commitments, with respect to securities in its portfolio. In these transactions, the Fund would acquire the right to sell a security at an agreed upon price within a specified period prior to its maturity date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction. A put transaction will increase the cost of the underlying security and consequently reduce the available yield.

ZERO COUPON SECURITIES, PAYMENT-IN-KIND OBLIGATIONS AND STRIPPED OBLIGATIONS. The Fund may invest in zero coupon securities issued by governmental and private issuers. Zero coupon securities are debt securities that do not pay regular interest payments, and

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instead are sold at substantial discounts from their value at maturity. Payment-in-kind obligations are obligations on which the interest is payable in additional securities rather than cash. The Fund may also invest in stripped obligations, which are separately traded principal and interest components of an underlying obligation. The value of these instruments tends to fluctuate more in response to changes in interest rates than the value of ordinary interest-paying debt securities with similar maturities. The risk is greater when the period to maturity is longer.

FLOATING AND VARIABLE RATE SECURITIES; PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES. The Fund may invest in floating rate securities, whose interest rates adjust automatically whenever a specified interest rate changes, and variable rate securities, whose interest rates are periodically adjusted. Certain of these instruments permit the holder to demand payment of principal and accrued interest upon a specified number of days' notice from either the issuer or a third party. The securities in which the Fund may invest include participation certificates and certificates of indebtedness or safekeeping. Participation certificates are pro rata interests in securities held by others; certificates of indebtedness or safekeeping are documentary receipts for such original securities held in custody by others. As a result of the floating or variable rate nature of these investments, the Fund's yield may decline and it may forego the opportunity for capital appreciation during periods when interest rates decline; however, during periods when interest rates increase, the Fund's yield may increase and it may have reduced risk of capital depreciation. Demand features on certain floating or variable rate securities may obligate the Fund to pay a "tender fee" to a third party. Demand features provided by foreign banks involve certain risks associated with foreign investments.

INVERSE FLOATERS AND INTEREST RATE CAPS. The Fund may invest in inverse floaters and in securities with interest rate caps. Inverse floaters are instruments whose interest rates bear an inverse relationship to the interest rate on another security or the value of an index. The market value of an inverse floater will vary inversely with changes in market interest rates, and will be more volatile in response to interest rates changes than that of a fixed-rate obligation. Interest rate caps are financial instruments under which payments occur if an interest rate index exceeds a certain predetermined interest rate level, know as the cap rate, which is tied to a specific index. These financial products will be more volatile in price than securities which do not include such a structure.

MORTGAGE-RELATED SECURITIES. The Fund may invest extensively in mortgage-related securities issued or guaranteed by certain agencies of the U.S. Government. Mortgage pass-through securities are securities representing interests in "pools" of mortgages in which payments of both interest and principal on the securities are made monthly, in effect "passing through" monthly

payments made by the individual borrowers on the residential mortgage loans which underlie the securities. Early repayment of principal on mortgage pass-through securities held by the Fund (due to prepayments of principal on the underlying mortgage loans) may result in a lower rate of return when the Fund reinvests such principal. Inaddition, as with callable fixed-income securities generally, if the Fund purchased the securities at a premium, sustained early repayment would limit the value of the premium. Like other fixed-income securities, when interest rates rise the value of a mortgage-related security generally will decline; however, when interest rates decline, the value of mortgage-related securities with prepayment features may not increase as much as other fixed-income, fixed-maturity securities which have no prepayment or call features.

Payment of principal and interest on some mortgage pass-through securities (but not the market value of the securities themselves) may be guaranteed by the U.S. Government, or by agencies or instrumentalities of the U.S. Government (which guarantees are supported only by the discretionary authority of the U.S. Government to purchase the agency's obligations). Certain mortgage pass-through securities created by nongovernmental issuers may be supported by various forms of insurance or guarantees, while other such securities may be backed only by the underlying mortgage collateral.

The Fund may also invest in investment grade Collateralized Mortgage Obligations ("CMOs"), which are hybrid instruments with characteristics of both mortgage-backed bonds and mortgage pass-through securities. Similar to a bond, interest and prepaid principal on a CMO are paid, in most cases, monthly. CMOs may be collateralized by whole residential or commercial mortgage loans but are more typically collateralized by portfolios of mortgage pass-through securities quaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities. CMOs are structured into multiple classes, with each class having a different expected average life and/or stated maturity. Monthly payments of principal, including prepayments, are allocated to different classes in accordance with the terms of the instruments, and changes in prepayment rates or assumptions may significantly affect the expected average life and value of a particular class. The Fund may invest in principal-only or interest-only stripped mortgage-backed securities. Stripped mortgage-backed securities have greater volatility than other types of mortgage-related securities. Stripped mortgage-backed securities which are purchased at a substantial premium or discount generally are extremely sensitive not only to changes in prevailing interest rates but also to the rate of principal payments (including prepayments) on the related underlying mortgage assets, and a rapid rate of principal payments may have a material adverse effect on such securities' yield to maturity. In addition, stripped mortgage securities may be illiquid.

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The Fund expects that governmental, government-related or private entities may create other mortgage-related securities in addition to those described above. As new types of mortgage-related securities are developed and offered to investors, the Fund will consider making investments in such securities.

DOLLAR ROLLS. The Fund may enter into mortgage "dollar rolls" in which the Fund sells mortgage-backed securities for delivery in the current month and simultaneously contracts to repurchase substantially similar (same type, coupon and maturity) securities on a specified future date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from completing the transaction.

ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES. The Fund may invest in asset-backed securities, which represent a participation in, or are secured by and payable from, a stream of payments generated by particular assets, most often a pool of assets similar to one another, such as motor vehicle receivables or credit card receivables.

OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its total assets in shares of other investment companies when consistent with its investment objective, and policies, subject to applicable regulatory limitations. Additional fees may be charged by other investment companies.

DERIVATIVES AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest its assets in derivative and related instruments to hedge various market risks or to

increase the Fund's income or gain. Some of these instruments will be subject to asset segregation requirements to cover the Fund's obligations. The Fund may (i) purchase, write and exercise call and put options on securities and securities indexes (including using options in combination with securities, other options or derivative instruments); (ii) enter into swaps, futures contracts and options on futures contracts; (iii) employ forward currency and interest rate contracts; (iv) purchase and sell mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities; and (v) purchase and sell structured products, which are instruments designed to restructure or reflect the characteristics of certain other investments.

There are a number of risks associated with the use of derivatives and related instruments and no assurance can be given that any strategy will succeed. The value of certain derivatives or related instruments in which the Fund invests may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing economic conditions and market value. The ability of the Fund to successfully utilize these instruments may depend in part upon the ability of its advisers to forecast these factors correctly. Inaccurate forecasts could expose the Fund to a risk of loss. There can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in a hedging instrument and in the portfolio assets being hedged. The Fund is not required to use any hedging strategies. Hedging strategies, while reducing risk of loss, can also reduce the opportunity for gain.

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Derivatives transactions not involving hedging may have speculative characteristics, involve leverage and result in losses that may exceed the original investment of the Fund. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Fund seeks to close out a derivatives position. Activities of large traders in the futures and securities markets involving arbitrage, "program trading," and other investment strategies may cause price distortions in derivatives markets. In certain instances, particularly those involving over-the-counter transactions or forward contracts, there is a greater potential that a counterparty or broker may default. In the event of a default, the Fund may experience a loss. For additional information concerning derivatives, related instruments and the associated risks, see the SAI.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER. The frequency of the Fund's buy and sell transactions will vary from year to year. The Fund's investment policies may lead to frequent changes in investments, particularly in periods of rapidly changing market conditions. High portoflio turnover rates would generally result in higher transaction costs, including dealer mark-ups, and would make it more difficult for the Fund to qualify as a registered investment company under federal tax law. See "How Distributions are Made; Tax Information."

# LIMITING INVESTMENT RISKS

Specific investment restrictions help the Fund limit investment risks for its shareholders. These restrictions prohibit the Fund from: (a) with respect to 75% of its total assets, holding more than 10% of the voting securities of any issuer or investing more than 5% of its total assets in the securities of any one issuer (other than U.S. Government obligations); (b) investing more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (which include securities restricted as to resale unless they are determined to be readily marketable in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees); or (c) investing more than 25% of its total assets in any one industry. A complete description of these and other investment policies is included in the SAI. Except for the Fund's investment objective, restriction (c) above and investment policies designated as fundamental in the SAI, the Fund's investment policies are not fundamental. The Trustees may change any nonfundamental investment policy without shareholder approval.

### RISK FACTORS

The Fund does not constitute a balanced or complete investment program, and the net asset value of its shares will fluctuate based on the value of the securities in the Fund's portfolio. The Fund is subject to the general risks and considerations associated with the types of investments it may make, as described above, as well as the risks discussed herein.

The performance of the Fund depends in part on interest rate changes. As interest rates increase, the value of the fixed income securities held by the Fund tends to decrease. This effect will be more pronounced with respect to investments by the Fund in mortgage-related securities, the

value of which are more sensitive to interest rate changes. There is no restriction on the maturity of the Fund's portfolio or any individual portfolio security, and to the extent the Fund invests in securities with longer maturities, the volatility of the Fund in response to changes in interest rates can be expected to be greater than if the Fund had invested in comparable securities with shorter maturities. The performance of the Fund will also depend on the quality of its investments. While U.S. Government securities generally are of high quality, government securities that are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury may be affected by changes in the creditworthiness of the agency that issued them. Guarantees of principal and interest on obligations that may be purchased by the Fund are not guarantees of the market value of such obligations, nor do they extend to the value of shares of the Fund. Other fixed-income securities in which the Fund may invest, while of investment-grade quality, may be of lesser credit quality than U.S. Government securities.

For a discussion of certain other risks associated with the Fund's additional investment activities, see "Other Investment Practices" above.

### MANAGEMENT

THE FUND'S ADVISERS

The Chase Manhattan Bank ("Chase") is the Fund's investment adviser under an Investment Advisory Agreement and has overall responsibility for investment decisions of the Fund, subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees. Chase is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation, a bank holding company. CHASE AND ITS PREDECESSORS HAVE OVER 100 YEARS OF MONEY MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE.

For its investment advisory services to the Fund, Chase is entitled to receive an annual fee computed daily and paid monthly based at an annual rate equal to 0.30% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Chase is located at 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Chase Asset Management, Inc. ("CAM"), a registered investment adviser, is the Fund's sub-investment adviser under a Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement between CAM and Chase. CAM is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Chase. CAM makes investment decisions for the Fund on a day-to-day basis. For these services, CAM is entitled to receive a fee, payable by Chase from its advisory fee, at an annual rate equal to 0.15% of the Fund's average daily net assets. CAM was recently formed for the purpose of providing discretionary investment advisory services to institutional clients and to consolidate Chase's investment management function. The same individuals who serve as portfolio managers for Chase also serve as portfolio managers for CAM. CAM is located at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS. Susan Huang, a Vice President and the Director of Fixed Income Management of Chase, has been responsible for the day-to-day

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management of the Fund's portfolio since June 1996. Ms. Huang is responsible for developing the allocation and risk management strategy for U.S. fixed income portfolios, and managing the institutional U.S. fixed income assets under management. Prior to joining Chase in June of 1995, Ms. Huang was Director of the Insurance Asset Management Group at Hyperion Capital Management Inc. Prior to joining Hyperion, Ms. Huang was a senior portfolio manager with CS First Boston. Prior to joining CS First Boston in 1992, Ms. Huang spent 14 years at The Equitable, where she worked in the pension consulting group and the U.S. Fixed Income Management Group. Ms. Huang is also a manager of the Vista Balanced Fund, Vista Bond Fund, Vista Short-Term Bond Fund and Vista U.S. Treasury Income Fund. Michael Bennis, a Vice President of Chase, also participates in the management of the Fund. Prior to joining Chase in 1996, Mr. Bennis was a senior analyst/trader at Union Bank of Switzerland Asset Management. Prior to joining Union Bank of Switzerland, Mr. Bennis was a fixed income analyst at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette.

HOW TO PURCHASE, REDEEM AND EXCHANGE SHARES

HOW TO PURCHASE SHARES

Institutional Shares may be purchased through selected financial service firms, such as broker-dealer firms and banks ("Dealers") who have entered into a selected dealer agreement with the Fund's distributor on each business

day during which the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading ("Fund Business Day"). Qualified investors are defined as institutions, trusts, partnerships, corporations, qualified and other retirement plans and fiduciary accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which exercises investment authority over such accounts. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order or cease offering shares for purchase at any time.

Institutional Shares are purchased at their public offering price, which is their next determined net asset value. Orders received by Dealers in proper form prior to the New York Stock Exchange closing time are confirmed at that day's net asset value, provided the order is received by the Vista Service Center prior to its close of business. Dealers are responsible for forwarding orders for the purchase of shares on a timely basis. Institutional Shares will be maintained in book entry form and share certificates will not be issued. Management reserves the right to refuse to sell shares of the Fund to any institution.

Federal regulations require that each investor provide a certified Taxpayer Identification Number upon opening an account.

### MINIMUM INVESTMENTS

The Fund has established a minimum initial investment amount of \$1,000,000 for the purchase of Institutional Shares. There is no minimum for subsequent investments. Purchases of Institutional Shares offered by other non-money market Vista funds may be aggregated with purchases of Institutional Shares of

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the Fund to meet the \$1,000,000 minimum initial investment amount requirement.

### HOW TO REDEEM SHARES

You may redeem all or any portion of the shares in your account at any time at the net asset value next determined after a redemption request in proper form is furnished by you to your Dealer and transmitted to and received by the Vista Service Center. A wire redemption may be requested by telephone to the Vista Service Center. For telephone redemptions, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-622-4273.

In making redemption requests, the names of the registered shareholders on your account and your account number must be supplied, along with any certificates that represent shares you want to sell. The price you will receive is the next net asset value calculated after the Fund receives your request in proper form. In order to receive that day's net asset value, the Vista Service Center must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

DELIVERY OF PROCEEDS. The Fund generally sends you payment for your shares by wire in federal funds on the business day after your request is received in proper form. Under unusual circumstances, the Fund may suspend redemptions, or postpone payment for more than seven days, as permitted by federal securities law.

TELEPHONE REDEMPTIONS. You may use Vista's Telephone Redemption Privilege to redeem shares from your account unless you have notified the Vista Service Center of an address change within the preceding 30 days. Telephone redemption requests in excess of \$25,000 will only be made by wire to a bank account on record with the Fund. Unless an investor indicates otherwise on the account application, the Fund will be authorized to act upon redemption and transfer instructions received by telephone from a shareholder, or any person claiming to act as his or her representative, who can provide the Fund with his or her account registration and address as it appears on the Fund's records.

The Vista Service Center will employ these and other reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine; if it fails to employ reasonable procedures, the Fund may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. An investor agrees, however, that to the extent permitted by applicable law, neither the Fund nor its agents will be liable for any loss, liability, cost or expense arising out of any redemption request, including any fraudulent or unauthorized request. For information, consult the Vista Service Center.

During periods of unusual market changes and shareholder activity, you may experience delays in contacting the Vista Service Center by telephone. In this event, you may wish to submit a written redemption request or contact

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SELLING SHARES THROUGH YOUR DEALER. Your Dealer must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's net asset value. Your Dealer will be responsible for furnishing all necessary documentation to the Vista Service Center, and may charge you for its services.

INVOLUNTARY REDEMPTION OF ACCOUNTS. The Fund may involuntarily redeem your shares if at such time the aggregate net asset value of the shares in your account is less than \$1,000,000. In the event of any such redemption, you will receive at least 60 days notice prior to the redemption.

### HOW TO EXCHANGE YOUR SHARES

You can exchange your shares for Institutional Shares of certain other Vista funds at net asset value beginning 15 days after purchase. Not all Vista funds offer Institutional Shares. The prospectus of the other Vista fund into which shares are being exchanged should be read carefully prior to any exchange and retained for future reference.

For federal income tax purposes, an exchange is treated as a sale of shares and generally results in a capital gain or loss.

EXCHANGING BY PHONE. A Telephone Exchange Privilege is currently available. Call the Vista Service Center for procedures for telephone transactions. Ask your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for prospectuses of other Vista funds. Shares of certain Vista funds are not available to residents of all states.

EXCHANGE PARAMETERS. The exchange privilege is not intended as a vehicle for short-term trading. Excessive exchange activity may interfere with portfolio management and have an adverse effect on all shareholders. In order to limit excessive exchange activity and in other circumstances where Vista management or the Trustees believe doing so would be in the best interests of the Fund, the Fund reserves the right to revise or terminate the exchange privilege, limit the amount or number of exchanges or reject any exchange. In addition, any shareholder who makes more than ten exchanges of shares involving the Fund in a year or three in a calendar quarter will be charged a \$5.00 administration fee for each such exchange. Shareholders would be notified of any such action to the extent required by law. Consult the Vista Service Center before requesting an exchange. The exchange privilege is subject to change or termination. See the SAI to find out more about the exchange privilege.

### HOW THE FUND VALUES ITS SHARES

The net asset value of each class of the Fund's shares is determined once daily based upon prices determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally  $4:00~\rm p.m.$ , Eastern time, however, options are priced at  $4:15~\rm p.m.$ , Eastern time), on each Fund Business Day, by dividing the net assets of the Fund attributable to that class by the total number of outstanding shares of that class. Values of assets held by the Fund are determined on the

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basis of their market or other fair value, as described in the SAI.

HOW DISTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE; TAX INFORMATION

The Fund declares dividends daily and distributes any net investment income at least monthly. The Fund distributes any net realized capital gains at least annually. Capital gains are distributed after deducting any available capital loss carryover.

DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT OPTION. You can choose from three distribution options: (1) reinvest all distributions in additional Fund shares; (2) receive distributions from net investment income in cash or by Automated Clearing House (ACH) to a pre-established bank account while reinvesting capital gains distributions in additional shares; or (3) receive all distributions in cash or by ACH. You can change your distribution option by notifying the Vista Service Center in writing. If you do not select an option when you open your account, all distributions will be reinvested. All distributions not paid in cash or by ACH will be reinvested in shares of the same share class. You will

receive a statement confirming reinvestment of distributions in additional Fund shares promptly following the quarter in which the reinvestment occurs.

If a check representing a Fund distribution is not cashed within a specified period, the Vista Service Center will notify you that you have the option of requesting another check or reinvesting the distribution in the Fund or in another Vista fund without a sales charge. If the Vista Service Center does not receive your election, the distribution will be reinvested in the Fund. Similarly, if the Fund or the Vista Service Center sends you correspondence returned as "undeliverable," distributions will automatically be reinvested in the Fund.

The Fund intends to qualify as a "regulated investment company" for federal income tax purposes and to meet all other requirements that are necessary for it to be relieved of federal taxes on income and gains it distributes to shareholders. The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gain net income on a current basis. If the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company for any taxable year or does not make such distributions, the Fund will be subject to tax on all of its income and gains.

TAXATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS. Fund distributions other than net long-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions of net long-term capital gains will be taxable as such, regardless of how long you have held the shares. The taxation of your distribution is the same whether received in cash or in shares through the reinvestment of distributions.

A portion of the ordinary income dividends paid by the Fund may qualify for the 70% dividends-received deduction for corporate shareholders.

Distributions may also be subject to state and local taxes. However, the laws of most states and localities exempt from some types of taxes distributions such as those made by the Fund to the extent such distributions are attributable to interest from obligations of the U.S. Government and certain of its

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agencies and instrumentalities.

You should carefully consider the tax implications of purchasing shares just prior to a distribution. This is because you will be taxed on the entire amount of the distribution received, even though the net asset value per share will be higher on the date of such purchase as it will include the distribution amount.

Early in each calendar year the Fund will notify you of the amount and tax status of distributions paid to you by the Fund for the preceding year.

The above is only a summary of certain federal income tax consequences of investing in the Fund. You should consult your tax adviser to determine the precise effect of an investment in the Fund on your particular tax situation (including possible liability for state and local taxes and, for foreign shareholders, U.S. withholding taxes).

OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FUND

SHAREHOLDER SERVICING AGENTS

The Trust has entered into shareholder servicing agreements with certain shareholder servicing agents (including Chase) under which the shareholder servicing agents have agreed to provide certain support services to their customers who beneficially own Institutional Shares of the Fund. These services include assisting with purchase and redemption transactions, maintaining shareholder accounts and records, furnishing customer statements, transmitting shareholder reports and communications to customers and other similar shareholder liaison services. For performing these services, each shareholder servicing agent receives an annual fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Institutional Shares of the Fund held by investors for whom the shareholder servicing agent maintains a servicing relationship. Shareholder servicing agents may subcontract with other parties for the provision of shareholder support services.

Shareholder servicing agents may offer additional services to their customers, such as pre-authorized or systematic purchase and redemption

plans. Each shareholder servicing agent may establish its own terms and conditions, including limitations on the amounts of subsequent transactions, with respect to such services. Certain shareholder servicing agents may (although they are not required by the Trust to do so) credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees an amount not exceeding such other fees or the fees for their services as shareholder servicing agents.

Chase and/or VFD may from time to time, at their own expense out of compensation retained by them from the Fund or other sources available to them, make additional payments to certain selected dealers or other shareholder servicing agents for performing administrative services for their customers. These services include maintaining account records, processing orders to purchase, redeem and exchange Fund shares and responding to certain customer inquiries. The amount of such compensation may be up to an additional 0.10% annually of the average net assets of the Fund

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attributable to shares of the Fund held by customers of such shareholder servicing agents. Such compensation does not represent an additional expense to the Fund or its shareholders, since it will be paid by Chase and/or VFD.

### ADMINISTRATOR

Chase acts as administrator of the Fund and is entitled to receive a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

SUB-ADMINISTRATOR AND DISTRIBUTOR

Vista Fund Distributors, Inc. ("VFD") acts as the Fund's sub-administrator and distributor. VFD is a subsidiary of The BISYS Group, Inc. and is unaffiliated with Chase. For the sub-administrative services it performs, VFD is entitled to receive a fee from the Fund at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of the Fund's average daily net assets. VFD has agreed to use a portion of this fee to pay for certain expenses incurred in connection with organizing new series of the Trust and certain other ongoing expenses of the Trust. VFD is located at 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10178.

### CUSTODIAN

Chase acts as the Fund's custodian and fund accountant and receives compensation under an agreement with the Trust. Fund securities and cash may be held by sub-custodian banks if such arrangements are reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

# EXPENSES

The Fund pays the expenses incurred in its operations, including its pro rata share of expenses of the Trust. These expenses include investment advisory and administrative fees; the compensation of the Trustees; registration fees; interest charges; taxes; expenses connected with the execution, recording and settlement of security transactions; fees and expenses of the Fund's custodian for all services to the Fund, including safekeeping of funds and securities and maintaining required books and accounts; expenses of preparing and mailing reports to investors and to government offices and commissions; expenses of meetings of investors; fees and expenses of independent accountants, of legal counsel and of any transfer agent, registrar or dividend disbursing agent of the Trust; insurance premiums; and expenses of calculating the net asset value of, and the net income on, shares of the Fund. Shareholder servicing and distribution fees are allocated to specific classes of the Fund. In addition, the Fund may allocate transfer agency and certain other expenses by class. Service providers to the Fund may, from time to time, voluntarily waive all or a portion of any fees to which they are entitled.

# ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SHARES

The Fund is a portfolio of Mutual Fund Group, an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust in 1987 (the "Trust"). The Trust has reserved the right to create and issue additional series

and classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The shares of each series or class participate equally in the earnings, dividends and assets of the particular series or class. Shares have no pre-emptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each whole share held, and each fractional share shall be entitled to a proportionate fractional vote, except that Trust shares held in the treasury of the Trust shall not be voted. Shares of each class of the Fund generally vote together except when required under federal securities laws to vote separately on matters that only affect a particular class, such as the approval of distribution plans for a particular class.

The Fund issues multiple classes of shares. This Prospectus relates only to Institutional Shares of the Fund, one class of shares offered by the Fund. Institutional Shares may be purchased only by qualified investors that make an initial investment of \$1,000,000 or more. "Qualified investors" are defined as institutions, trusts, partnerships, corporations, qualified and other retirement plans and fiduciary accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which exercises investment authority over such accounts. The Fund offers other classes of shares in addition to these classes. The categories of investors that are eligible to purchase shares may differ for each class of Fund shares. In addition, other classes of Fund shares may be subject to differences in sales charge arrangements, ongoing distribution and service fee levels, and levels of certain other expenses, which will affect the relative performance of the different classes. Investors may call 1-800-622-4273 to obtain additional information about other classes of shares of the Fund that are offered. Any person entitled to receive compensation for selling or servicing shares of the Fund may receive different levels of compensation with respect to one class of shares over

The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the general direction and supervision of its Board of Trustees. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders but will hold special meetings of shareholders of all series or classes when in the judgment of the Trustees it is necessary or desirable to submit matters for a shareholder vote. The Trustees will promptly call a meeting of shareholders to remove a trustee(s) when requested to do so in writing by record holders of not less than 10% of all outstanding shares of the Trust.

Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Trust itself was unable to meet its obligations.

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### PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The Fund's investment performance may from time to time be included in advertisements about the Fund. Performance is calculated separately for each class of shares, in the manner described in the SAI. "Yield" for each class of shares is calculated by dividing the annualized net investment income per share during a recent 30-day period by the maximum public offering price per share of such class on the last day of that period.

"Total return" for the one-, five- and ten-year periods (or since inception, if shorter) through the most recent calendar quarter represents the average annual compounded rate of return on an investment of \$1,000 in the Fund invested at the public offering price. Total return may also be presented for other periods.

All performance data is based on the Fund's past investment results and does not predict future performance. Investment performance, which will vary, is based on many factors, including market conditions, the composition of the Fund's portfolio, the Fund's operating expenses and which class of shares you purchase. Investment performance also often reflects the risks associated with the Fund's investment objectives and policies. These factors should be considered when comparing the Fund's investment results to those of other mutual funds and other investment vehicles. Quotation of investment performance for any period when a fee waiver or expense limitation was in effect will be greater than if the waiver or limitation had not been in effect. The Fund's performance may be compared to other mutual funds, relevant indices and rankings prepared by independent services. See the SAI.

Vista Family of Mutual Funds & Retirement Products

VISTA INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUNDS Southeast Asian Fund Japan Fund European Fund International Equity Fund

VISTA U.S. EQUITY FUNDS
Small Cap Equity Fund
The Growth Fund of Washington
Capital Growth Fund
Growth and Income Fund
Large Cap Equity Fund
Balanced Fund
Equity Income Fund

VISTA FIXED INCOME FUNDS Bond Fund U.S. Government Securities Fund U.S. Treasury Income Fund Short-Term Bond Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE FUNDS(1) New York Tax Free Income Fund California Intermediate Tax Free Fund Tax Free Income Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(1,2)
New York Tax Free Money Market Fund
Connecticut Daily Tax Free Income Fund Select Shares(3)
New Jersey Daily Municipal Income Fund Select Shares(3)
Tax Free Money Market Fund
California Tax Free Money Market Fund

VISTA TAXABLE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(2)
Cash Management Money Market Fund
Federal Money Market Fund
100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund
U.S. Government Money Market Fund
Treasury Plus Money Market Fund

VISTA RETIREMENT PRODUCTS Vista Capital Advantage Variable Annuity(4) Vista 401(k) Advantage

For complete information on the Vista Mutual Funds or Retirement Products, including information about fees and expenses, call your investment professional or  $1-800-34-{\rm VISTA}$  for a prospectus. Please read it carefully before you invest or send money.

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- (1) Some income may be subject to certain state and local taxes. A portion of the income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax for some investors.
- (2) An investment in a Money Market Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Yields will fluctuate, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per share
- (3) Vista Select Shares of these funds are not a part of, or affiliated with, the Vista Family of Mutual Funds. Reich & Tang Distributors L.P. and New England Investment Companies L.P., which are unaffiliated with Chase, are the funds' distributor and investment adviser, respectively.
- (4) The variable annuity contract is issued by First SunAmerica Life Insurance Company in New York; in other states, but not necessarily all states, it is issued by Anchor National Life Insurance Company.

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PROSPECTUS
VISTA(SM) GROWTH AND INCOME FUND
INSTITUTIONAL SHARES

INVESTMENT STRATEGY: GROWTH AND INCOME

February 28, 1997

This Prospectus explains concisely what you should know before investing. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. You can find more detailed information about the Fund in its February 28, 1997 Statement of Additional Information, as amended periodically (the "SAI"). For a free copy of the SAI, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-622-4273. The SAI has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference.

The Fund, unlike many other investment companies which directly acquire and manage their own portfolios of securities, seeks its investment objective by investing all of its investable assets in Growth and Income Portfolio (the "Portfolio"), an open-end management investment company with investment objectives identical to those of the Fund. Investors should carefully consider this investment approach. For additional information regarding this investment structure, see "Unique Characteristics of Master/Feeder Fund Structure" on page 17.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION, NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

INVESTMENTS IN THE FUND ARE NOT BANK DEPOSITS OR OBLIGATIONS OF, OR GUARANTEED OR ENDORSED BY, THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES AND ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FDLC, THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY. INVESTMENTS IN MUTUAL FUNDS INVOLVE RISK, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE LOSS OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT INVESTED.

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### EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses are one of several factors to consider when investing. The following table summarizes your costs from investing in the Fund based on expenses incurred in the most recent fiscal year. The example shows the cumulative expenses attributable to a hypothetical \$1,000 investment over specified periods.

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ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES	
(as a percentage of average net assets)	
Investment Advisory Fee	0.40%
12b-1 Fee	None
Shareholder Servicing Fee	0.25%
Other Expenses	0.35%
Total Fund Operating Expenses	1.00%

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Your investment of \$1,000 would incur the following expenses,

assuming 5% annual return:	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
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Institutional Shares	\$10	\$32	\$55	\$122

The table is provided to help you understand the expenses of investing in the Fund and your share of the operating expenses that the Fund incurs. THE EXAMPLE SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A REPRESENTATION OF PAST OR FUTURE EXPENSES OR RETURNS; ACTUAL EXPENSES AND RETURNS MAY BE GREATER OR LESS THAN SHOWN.

Charges or credits, not reflected in the expense table above, may be incurred directly by customers of financial institutions in connection with an investment in the Fund. The Fund understands that Shareholder Servicing Agents may credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees amounts not exceeding such other fees or the fees received by the Shareholder Servicing Agent from the Fund with respect to those accounts. See "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

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### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The table set forth below provides selected per share data and ratios for one Institutional Class Share outstanding throughout the period shown. This information is supplemented by financial statements and accompanying notes appearing in the Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, which is incorporated by reference into the SAI. Shareholders may obtain a copy of this annual report by contacting the Fund or their Shareholder Servicing Agent. The financial statements and notes, as well as the financial information set forth in the table below, has been audited by Price Waterhouse, independent accountants, whose report thereon is also included in the Annual Report to Shareholders.

VISTA GROWTH AND INCOME FUND

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5/7/96\* through 10/31/96 -----

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PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period
Income From Investment Operations
Net Investment Income
Total from Investment Operations
Less dividends from net investment income
Net Asset Value, End of Period

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Total Return (1)
Ratios/Supplemental Data

Net Assets, End of Period (000 omitted)

Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets#

Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets#

Ratio of expenses without waivers and assumption of expenses

to average net assets#

Ratio of net investment income without waivers and assumption of expenses to average net assets  $\sharp$ 

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- # Annualized.
- \* Commencement of offering shares.

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### FUND OBJECTIVES

Vista Growth and Income Fund seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation and dividend income. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program, and there is no assurance it will achieve its objectives.

INVESTMENT POLICIES

### INVESTMENT APPROACH

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing all of its investable assets in the Portfolio. The Portfolio invests in common stocks of issuers with a broad range of market capitalizations. Under normal market conditions, the Portfolio will invest at least 80% of its total assets in common stocks. In addition, the Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its total assets in convertible securities.

The Portfolio's advisers intend to utilize both quantitative and fundamental research to identify undervalued stocks with a catalyst for positive change. The advisers believe that the market risk involved in seeking capital appreciation will be moderated to an extent by the anticipated dividend returns on the stocks in which the Portfolio invests.

The Portfolio is classified as a "non-diversified" fund under federal securities law. The Portfolio's assets may be more concentrated in the securities of any single issuer or group of issuers than if the Portfolio were diversified.

The Portfolio may invest any portion of its assets not invested as described above in high quality money market instruments and repurchase agreements. For temporary defensive purposes, the Portfolio may invest without limitation in these instruments as well as investment grade debt securities. At times when the Fund's advisers deem it advisable to limit the Fund's exposure to the equity markets, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in U.S. Government obligations (exclusive of any investments in money market instruments). To the extent that the Portfolio departs from its investment policies during temporary defensive periods, the Fund's investment objective may not be achieved.

### FUND STRUCTURE

The Portfolio has an objective identical to that of the Fund. The Fund may withdraw its investment from the Portfolio at any time if the Trustees determine that it is in the best interest of the Fund to do so. Upon any such withdrawal, the Trustees would consider what action might be taken, including investing all of the Fund's investable assets in another pooled investment entity having substantially the same objective and policies as the Fund or retaining an investment adviser to manage the Fund's assets directly.

WHO MAY WANT TO INVEST

This Fund may be most suitable for investors who...

(bullet) Are seeking long-term growth potential with dividend income

(bullet) Are investing for goals at least 3-5 years away  $\dot{}$ 

(bullet) Own or plan to own other types of investments for diversification purposes  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right)$ 

(bullet) Can assume an average degree of stock market risk

This Fund may NOT be appropriate for investors who are unable to tolerate moderate up and down price changes, are investing for short-term goals or who are in need of more aggressive growth potential.

### OTHER INVESTMENT PRACTICES

The Portfolio may also engage in the following investment practices, when consistent with the Portfolio's overall objective and policies. These practices, and certain associated risks, are more fully described in the SAI.

FOREIGN SECURITIES. The Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its total assets in foreign securities, including Depositary Receipts, which are described below. Since foreign securities are normally denominated and traded in foreign currencies, the values of the Portfolio's foreign investments may be influenced by currency exchange rates and exchange control regulations. There may be less information publicly available about foreign issuers than U.S. issuers, and they are not generally subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices comparable to those in the U.S. Foreign securities may be less liquid and more volatile than comparable U.S. securities. Foreign settlement procedures and trade regulations may involve certain expenses and risks. One risk would be the delay in payment or delivery of securities or in the recovery of the Portfolio's assets held abroad. It is possible that nationalization or expropriation of assets, imposition of currency exchange controls, taxation by withholding Fund assets, political or financial instability and diplomatic developments could affect the value of the Portfolio's investments in certain foreign countries. Foreign laws may restrict the ability to invest in certain countries or issuers and special tax considerations will apply to foreign securities. The risks can increase if the Portfolio invests in in emerging market securities.

The Portfolio may invest its assets in securities of foreign issuers in the form of American Depositary Receipts, European Depositary Receipts, Global Depositary Receipts or other similar securities representing securities of foreign issuers (collectively, "Depositary Receipts"). The Portfolio treats Depositary Receipts as interests in the underlying securities for purposes of its investment policies. The Portfolio will limit its investment in Depositary Receipts not sponsored by the issuer of the underlying securities to no more than 5% of the value of its net assets (at the time of investment).

SUPRANATIONAL AND ECU OBLIGATIONS. The Portfolio may invest in securities issued by supranational organizations, which include organizations such as The World Bank, the European Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the Asian Development Bank. The Portfolio may also invest in securities denominated in the ECU, which is a "basket" consisting of specified amounts of the currencies of certain member states of the European Community. These securities are typically issued by European

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governments and supranational organizations.

CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES. The Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its net assets in convertible securities, which are securities generally offering fixed interest or dividend yields which may be converted either at a stated price or stated rate for common or preferred stock. Although to a lesser extent than with fixed-income securities generally, the market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase, and increase as interest rates decline. Because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities also tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying common or preferred stock.

U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS. U.S. Government obligations include obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities.

MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS. The Portfolio may invest in cash or high-quality, short-term money market instruments. These instruments may include U.S. Government securities, commercial paper of domestic and foreign issuers and obligations of domestic and foreign banks. Investments in foreign money

market instruments may involve certain risks associated with foreign investment

INVESTMENT GRADE DEBT SECURITIES. Investment grade debt securities are securities rated in the category BBB or higher by Standard & Poor's Corporation ("S&P"), or Baa or higher by Moody's Investors Services, Inc. ("Moody's") or the equivalent by another national rating organization, or, if unrated, determined by the advisers to be of comparable quality.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS, SECURITIES LOANS AND FORWARD COMMITMENTS. The Portfolio may enter into agreements to purchase and resell securities at an agreed-upon price and time. The Portfolio also has the ability to lend portfolio securities in an amount equal to not more than 30% of its total assets to generate additional income. These transactions must be fully collateralized at all times. The Portfolio may purchase securities for delivery at a future date, which may increase its overall investment exposure and involves a risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date. These transactions involve some risk to the Portfolio if the other party should default on its obligation and the Portfolio is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction.

BORROWINGS AND REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. The Portfolio may borrow money from banks for temporary or short-term purposes, but will not borrow money to buy additional securities, known as "leveraging." The Portfolio may also sell and simultaneously commit to repurchase a portfolio security at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund may use this practice to generate cash for shareholder redemptions without selling securities in a down market. Whenever the Portfolio enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will establish a segregated account in which it will maintain liquid assets

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on a daily basis in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest). The Portfolio would be required to pay interest on amounts obtained through reverse repurchase agreements, which are considered borrowings under federal securities laws.

STAND-BY COMMITMENTS. The Portfolio may enter into put transactions, including those sometimes referred to as stand-by commitments, with respect to securities in its portfolio. In these transactions, the Portfolio would acquire the right to sell a security at an agreed upon price within a specified period prior to its maturity date. These transactions involve some risk to the Portfolio if the other party should default on its obligation and the Portfolio is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction. A put transaction will increase the cost of the underlying security and consequently reduce the available yield.

OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES. The Portfolio may invest up to 10% of its total assets in shares of other investment companies when consistent with its investment objective and policies, subject to applicable regulatory limitations. Additional fees may be charged by other investment companies.

STRIPS. The Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its total assets in stripped obligations (i.e., separately traded principal and interest components of securities) where the underlying obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, including instruments known as "STRIPS". The value of these instruments tends to fluctuate more in response to changes in interest rates than the value of ordinary interest-paying debt securities with similar maturities. The risk is greater when the period to maturity is longer.

DERIVATIVES AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS. The Portfolio may invest its assets in derivative and related instruments to hedge various market risks or to increase the Portfolio's income or gain. Some of these instruments will be subject to asset segregation requirements to cover the Portfolio's obligations. The Portfolio may (i) purchase, write and exercise call and put options on securities and securities indexes (including using options in combination with securities, other options or derivative instruments); (ii) enter into swaps, futures contracts and options on futures contracts; (iii) employ forward currency contracts; and (iv) purchase and sell structured products, which are instruments designed to restructure or reflect the characteristics of certain other investments.

There are a number of risks associated with the use of derivatives and related instruments and no assurance can be given that any strategy will succeed. The value of certain derivatives or related instruments in which the Portfolio invests may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing economic conditions and market value. The ability of the Portfolio to successfully utilize these instruments may depend in part upon the ability of its advisers to

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forecast these factors correctly. Inaccurate forecasts could expose the Portfolio to a risk of loss. There can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in a hedging instrument and in the portfolio assets being hedged. The Portfolio is not required to use any hedging strategies. Hedging strategies, while reducing risk of loss, can also reduce the opportunity for gain. Derivatives transactions not involving hedging may have speculative characteristics, involve leverage and result in losses that may exceed the original investment of the Fund. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Portfolio seeks to close out a derivatives position. Activities of large traders in the futures and securities markets involving arbitrage, "program trading," and other investment strategies may cause price distortions in derivatives markets. In certain instances, particularly those involving over-the-counter transactions or forward contracts, there is a greater potential that a counterparty or broker may default. In the event of a default, the Portfolio may experience a loss. For additional information concerning derivatives, related instruments and the associated risks, see the SAI.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER. The frequency of the Portfolio's buy and sell transactions will vary from year to year. The Portfolio's investment policies may lead to frequent changes in investments, particularly in periods of rapidly changing market conditions. High portfolio turnover rates would generally result in higher transaction costs, including brokerage commissions or dealer mark-ups, and would make it more difficult for the Portfolio to qualify as a registered investment company under federal tax law. See "How Distributions are Made; Tax Information."

# LIMITING INVESTMENT RISKS

Specific investment restrictions help the Portfolio limit investment risks for the Fund's shareholders. These restrictions prohibit the Portfolio from: (a) investing more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (which include securities restricted as to resale unless they are determined to be readily marketable in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees); or (b) investing more than 25% of its total assets in any one industry. A complete description of these and other investment policies is included in the SAI. Except for restriction (b) above and investment policies designated as fundamental in the SAI, the investment policies (including their investment objective) of the Portfolio and the Fund are not fundamental. Shareholder approval is not required to change any non-fundamental investment policy. However, in the event of a change in the Fund's or Portfolio's investment objective, shareholders will be given at least 30 days prior written notice.

# RISK FACTORS

The Fund does not constitute a balanced or complete investment program, and the net asset value of its shares will fluctuate based on the value of the securities held by the Portfolio. The Fund is subject to the

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general risks and considerations associated with equity investing.

Because the Portfolio is "non- diversified," the value of the Fund's shares is more susceptible to developments affecting issuers in which the Portfolio invests.

For a discussion of certain other risks associated with the Portfolio's additional investment activities, see "Other Investment Practices" above.

### THE PORTFOLIO'S ADVISERS

The Chase Manhattan Bank ("Chase") is the Portfolio's investment adviser under an Investment Advisory Agreement and has overall responsibility for investment decisions of the Portfolio, subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees. Chase is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation, a bank holding company. CHASE AND ITS PREDECESSORS HAVE OVER 100 YEARS OF MONEY MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE.

For its investment advisory services to the Portfolio, Chase is entitled to receive an annual fee computed daily and paid monthly based at an annual rate equal to 0.40% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets. Chase is located at 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Chase Asset Management, Inc. ("CAM"), a registered investment adviser, is the Portfolio's sub- investment adviser under a Sub- Investment Advisory Agreement between CAM and Chase. CAM is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Chase. CAM makes investment decisions for the Portfolio on a day-to-day basis. For these services, CAM is entitled to receive a fee, payable by Chase from its advisory fee, at an annual rate equal to 0.20% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets. CAM was recently formed for the purpose of providing discretionary investment advisory services to institutional clients and to consolidate Chase's investment management function. The same individuals who serve as portfolio managers for Chase also serve as portfolio managers for CAM. CAM is located at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS.

David Klassen, Director, U.S. Funds Management and Equity Research of Domestic Equity Management at Chase, is responsible for asset allocation and investment strategy for Chase's domestic equity portfolios. Mr. Klassen joined Chase in March 1992. Prior to joining Chase, Mr. Klassen was a vice president and portfolio manager at Dean Witter Reynolds, responsible for managing several mutual funds and other accounts.

Mr. Klassen, and Greg Adams, a Senior Portfolio Manager at Chase, have been responsible for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio since March 1995. In addition to managing the Vista Growth and Income Portfolio, Mr. Klassen is a manager of the Vista Small Cap Equity Fund and Vista Capital Growth Portfolio. Mr. Adams joined Chase in 1987 and is also a manager of the Vista Balanced Fund and Vista Large Cap Equity

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Fund. In addition, Mr. Adams has been responsible for overseeing the proprietary computer model program used in the U.S. equity selection process.

HOW TO PURCHASE, REDEEM, AND EXCHANGE SHARES

HOW TO PURCHASE SHARES

Institutional Shares may be purchased through selected financial service firms, such as broker-dealer firms and banks ("Dealers") who have entered into a selected dealer agreement with the Fund's distributor on each business day during which the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading ("Fund Business Day"). Qualified investors are defined as institutions, trusts, partnerships, corporations, qualified and other retirement plans and fiduciary accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which exercises investment authority over such accounts. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order or cease offering shares for purchase at any time.

Institutional Shares are purchased at their public offering price, which is their next determined net asset value. Orders received by Dealers in proper form prior to the New York Stock Exchange closing time are confirmed at that day's net asset value, provided the order is received by the Vista Service Center prior to its close of business. Dealers are responsible for forwarding orders for the purchase of shares on a timely basis. Institutional Shares

will be maintained in book entry form and share certificates will not be issued. Management reserves the right to refuse to sell shares of the Fund to any institution.

Federal regulations require that each investor provide a certified Taxpayer Identification Number upon opening an account.

### MINIMUM INVESTMENTS

The Fund has established a minimum initial investment amount of \$1,000,000 for the purchase of Institutional Shares. There is no minimum for subsequent investments. Purchases of Institutional Shares offered by other non-money market Vista funds may be aggregated with purchases of Institutional Shares of the Fund to meet the \$1,000,000 minimum initial investment amount requirement.

HOW TO REDEEM SHARES

You may redeem all or any portion of the shares in your account at any time at the net asset value next determined after a redemption request in proper form is furnished by you to your Dealer and transmitted to and received by the Vista Service Center. A wire redemption may be requested by telephone to the Vista Service Center. For telephone redemptions, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-622-4273.

In making redemption requests, the names of the registered shareholders on your account and your account number must be supplied, along with any certificates that represent shares you want to sell. The price you will receive is the next net asset value calculated after the Fund receives your request in proper form. In order to receive that day's

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net asset value, the Vista Service Center must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

DELIVERY OF PROCEEDS. The Fund generally sends you payment for your shares by wire in federal funds on the business day after your request is received in proper form. Under unusual circumstances, the Fund may suspend redemptions, or postpone payment for more than seven days, as permitted by federal securities law.

TELEPHONE REDEMPTIONS. You may use Vista's Telephone Redemption Privilege to redeem shares from your account unless you have notified the Vista Service Center of an address change within the preceding 30 days. Telephone redemption requests in excess of \$25,000 will only be made by wire to a bank account on record with the Fund. Unless an investor indicates otherwise on the account application, the Fund will be authorized to act upon redemption and transfer instructions received by telephone from a shareholder, or any person claiming to act as his or her representative, who can provide the Fund with his or her account registration and address as it appears on the Fund's records

The Vista Service Center will employ these and other reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine; if it fails to employ reasonable procedures, the Fund may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. An investor agrees, however, that to the extent permitted by applicable law, neither the Fund nor its agents will be liable for any loss, liability, cost or expense arising out of any redemption request, including any fraudulent or unauthorized request. For information, consult the Vista Service Center.

During periods of unusual market changes and shareholder activity, you may experience delays in contacting the Vista Service Center by telephone. In this event, you may wish to submit a written redemption request or contact your Dealer. The Telephone Redemption Privilege may be modified or terminated without notice.

SELLING SHARES THROUGH YOUR DEALER. Your Dealer must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's net asset value. Your Dealer will be responsible for furnishing all necessary documentation to the Vista Service Center, and may charge you for its services.

INVOLUNTARY REDEMPTION OF ACCOUNTS. The Fund may involuntarily redeem your

shares if at such time the aggregate net asset value of the shares in your account is less than \$1,000,000. In the event of any such redemption, you will receive at least 60 days notice prior to the redemption.

### HOW TO EXCHANGE YOUR SHARES

You can exchange your shares for Institutional Shares of certain other Vista funds at net asset value beginning 15 days after purchase. Not all Vista funds offer Institutional Shares. The prospectus of the other Vista fund into which shares are being exchanged should be read carefully prior to any

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exchange and retained for future reference.

For federal income tax purposes, an exchange is treated as a sale of shares and generally results in a capital gain or loss.

EXCHANGING BY PHONE. A Telephone Exchange Privilege is currently available. Call the Vista Service Center for procedures for telephone transactions. Ask your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for prospectuses of other Vista funds. Shares of certain Vista funds are not available to residents of all states.

EXCHANGE PARAMETERS. The exchange privilege is not intended as a vehicle for short-term trading. Excessive exchange activity may interfere with portfolio management and have an adverse effect on all shareholders. In order to limit excessive exchange activity and in other circumstances where Vista management or the Trustees believe doing so would be in the best interests of the Fund, the Fund reserves the right to revise or terminate the exchange privilege, limit the amount or number of exchanges or reject any exchange. In addition, any shareholder who makes more than ten exchanges of shares involving the Fund in a year or three in a calendar quarter will be charged a \$5.00 administration fee for each such exchange. Shareholders would be notified of any such action to the extent required by law. Consult the Vista Service Center before requesting an exchange. The exchange privilege is subject to change or termination. See the SAI to find out more about the exchange privilege.

# HOW THE FUND VALUES ITS SHARES

The net asset value of each class of the Fund's shares is determined once daily based upon prices determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, however, options are priced at 4:15 p.m., Eastern time), on each Fund Business Day, by dividing the net assets of the Fund attributable to that class by the total number of outstanding shares of that class. Values of assets held by the Fund (i.e., the value of its investment in the Portfolio and its other assets) are determined on the basis of their market or other fair value, as described in the SAI.

HOW DISTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE; TAX INFORMATION

The Fund distributes any net investment income at least quarterly and any net realized capital gains at least annually. Capital gains are distributed after deducting any available capital loss carryovers.

DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT OPTION. You can choose from three distribution options: (1) reinvest all distributions in additional Fund shares; (2) receive distributions from net investment income in cash or by Automated Clearing House (ACH) to a pre-established bank account while reinvesting capital gains distributions in additional shares; or (3) receive all distributions in cash or by ACH. You can change your distribution option by notifying the Vista Service Center in writing. If you do not select an option when you open your account, all

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distributions will be reinvested. All distributions not paid in cash or by ACH will be reinvested in shares of the same share class. You will receive a statement confirming reinvestment of distributions in additional Fund shares promptly following the quarter in which the reinvestment occurs.

If a check representing a Fund distribution is not cashed within a specified period, the Vista Service Center will notify you that you have the option of requesting another check or reinvesting the distribution in the Fund or in another Vista fund without a sales charge. If the Vista Service Center does not receive your election, the distribution will be reinvested in the Fund. Similarly, if the Fund or the Vista Service Center sends you correspondence returned as "undeliverable," distributions will automatically be reinvested in the Fund.

The Fund intends to qualify as a "regulated investment company" for federal income tax purposes and to meet all other requirements that are necessary for it to be relieved of federal taxes on income and gains it distributes to shareholders. The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gain net income on a current basis. If the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company for any taxable year or does not make such distributions, the Fund will be subject to tax on all of its income and gains.

TAXATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS. Fund distributions other than net long-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions of net long-term capital gains will be taxable as such, regardless of how long you have held the shares. The taxation of your distribution is the same whether received in cash or in shares through the reinvestment of distributions.

A portion of the ordinary income dividends paid by the Fund may qualify for the 70% dividends-received deduction for corporate shareholders.

You should carefully consider the tax implications of purchasing shares just prior to a distribution. This is because you will be taxed on the entire amount of the distribution received, even though the net asset value per share will be higher on the date of such purchase as it will include the distribution amount.

Early in each calendar year the Fund will notify you of the amount and tax status of distributions paid to you by the Fund for the preceding year.

The above is only a summary of certain federal income tax consequences of investing in the Fund. You should consult your tax adviser to determine the precise effect of an investment in the Fund on your particular tax situation (including possible liability for state and local taxes and, for foreign shareholders, U.S. withholding taxes).

OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FUND

SHAREHOLDER SERVICING AGENTS

The Trust has entered into shareholder servicing agreements with certain shareholder servicing agents (including Chase) under which the shareholder servicing

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agents have agreed to provide certain support services to their customers who beneficially own Institutional Shares of the Fund. These services include assisting with purchase and redemption transactions, maintaining shareholder accounts and records, furnishing customer statements, transmitting shareholder reports and communications to customers and other similar shareholder liaison services. For performing these services, each shareholder servicing agent receives an annual fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Institutional Shares of the Fund held by investors for whom the shareholder servicing agent maintains a servicing relationship. Shareholder servicing agents may subcontract with other parties for the provision of shareholder support services.

Shareholder servicing agents may offer additional services to their customers, such as pre-authorized or systematic purchase and redemption plans. Each shareholder servicing agent may establish its own terms and conditions, including limitations on the amounts of subsequent transactions, with respect to such services. Certain shareholder servicing agents may (although they are not required by the Trust to do so) credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees an amount not exceeding such other fees or the fees for their services as shareholder servicing agents.

Chase may from time to time, at its own expense, provide compensation to certain selected dealers for performing administrative services for their customers. These services include maintaining account records, processing

orders to purchase, redeem and exchange Fund shares and responding to certain customer inquiries. The amount of such compensation may be up to 0.10% annually of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to shares of the Fund held by customers of such selected dealers. Such compensation does not represent an additional expense to the Fund or its shareholders, since it will be paid by Chase.

### ADMINISTRATOR

Chase acts as the administrator for the Fund and the Portfolio and is entitled to receive from each of the Fund and the Portfolio a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of their respective average daily net assets.

### SUB-ADMINISTRATOR AND DISTRIBUTOR

Vista Fund Distributors, Inc. ("VFD") acts as the Fund's sub-administrator and distributor. VFD is a subsidiary of The BISYS Group, Inc. and is unaffiliated with Chase. For the sub-administrative services it performs, VFD is entitled to receive a fee from the Fund at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of the Fund's average daily net assets. VFD has agreed to use a portion of this fee to pay for certain expenses incurred in connection with organizing new series of the Trust and certain other ongoing expenses of the Trust. VFD is located at 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10178.

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### CUSTODIAN

Chase acts as the Fund's custodian and fund accountant and receives compensation under an agreement with the Trust. Fund securities and cash may be held by sub-custodian banks if such arrangements are reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

### EXPENSES

The Fund pays the expenses incurred in its operations, including its pro rata share of expenses of the Trust. These expenses include investment advisory and administrative fees; the compensation of the Trustees; registration fees; interest charges; taxes; expenses connected with the execution, recording and settlement of security transactions; fees and expenses of the Fund's custodian for all services to the Fund, including safekeeping of funds and securities and maintaining required books and accounts; expenses of preparing and mailing reports to investors and to government offices and commissions; expenses of meetings of investors; fees and expenses of independent accountants, of legal counsel and of any transfer agent, registrar or dividend disbursing agent of the Trust; insurance premiums; and expenses of calculating the net asset value of, and the net income on, shares of the Fund. Shareholder servicing and distribution fees are allocated to specific classes of the Fund. In addition, the Fund may allocate transfer agency and certain other expenses by class. Service providers to the Fund may, from time to time, voluntarily waive all or a portion of any fees to which they are entitled.

# ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SHARES

The Fund is a portfolio of Mutual Fund Group, an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust in 1987 (the "Trust"). The Trust has reserved the right to create and issue additional series and classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The shares of each series or class participate equally in the earnings, dividends and assets of the particular series or class. Shares have no pre-emptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each whole share held, and each fractional share shall be entitled to a proportionate fractional vote, except that Trust shares held in the treasury of the Trust shall not be voted. Shares of each class of the Fund generally vote together except when required under federal securities laws to vote separately on matters that only affect a particular class, such as the approval of distribution plans for a particular class.

The Fund issues multiple classes of shares. This Prospectus relates only to Institutional Shares of the Fund, one class of shares offered by the Fund. Institutional Shares may be purchased only by qualified investors that make an initial investment of \$1,000,000 or more. "Qualified investors" are defined as institutions, trusts, partnerships, corporations, qualified and other retirement plans and fiduciary accounts opened by a bank, trust

company or thrift institution which exercises investment authority over such accounts. The Fund offers other classes of shares in addition to these classes. The categories of investors that are eligible to purchase shares may differ for each class of Fund shares. In addition, other classes of Fund shares may be subject to differences in sales charge arrangements, ongoing distribution and service fee levels, and levels of certain other expenses, which will affect the relative performance of the different classes. Investors may call 1-800-622-4273 to obtain additional information about other classes of shares of the Fund that are offered. Any person entitled to receive compensation for selling or servicing shares of the Fund may receive different levels of compensation with respect to one class of shares over another.

The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the general direction and supervision of its Board of Trustees. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders but will hold special meetings of shareholders of all series or classes when in the judgment of the Trustees it is necessary or desirable to submit matters for a shareholder vote. The Trustees will promptly call a meeting of shareholders to remove a trustee(s) when requested to do so in writing by record holders of not less than 10% of all outstanding shares of the Trust.

Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Trust itself was unable to meet its obligations.

### UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF MASTER/FEEDER FUND STRUCTURE

Unlike other mutual funds which directly acquire and manage their own portfolio securities, the Fund invests all of its investable assets in the Portfolio, a separate registered investment company. Therefore, a shareholder's interest in the Portfolio's securities is indirect. In addition to selling a beneficial interest to the Fund, the Portfolio may sell beneficial interests to other mutual funds or institutional investors. Such investors will invest in the Portfolio on the same terms and conditions and will pay a proportionate share of the Portfolio's expenses. However, other investors investing in the Portfolio are not required to sell their shares at the same public offering prices as the Fund, and may bear different levels of ongoing expenses than the Fund. Shareholders of the Fund should be aware that these differences may result in differences in returns experienced in the different funds that invest in the Portfolio. Such differences in returns are also present in other mutual fund structures.

Smaller funds investing in the Portfolio may be materially affected by the actions of larger funds investing in the Portfolio. For example, if a large fund withdraws from the Portfolio, the remaining funds may experience higher pro rata operating expenses, thereby producing lower returns.

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Additionally, the Portfolio may become less diverse, resulting in increased portfolio risk. However, this possibility also exists for traditionally structured funds which have large or institutional investors. Funds with a greater pro rata ownership in the Portfolio could have effective voting control of the operations of the Portfolio. Whenever the Trust is requested to vote on matters pertaining to the Portfolio, the Trust will hold a meeting of shareholders of the Fund and will cast all of its votes in the same proportion as do the Fund's shareholders. Shares of the Fund for which no voting instructions have been received will be voted in the same proportion as those shares for which voting instructions are received. Certain changes in the Portfolio's objective, policies or restrictions may require the Trust to withdraw the Fund's interest in the Portfolio. Any withdrawal could result in a distribution in kind of portfolio securities (as opposed to a cash distribution from the Portfolio). The Fund could incur brokerage fees or other transaction costs in converting such securities to cash. In addition, a distribution in kind may result in a less diversified portfolio of investments or adversely affect the liquidity of the Fund.

The same individuals who are disinterested Trustees of the Trust serve as Trustees of the Portfolio. The Trustees of the Trust, including a majority of the disinterested Trustees, have adopted procedures they believe are reasonably appropriate to deal with resulting potential conflicts of interest, up to and including creating a separate Board of Trustees.

Investors in the Fund may obtain information about whether an investment in the Portfolio may be available through other funds by calling the Vista Service Center at 1-800-622-4273.

### PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The Fund's investment performance may from time to time be included in advertisements about the Fund. Performance is calculated separately for each class of shares, in the manner described in the SAI. "Yield" for each class of shares is calculated by dividing the annualized net investment income per share during a recent 30-day period by the maximum public offering price per share of such class on the last day of that period.

"Total return" for the one-, five- and ten-year periods (or since inception, if shorter) through the most recent calendar quarter represents the average annual compounded rate of return on an investment of \$1,000 in the Fund invested at the public offering price. Total return may also be presented for other periods.

All performance data is based on the Fund's past investment results and does not predict future performance. Investment performance, which will vary, is based on many factors, including market conditions, the composition of the Fund's portfolio, the Fund's operating expenses and which class of shares you purchase. Investment performance also often reflects the risks associated with the Fund's investment objectives and policies. These factors should be considered when comparing the Fund's investment results to those of other

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mutual funds and other investment vehicles. Quotation of investment performance for any period when a fee waiver or expense limitation was in effect will be greater than if the waiver or limitation had not been in effect. The Fund's performance may be compared to other mutual funds, relevant indices and rankings prepared by independent services. See the SAI.

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Vista Family of Mutual Funds & Retirement Products

VISTA INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUNDS Southeast Asian Fund Japan Fund European Fund International Equity Fund

VISTA U.S. EQUITY FUNDS
Small Cap Equity Fund
The Growth Fund of Washington
Capital Growth Fund
Growth and Income Fund
Large Cap Equity Fund
Balanced Fund
Equity Income Fund

VISTA FIXED INCOME FUNDS Bond Fund U.S. Government Securities Fund U.S. Treasury Income Fund Short-Term Bond Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE FUNDS1 New York Tax Free Income Fund California Intermediate Tax Free Fund Tax Free Income Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(1,2)
New York Tax Free Money Market Fund
Connecticut Daily Tax Free Income Fund Select Shares(3)
New Jersey Daily Municipal Income Fund Select Shares(3)
Tax Free Money Market Fund
California Tax Free Money Market Fund

VISTA TAXABLE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(2) Cash Management Money Market Fund Federal Money Market Fund 100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund U.S. Government Money Market Fund Treasury Plus Money Market Fund

VISTA RETIREMENT PRODUCTS Vista Capital Advantage Variable Annuity(4) Vista 401(k) Advantage

For complete information on the Vista Mutual Funds or Retirement Products, including information about fees and expenses, call your investment professional or  $1-800-34-{\rm VISTA}$  for a prospectus. Please read it carefully before you invest or send money.

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(1) Some income may be subject to certain state and local taxes. A portion of the income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax for some investors.

(2) An investment in a Money Market Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Yields will fluctuate, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per share

(3) Vista Select Shares of these funds are not a part of, or affiliated with, the Vista Family of Mutual Funds. Reich & Tang Distributors L.P. and New England Investment Companies L.P., which are unaffiliated with Chase, are the funds' distributor and investment adviser, respectively.

(4) The variable annuity contract is issued by First SunAmerica Life Insurance Company in New York; in other states, but not necessarily all states, it is issued by Anchor National Life Insurance Company.

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PROSPECTUS
VISTA(SM) BALANCED FUND
CLASS A AND B SHARES

INVESTMENT STRATEGY: TOTAL RETURN

February 28, 1997

This Prospectus explains concisely what you should know before investing. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. You can find more detailed information about the Fund in its February 28, 1997 Statement of

Additional Information, as amended periodically (the "SAI"). For a free copy of the SAI, call the Vista Service Center at  $1-800-34-{\rm VISTA}$ . The SAI has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION, NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

INVESTMENTS IN THE FUND ARE NOT BANK DEPOSITS OR OBLIGATIONS OF, OR GUARANTEED OR ENDORSED BY, THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES AND ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FDIC, THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY. INVESTMENTS IN MUTUAL FUNDS INVOLVE RISK, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE LOSS OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT INVESTED.

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# EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses are one of several factors to consider when investing. The following table summarizes your costs from investing in the Fund based on expenses incurred in the most recent fiscal year. The examples show the cumulative expenses attributable to a hypothetical \$1,000 investment over specified periods.

_	Class A Shares	Class B Shares
Shareholder Transaction Expenses Maximum Sales Charge Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price) Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (as a percentage of the	4.50%	None
lower of original purchase price or redemption proceeds)*	None	5.00%

Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(as a percentage of average net assets)		
Investment Advisory Fee (after estimated waiver) **	0.15%	0.15%
12b-1 Fee***	0.25%	0.75%
Shareholder Servicing Fee (after estimated waiver,		
where indicated)	0.00%**	0.25%
Other Expenses	0.85%	0.85%
Total Fund Operating Expenses (after waivers of		
fees) **	1.25%	2.00%

Examples

Your investment of \$1,000 would incur

the following expenses, assuming 5% annual return:	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Class A Shares+ Class B Shares:	\$57	\$83	\$111	\$189
Assuming complete redemption at the				
end of the period++ +++	\$72	\$96	\$131	\$213
Assuming no redemptions+++	\$20	\$63	\$108	\$213

- \* The maximum deferred sales charge on Class B shares applies to redemptions during the first year after purchase; the charge generally declines by 1% annually thereafter (except in the fourth year), reaching zero after six years. See "Other Information Concerning the Fund."
- \*\* Reflects current waiver arrangements to maintain Total Fund Operating Expenses at the levels indicated in the table above. Absent such waivers, the Investment Advisory Fee would be 0.50% for Class A and Class B shares, the Shareholder Servicing Fee would be 0.25% for Class A shares, and Total Fund Operating Expenses would be 1.85% and 2.35% for Class A and Class B shares, respectively.
- \*\*\* Long-term shareholders in mutual funds with 12b-1 fees, such as Class A and Class B shareholders of the Fund, may pay more than the economic equivalent of the maximum front-end sales charge permitted by rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.
- + Assumes deduction at the time of purchase of the maximum sales charge.
- ++ Assumes deduction at the time of redemption of the maximum applicable deferred sales charge.
- +++ Ten-year figures assume conversion of Class B shares to Class A shares at the beginning of the ninth year after purchase. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares."

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The table is provided to help you understand the expenses of investing in the Fund and your share of the operating expenses that the Fund incurs. THE EXAMPLES SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED REPRESENTATIONS OF PAST OR FUTURE EXPENSES OR RETURNS; ACTUAL EXPENSES AND RETURNS MAY BE GREATER OR LESS THAN SHOWN.

Charges or credits, not reflected in the expense table above, may be incurred directly by customers of financial institutions in connection with an investment in the Fund. The Fund understands that Shareholder Servicing Agents may credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees amounts not exceeding such other fees or the fees received by the Shareholder Servicing Agent from the Fund with respect to those accounts. See "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The table set forth below provides selected per share data and ratios for both Class A and Class B shares outstanding for each period shown. This information is supplemented by and should be read in conjunction with financial statements and accompanying notes appearing in the Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, which is incorporated by reference into the SAI. Shareholders can obtain a copy of this Annual Report by contacting the Fund or their Shareholder Servicing Agent. The financial statements and notes, as well as the financial information set forth in the table below, have been audited by Price Waterhouse LLP, independent accountants, whose report thereon is also included in the Annual Report to Shareholders.

VISTA BALANCED FUND

<TABLE>

Class A Class B

					11/4/92*					11/4/93**		
	10/31/96	1	.0/31/95	1	0/31/94	1	0/31/93	10/31/96				
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Per Share Operating Performance												
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period		\$	11.09	\$	11.38	\$	10.00			11.03	\$	11.22
Income from Investment Operations: Net Investment Income Net Gains or (Losses) in Securities			0.382		0.356		0.410					0.345
(both realized and unrealized)			1.517		(0.187)		1.344			1.502		(0.117)
Total from Investment Operations			1.899				1.754			1.811		0.228
Less Distributions:												
Dividends from Net Investment Income			0.408		0.359		0.375			0.131		0.318
Distributions from Capital Gains			0.131				0.000			0.350		0.100
Total Distributions			0.539		0.459		0.375			0.481		0.418
Net Asset Value, End of Period		\$	12.45	\$	11.09	\$	11.38		\$	12.36	\$	11.03
Total Return(1)							17.74%					2.17%
Ratios/Supplemental Data:												
Net Assets, End of Period (000 omitted)		\$	33,733	\$	21,705	\$	13,920		\$	6,336	\$	3,543
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets#			1.06%		0.58%		0.00%			1.82%		1.50%
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets#			3.48%		3.21%		3.87%			2.68%		2.46%
Ratio of Expenses without waivers and assumption of expenses to Average Net												
Assets#			2.20%		2.20%		3.07%			2.72%		2.69%
Ratio of Net Investment Income without waivers and assumption of expenses to												
Average Net Assets#			2.34%		1.59%		0.80%			1.78%		1.24%
Portfolio Turnover Rate												

  |  | 68% |  | 77% |  | 65% |  |  | 68% |  | 77% |

- # Short periods have been annualized.
- \* Commencement of operations.
- \*\* Commencement of offering of shares.
- (1) Total return figures do not include the effect of any sales load on Class A shares or any contingent deferred sale charges on Class B shares.

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## FUND OBJECTIVE

Vista Balanced Fund seeks to maximize total return through long-term capital growth and current income. There is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its objective.

INVESTMENT POLICIES

Investment Approach

The Fund will invest in equity and debt securities. Under normal market conditions, 35% to 70% of the Fund's total assets will be invested in equity securities. The majority of the Fund's equity investments will be in well-known, established companies with market capitalizations of at least \$200 million which are traded on established securities markets or over-the-counter. The equity securities in which the Fund may invest include common stocks, preferred stocks, securities convertible into common and preferred stocks and warrants to purchase common stocks.

Under normal market conditions, at least 25% of the Fund's total assets will be invested in investment grade fixed-income securities. The fixed income securities in which the Fund may invest include non-convertible corporate debt securities and U.S. Government obligations. Corporate debt securities in which the Fund invests will be rated at the time of purchase in the category Baa or higher by Moody's Investors Service Inc. ("Moody's"), or BBB or higher by Standard & Poor's Corporation ("S&P") or the equivalent by another national rating organization, or, if unrated, determined by the Fund's advisers to be of comparable quality.

The Fund's advisers may alter the relative portion of the Fund's assets invested in equity and fixed income securities depending on their judgment as to general market and economic conditions and trends, yields and interest

rates and changes in monetary policies. The average maturity of the Fund's fixed income investments will vary based upon the advisers' assessment of the relative yields available on securities of different maturities.

The Fund may invest any portion of its assets not invested as described above in high quality money market instruments and repurchase agreements. For temporary defensive purposes, the Fund may invest without limitation in these instruments. To the extent that the Fund departs from its investment policies during temporary defensive periods, its investment objective may not be achieved.

The Fund is classified as a "diversified" fund under federal securities law.

Instead of investing directly in underlying securities, the Fund is authorized to seek to achieve its objective by investing all of its investable assets in another investment company having substantially the same investment objective and policies as the Fund.

WHO MAY WANT TO INVEST

This Fund may be most suitable for investors who...

[bullet] Are seeking the total return potential of equity and fixed-income securities

[bullet] Are investing for goals at least 3-5 years away

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[bullet] Own or plan to own other types of investments for diversification purposes

[bullet] Can assume a moderate degree of market risk of stocks and bonds

This Fund may NOT be appropriate for investors who are unable to tolerate moderate up and down price changes, are investing for short-term goals or who are in need of high growth potential.

OTHER INVESTMENT PRACTICES

The Fund may also engage in the following investment practices when consistent with its overall objective and policies. These practices, and certain associated risks, are more fully described in the SAI.

FOREIGN SECURITIES. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in foreign securities, including Depositary Receipts, described below. Since foreign securities are normally denominated and traded in foreign currencies, the values of the Fund's foreign investments may be influenced by currency exchange rates and exchange control regulations. There may be less information publicly available about foreign issuers than U.S. issuers, and they are not generally subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices comparable to those in the U.S. Foreign securities may be less liquid and more volatile than comparable U.S. securities. Foreign settlement procedures and trade regulations may involve certain expenses and risks. One risk would be the delay in payment or delivery of securities or in the recovery of the Fund's assets held abroad. It is possible that nationalization or expropriation of assets, imposition of currency exchange controls, taxation by withholding Fund assets, political or financial instability and diplomatic developments could affect the value of the Fund's investments in certain foreign countries. Foreign laws may restrict the ability to invest in certain countries or issuers and special tax considerations will apply to foreign securities. The risks can increase if the Fund invests in securities in emerging market securities.

The Fund may invest its assets in securities of foreign issuers in the form of American Depositary Receipts, European Depositary Receipts, Global Depositary Receipts or other similar securities representing securities of foreign issuers (collectively, "Depositary Receipts"). The Fund treats Depositary Receipts as interests in the underlying securities for purposes of its investment policies. The Fund will limit its investment in Depositary Receipts not sponsored by the issuer of the underlying securities to no more than 5% of the value of its net assets (at the time of investment).

SUPRANATIONAL AND ECU OBLIGATIONS. The Fund may invest in securities issued by supranational organizations, which include organizations such as The World Bank, the European Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the

Asian Development Bank. The Fund may also invest in securities denominated in the ECU, which is a "basket" consisting of specified amounts of the currencies of certain member states of the European Community. These securities are

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typically issued by European governments and supranational organizations.

U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS. The Fund may invest in obligations issued or quaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities.

MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest in cash or high-quality, short-term money market instruments. These may include U.S. Government securities, commercial paper of domestic and foreign issuers and obligations of domestic and foreign banks. Investments in foreign money market instruments may involve certain risks associated with foreign investment.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS, SECURITIES LOANS AND FORWARD COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into agreements to purchase and resell securities at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund also has the ability to lend portfolio securities in an amount equal to not more than 30% of its total assets to generate additional income. These transactions must be fully collateralized at all times. The Fund may purchase securities for delivery at a future date, which may increase its overall investment exposure and involves a risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction.

BORROWINGS AND REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. The Fund may borrow money from banks for temporary or short-term purposes, but will not borrow money to buy additional securities, known as "leveraging." The Fund may also sell and simultaneously commit to repurchase a portfolio security at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund may use this practice to generate cash for shareholder redemptions without selling securities in a down market. Whenever the Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will establish a segregated account in which it will maintain liquid assets on a daily basis in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest). The Fund would be required to pay interest on amounts obtained through reverse repurchase agreements, which are considered borrowings under federal securities laws.

STAND-BY COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into put transactions, including those sometimes referred to as stand-by commitments, with respect to securities in its portfolio. In these transactions, the Fund would acquire the right to sell a security at an agreed upon price within a specified period prior to its maturity date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction. A put transaction will increase the cost of the underlying security and consequently reduce the available yield.

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CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES. The Fund may invest in convertible securities, which are securities generally offering fixed interest or dividend yields which may be converted either at a stated price or stated rate for common or preferred stock. Although to a lesser extent than with fixed-income securities generally, the market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase, and increase as interest rates decline. Because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities also tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying common or preferred stock.

OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its total assets in shares of other investment companies when consistent with its investment objective and policies, subject to applicable regulatory limitations. Additional fees may be charged by other investment companies.

ZERO COUPON SECURITIES, PAYMENT-IN-KIND OBLIGATIONS AND STRIPPED OBLIGATIONS. The Fund may invest in zero coupon securities issued by governmental and private issuers. Zero coupon securities are debt securities that do not pay regular interest payments, and instead are sold at substantial discounts from their value at maturity. Payment-in-kind obligations are obligations on which the interest is payable in additional securities rather than cash. The Fund

may also invest in stripped obligations, which are separately traded principal and interest components of an underlying obligation. The value of these instruments tends to fluctuate more in response to changes in interest rates than the value of ordinary interest-paying debt securities with similar maturities. The risk is greater when the period to maturity is longer.

INVERSE FLOATERS AND INTEREST RATE CAPS. The Fund may invest in inverse floaters and in securities with interest rate caps. Inverse floaters are instruments whose interest rates bear an inverse relationship to the interest rate on another security or the value of an index. The market value of an inverse floater will vary inversely with changes in market interest rates, and will be more volatile in response to interest rates changes than that of a fixed-rate obligation. Interest rate caps are financial instruments under which payments occur if an interest rate index exceeds a certain predetermined interest rate level, known as the cap rate, which is tied to a specific index. These financial products will be more volatile in price than securities which do not include such a structure.

MORTGAGE-RELATED SECURITIES. The Fund may invest in mortgage-related securities. Mortgage pass-through securities are securities representing interests in "pools" of mortgages in which payments of both interest and principal on the securities are made monthly, in effect "passing through" monthly payments made by the individual borrowers on the residential mortgage loans which underlie the securities. Early repayment of principal on mortgage

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pass-through securities held by the Fund (due to prepayments of principal on the underlying mortgage loans) may result in a lower rate of return when the Fund reinvests such principal. In addition, as with callable fixed-income securities generally, if the Fund purchased the securities at a premium, sustained early repayment would limit the value of the premium. Like other fixed-income securities, when interest rates rise the value of a mortgage-related security generally will decline; however, when interest rates decline, the value of mortgage-related securities with prepayment features may not increase as much as other fixed-income, fixed-maturity securities which have no prepayment or call features.

Payment of principal and interest on some mortgage pass-through securities (but not the market value of the securities themselves) may be guaranteed by the U.S. Government, or by agencies or instrumentalities of the U.S. Government (which guarantees are supported only by the discretionary authority of the U.S. Government to purchase the agency's obligations). Certain mortgage pass-through securities created by nongovernmental issuers may be supported by various forms of insurance or guarantees, while other such securities may be backed only by the underlying mortgage collateral.

The Fund may also invest in investment grade Collateralized Mortgage Obligations ("CMOs"), which are hybrid instruments with characteristics of both mortgage-backed bonds and mortgage pass-through securities. Similar to a bond, interest and prepaid principal on a CMO are paid, in most cases, monthly. CMOs may be collateralized by whole residential or commercial mortgage loans but are more typically collateralized by portfolios of mortgage pass-through securities guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities. CMOs are structured into multiple classes, with each class having a different expected average life and/or stated maturity. Monthly payments of principal, including prepayments, are allocated to different classes in accordance with the terms of the instruments, and changes in prepayment rates or assumptions may significantly affect the expected average life and value of a particular class.

Stripped mortgage-backed securities have greater volatility than other types of mortgage-related securities. Stripped mortgage-backed securities which are purchased at a substantial premium or discount generally are extremely sensitive not only to changes in prevailing interest rates but also to the rate of principal payments (including prepayments) on the related underlying mortgage assets, and a rapid rate of principal payments may have a material adverse effect on such securities' yield to maturity. In addition, stripped mortgage securities may be illiquid.

The Fund expects that governmental, government-related or private entities may create other mortgage-related securities in addition to those described above. As new types of mortgage-related securities are developed and offered

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to investors, the Fund will consider making investments in such securities.

DOLLAR ROLLS. The Fund may enter into mortgage "dollar rolls" in which the Fund sells mortgage-backed securities for delivery in the current month and simultaneously contracts to repurchase substantially similar (same type, coupon and maturity) securities on a specified future date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from completing the transaction.

ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES. The Fund may invest in asset-backed securities, which represent a participation in, or are secured by and payable from, a stream of payments generated by particular assets, most often a pool of assets similar to one another, such as motor vehicle receivables or credit card receivables.

DERIVATIVES AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest its assets in derivative and related instruments to hedge various market risks or to increase the Fund's income or gain. Some of these instruments will be subject to asset segregation requirements to cover the Fund's obligations. The Fund may (i) purchase, write and exercise call and put options on securities and securities indexes (including using options in combination with securities, other options or derivative instruments); (ii) enter into swaps, futures contracts and options on futures contracts; (iii) employ forward currency and interest rate contracts; and (iv) purchase and sell structured products, which are instruments designed to restructure or reflect the characteristics of certain other investments.

There are a number of risks associated with the use of derivatives and related instruments and no assurance can be given that any strategy will succeed. The value of certain derivatives or related instruments in which the Fund invests may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing economic conditions and market value. The ability of the Fund to successfully utilize these instruments may depend in part upon the ability of its advisers to forecast these factors correctly. Inaccurate forecasts could expose the Fund to a risk of loss. There can be no quarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in a hedging instrument and in the portfolio assets being hedged. The Fund is not required to use any hedging strategies. Hedging strategies, while reducing risk of loss, can also reduce the opportunity for gain. Derivatives transactions not involving hedging may have speculative characteristics, involve leverage and result in losses that may exceed the original investment of the Fund. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Fund seeks to close out a derivatives position. Activities of large traders in the futures and securities markets involving arbitrage, "program trading," and other investment strategies may cause price distortions in derivatives markets. In certain instances, particularly those involving over-the-counter transactions or forward contracts, there is a greater potential that a

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counterparty or broker may default. In the event of a default, the Fund may experience a loss. For additional information concerning derivatives, related instruments and the associated risks, see the SAI.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER. The frequency of the Fund's buy and sell transactions will vary from year to year. The Fund's investment policies may lead to frequent changes in investments, particularly in periods of rapidly changing market conditions. High portfolio turnover rates would generally result in higher transaction costs, including brokerage commissions or dealer mark-ups, and would make it more difficult for the Fund to qualify as a registered investment company under federal tax law. See "How Distributions are Made; Tax Information."

# LIMITING INVESTMENT RISKS

Specific investment restrictions help the Fund limit investment risks for its shareholders. These restrictions prohibit the Fund from: (a) with respect to 75% of its total assets, holding more than 10% of the voting securities of any issuer or investing more than 5% of its total assets in the securities of any one issuer (other than U.S. Government obligations); (b) investing more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (which include securities restricted as to resale unless they are determined to be readily marketable in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees); or (c) investing more than 25% of its total asset in any one industry. A complete description of these and other investment policies is included in the SAI. Except for the Fund's investment objective, restriction (c) above and investment policies designated as fundamental in the SAI, the Fund's investment policies are not fundamental. The Trustees may change any nonfundamental investment policy without shareholder approval.

The Fund does not constitute a complete investment program, and the net asset value of its shares will fluctuate based on the value of the securities in the Fund's portfolio. The Fund is subject to the general risks and considerations associated with equity and fixed income investing, as well as the risks discussed herein.

The performance of the Fund depends in part on interest rate changes. As interest rates increase, the value of the fixed income securities held by the Fund tends to decrease. The performance of the Fund will also depend on the quality of its investments. While securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government generally are of high quality, the other fixed income securities in which the Fund may invest, while of investment-grade quality, may be of lesser credit quality. Securities rated in the category Baa by Moody's or BBB by S&P lack certain investment characteristics and may have speculative characteristics.

The Fund may invest in the securities of smaller companies, which often trade less frequently and in lower volume. Consequently, price changes may be more abrupt or erratic than securities of larger, more established companies. Such companies may have limited

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product lines, markets or financial resources, or may depend on a limited management group.

For a discussion of certain other risks associated with the Fund's additional investment activities, see "Other Investment Practices" above.

#### MANAGEMENT

THE FUND'S ADVISERS

The Chase Manhattan Bank ("Chase") is the Fund's investment adviser under an Investment Advisory Agreement and has overall responsibility for investment decisions of the Fund, subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees. Chase is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation, a bank holding company. CHASE AND ITS PREDECESSORS HAVE OVER 100 YEARS OF MONEY MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE.

For its investment advisory services to the Fund, Chase is entitled to receive an annual fee computed daily and paid monthly based at an annual rate equal to 0.50% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Chase is located at 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Chase Asset Management, Inc. ("CAM"), a registered investment adviser, is the Fund's sub-investment adviser under a Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement between CAM and Chase. CAM is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Chase. CAM makes investment decisions for the Fund on a day-to-day basis. For these services, CAM is entitled to receive a fee, payable by Chase from its advisory fee, at an annual rate equal to 0.25% of the Fund's average daily net assets. CAM was recently formed for the purpose of providing discretionary investment advisory services to institutional clients and to consolidate Chase's investment management function. The same individuals who serve as portfolio managers for Chase also serve as portfolio managers for CAM. CAM is located at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS. Susan Huang and Greg Adams, Vice Presidents of Chase, have been responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund's portfolio since June 1996, and its inception in 1993, respectively. Ms. Huang is responsible for developing the allocation and risk management strategy for U.S. fixed income portfolios, and managing the institutional U.S. fixed income assets under management. Prior to joining Chase in June of 1995, Ms. Huang was Director of the Insurance Asset Management Group at Hyperion Capital Management Inc. Prior to joining Hyperion, Ms. Huang was a senior portfolio manager with CS First Boston. Prior to joining CS First Boston in 1992, Ms. Huang spent 14 years at The Equitable, where she worked in the pension consulting group and the U.S. Fixed Income Management Group. Ms. Huang is also a manager of the Vista Bond Fund, Vista Short-Term Bond Fund, Vista U.S. Government Securities Fund and Vista U.S. Treasury Income Fund. Mr. Adams joined Chase in 1987 and oversees the equity trading of the Fund and is a manager of the Vista Growth

and Income Portfolio and Vista Large Cap Equity Fund. Donald Quigley also participates in the management of the Fund. Mr. Quigley joined Chase in 1993 and is a member of the quantitative unit of the fixed income management team. Prior to joining Chase, Mr. Quigly was employed with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for six years, where he was responsible for trading the corporate and asset backed sectors of the fixed income markets.

ABOUT YOUR INVESTMENT

CHOOSING A SHARE CLASS

CLASS A SHARES. An investor who purchases Class A shares pays a sales charge at the time of purchase. As a result, Class A shares are not subject to any sales charges when they are redeemed. Certain purchases of Class A shares qualify for reduced sales charges. Class A shares have lower combined 12b-1 and service fees than Class B shares. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares" and "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

CLASS B SHARES. Class B shares are sold without an initial sales charge, but are subject to a contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") if redeemed within a specified period after purchase. Class B shares also have higher combined 12b-1 and service fees than Class A shares.

Class B shares automatically convert into Class A shares, based on relative net asset value, at the beginning of the ninth year after purchase. For more information about the conversion of Class B shares, see the SAI. This discussion will include information about how shares acquired through reinvestment of distributions are treated for conversion purposes. Class B shares provide an investor the benefit of putting all of the investor's dollars to work from the time the investment is made. Until conversion, Class B shares will have a higher expense ratio and pay lower dividends than Class A shares because of the higher combined 12b-1 and service fees. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares" and "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

#### WHICH ARRANGEMENT IS BEST FOR YOU?

The decision as to which class of shares provides a more suitable investment for you depends on a number of factors, including the amount and intended length of the investment. If you are making an investment that qualifies for reduced sales charges, you might consider Class A shares. If you prefer not to pay an initial sales charge you might consider Class B shares. In almost all cases, if you are planning to purchase \$250,000 or more of the Fund's shares you will pay lower aggregate charges and expenses by purchasing Class A shares.

HOW TO BUY, SELL AND EXCHANGE SHARES

HOW TO BUY SHARES

You can open a Fund account with as little as \$2,500 for regular accounts or \$1,000 for IRAs, SEP-IRAs and the Systematic Investment Plan. Additional investments can be made at any time with as little as \$100. You can buy Fund shares three ways—through an investment

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representative, through the Fund's distributor by calling the Vista Service Center, or through the Systematic Investment Plan.

All purchases made by check should be in U.S. dollars and made payable to the Vista Funds. Third party checks, credit cards and cash will not be accepted. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order or cease offering shares for purchase at any time. When purchases are made by check, redemptions will not be allowed until the purchase check clears, which may take 15 calendar days or longer. In addition, the redemption of shares purchased through Automated Clearing House (ACH) will not be allowed until your payment clears, which may take 7 business days or longer.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH THE FUND'S DISTRIBUTOR. Complete and return the

enclosed application and your check in the amount you wish to invest to the Vista Service Center.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH SYSTEMATIC INVESTING. You can make regular investments of \$100 or more per transaction through automatic periodic deduction from your bank checking or savings account. Shareholders electing to start this Systematic Investment Plan when opening an account should complete Section 8 of the account application. Current shareholders may begin such a plan at any time by sending a signed letter and a deposit slip or voided check to the Vista Service Center. Call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions.

Shares are purchased at the public offering price, which is based on the net asset value next determined after the Vista Service Center receives your order in proper form. In most cases, in order to receive that day's public offering price, the Vista Service Center must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange. If you buy shares through your investment representative, the representative must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's public offering price. Orders for shares are accepted by the Fund after funds are converted to federal funds. Orders paid by check and received by 2:00 p.m., Eastern Timewill generally be available for the purchase of shares the following business day.

If you are considering redeeming or exchanging shares or transferring shares to another person shortly after purchase, you should pay for those shares with a certified check to avoid any delay in redemption, exchange or transfer. Otherwise the Fund may delay payment until the purchase price of those shares has been collected or, if you redeem by telephone, until 15 calendar days after the purchase date. To eliminate the need for safekeeping, the Fund will not issue certificates for your Class A shares unless you request them. Due to the conversion feature of Class B shares, certificates for Class B shares will not be issued and all Class B shares will be held in book entry form.

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#### CLASS A SHARES

The public offering price of Class A shares is the net asset value plus a sales charge that varies depending on the size of your purchase. The Fund receives the net asset value. The sales charge is allocated between your broker-dealer and the Fund's distributor as shown in the following table, except when the Fund's distributor, in its discretion, allocates the entire amount to your broker-dealer.

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Sales charge as a percentage of:

# Amount of transaction at offering price(\$) Offering price Net amount reallowed to dealers as a percentage of offering price <S> C> Under 100,000 4.50 4.71 4.00 100,000 but under 250,000 2.50 2.50 2.50 3.75 3.90 3.25 2.50,000 but under 500,000 2.50 2.50 2.04 1.75 </Table>

There is no initial sales charge on purchases of Class A shares of \$1 million or more.

The Fund's distributor pays broker-dealers commissions on net sales of Class A shares of \$1 million or more based on an investor's cumulative purchases. Such commissions are paid at the rate of 0.75% of the amount under \$2.5 million, 0.50% of the next \$7.5 million, 0.25% of the next \$40 million and 0.15% thereafter. The Fund's distributor may withhold such payments with respect to short-term investments.

# CLASS B SHARES

Class B shares are sold without an initial sales charge, although a CDSC will be imposed if you redeem shares within a specified period after purchase, as shown in the table below. The following types of shares may be redeemed without charge at any time: (i) shares acquired by reinvestment of distributions and (ii) shares otherwise exempt from the CDSC, as described below. For other shares, the amount of the charge is determined as a percentage of the lesser of the current market value or the purchase price of shares being redeemed.

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+
CDSC	5%	4%	3%	3%	2%	1%	0%	0%

In determining whether a CDSC is payable on any redemption, the Fund will first redeem shares not subject to any charge, and then shares held longest during the CDSC period. When a share that has appreciated in value is redeemed during the CDSC period, a CDSC is assessed only on its initial purchase price. For information on how sales charges are calculated if you exchange your shares, see "How to Exchange Your Shares." The Fund's distributor pays broker-dealers a commission of 4.00% of the offering price on sales of Class B shares, and the distributor receives the entire amount of any CDSC you pay.

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#### GENERAL

You may be eligible to buy Class A shares at reduced sales charges. Consult your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for details about Vista's combined purchase privilege, cumulative quantity discount, statement of intention, group sales plan, employee benefit plans, and other plans. Descriptions are also included in the enclosed application and in the SAI. In addition, sales charges are waived if you are using redemption proceeds received within the prior ninety days from non-Vista mutual funds to buy your shares, and on which you paid a front-end or contingent deferred sales charge.

Some participant-directed employee benefit plans participate in a "multifund" program which offers both Vista and non-Vista mutual funds. With Board of Trustee approval, the money that is invested in Vista Funds may be combined with the other mutual funds in the same program when determining the Plan's eligibility to buy Class A shares without a sales charge. These investments will also be included for purposes of the discount privileges and programs described above.

The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge to the current and retired Trustees (and their immediate families), current and retired employees (and their immediate families) of Chase, the Fund's distributor and transfer agent or any affiliates or subsidiaries thereof, registered representatives and other employees (and their immediate families) of broker-dealers having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor, employees (and their immediate families) of financial institutions having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor (or otherwise having an arrangement with a broker-dealer or financial institution with respect to sales of Vista fund shares), financial institution trust departments investing an aggregate of \$1 million or more in the Vista Family of Funds and clients of certain administrators of tax-qualified plans when proceeds from repayments of loans to participants are invested (or reinvested) in the Vista Family of Funds.

No initial sales charge will apply to the purchase of the Fund's Class A shares if you are investing the proceeds of a qualified retirement plan where a portion of the plan was invested in the Vista Family of Funds, any qualified retirement plan with 50 or more participants, or an individual participant in a tax-qualified plan making a tax-free rollover or transfer of assets from the plan in which Chase or an affiliate serves as trustee or custodian of the plan or manages some portion of the plan's assets.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge through an investment adviser or financial planner that charges a fee for its services. Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge (i) by an investment adviser, broker or financial planner, provided arrangements are preapproved and purchases are placed through an omnibus account with the Fund or (ii) by clients of such investment adviser or financial

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planner who place trades for their own accounts, if such accounts are linked to a master account of such investment adviser or financial planner on the books and records of the broker or agent. Such purchases may also be made for retirement and deferred compensation plans and trusts used to fund those plans.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge in accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution

which is acting as a fiduciary exercising investment discretion, provided that appropriate notification of such fiduciary relationship is reported at the time of the investment to the Fund, the Fund's distributor or the Vista Service Center.

Shareholders of record of any Vista fund as of November 30, 1990 and certain immediate family members may purchase the Fund's Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own Class A shares of any Vista fund, provided there is no change in account registration. Shareholders of record of any portfolio of The Hanover Funds, Inc. or The Hanover Investment Funds, Inc. as of May 3, 1996 and certain related investors may purchase the Fund's Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own shares of any Vista fund following this date, provided there is no change in account registration.

The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge in connection with the acquisition by the Fund of assets of an investment company or personal holding company. The CDSC will be waived on redemption of Class B shares arising out of death or disability or in connection with certain withdrawals from IRA or other retirement plans. Up to 12% of the value of Class B shares subject to a systematic withdrawal plan may also be redeemed each year without a CDSC, provided that the Class B account had a minimum balance of \$20,000 at the time the systematic withdrawal plan was established. The SAI contains additional information about purchasing the Fund's shares at reduced sales charges.

The Fund reserves the right to change any of these policies on purchases without an initial sales charge at any time and may reject any such purchase request.

For shareholders that bank with Chase, Chase may aggregate investments in the Vista Funds with balances held in Chase bank accounts for purposes of determining eligibility for certain bank privileges that are based on specified minimum balance requirements, such as reduced or no fees for certain banking services or preferred rates on loans and deposits. Chase and certain broker-dealers and other shareholder servicing agents may, at their own expense, provide gifts, such as computer software packages, guides and books related to investment or additional Fund shares valued up to \$250 to their customers that invest in the Vista Funds.

Shareholders of other Vista funds may be entitled to exchange their shares for, or reinvest distributions from their funds in, shares of the Fund at net asset value.

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# HOW TO SELL SHARES

You can sell your Fund shares any day the New York Stock Exchange is open, either directly to the Fund or through your investment representative. The Fund will only forward redemption payments on shares for which it has collected payment of the purchase price.

SELLING SHARES DIRECTLY TO THE FUND. Send a signed letter of instruction to the Vista Service Center, along with any certificates that represent shares you want to sell. The price you will receive is the next net asset value calculated after the Fund receives your request in proper form, less any applicable CDSC. In order to receive that day's net asset value, the Vista Service Center must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

If you sell shares having a net asset value of \$100,000 or more, the signatures of registered owners or their legal representatives must be guaranteed by a bank, broker-dealer or certain other financial institutions. See the SAI for more information about where to obtain a signature guarantee.

If you want your redemption proceeds sent to an address other than your address as it appears on Vista's records, a signature guarantee is required. The Fund may require additional documentation for the sale of shares by a corporation, partnership, agent or fiduciary, or a surviving joint owner. Contact the Vista Service Center for details.

DELIVERY OF PROCEEDS. The Fund generally sends you payment for your shares the business day after your request is received in proper form, assuming the Fund has collected payment of the purchase price of your shares. Under unusual circumstances, the Fund may suspend redemptions, or postpone payment for more than seven days, as permitted by federal securities law.

TELEPHONE REDEMPTIONS. You may use Vista's Telephone Redemption Privilege to redeem shares from your account unless you have notified the Vista Service

Center of an address change within the preceding 30 days. Telephone redemption requests in excess of \$25,000 will only be made by wire to a bank account on record with the Fund. Unless an investor indicates otherwise on the account application, the Fund will be authorized to act upon redemption and transfer instructions received by telephone from a shareholder, or any person claiming to act as his or her representative, who can provide the Fund with his or her account registration and address as it appears on the Fund's records.

The Vista Service Center will employ these and other reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine; if it fails to employ reasonable procedures, the Fund may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. An investor agrees, however, that to the extent permitted by applicable law, neither the Fund nor its agents will be liable for any loss, liability, cost or expense arising out of any redemption request, including any fraudulent or unauthorized request. For information, consult the Vista Service Center.

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During periods of unusual market changes and shareholder activity, you may experience delays in contacting the Vista Service Center by telephone. In this event, you may wish to submit a written redemption request, as described above, or contact your investment representative. The Telephone Redemption Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. The Telephone Redemption Privilege may be modified or terminated without notice.

SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL. You can make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more (\$100 or more for Class B accounts) monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan for Class A accounts. Call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions.

SELLING SHARES THROUGH YOUR INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVE. Your investment representative must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's net asset value. Your investment representative will be responsible for furnishing all necessary documentation to the Vista Service Center, and may charge you for its services.

INVOLUNTARY REDEMPTION OF ACCOUNTS. The Fund may involuntarily redeem your shares if at such time the aggregate net asset value of the shares in your account is less than \$500 or if you purchase through the Systematic Investment Plan and fail to meet the Fund's investment minimum within a twelve month period. In the event of any such redemption, you will receive at least 60 days notice prior to the redemption. In the event the Fund redeems Class B shares pursuant to this provision, no CDSC will be imposed.

## HOW TO EXCHANGE YOUR SHARES

You can exchange your shares for shares of the same class of certain other Vista funds at net asset value beginning 15 days after purchase. Not all Vista funds offer all classes of shares. The prospectus of the other Vista fund into which shares are being exchanged should be read carefully and retained for future reference. If you exchange shares subject to a CDSC, the transaction will not be subject to the CDSC. However, when you redeem the shares acquired through the exchange, the redemption may be subject to the CDSC, depending upon when you originally purchased the shares. The CDSC will be computed using the schedule of any fund into or from which you have exchanged your shares that would result in your paying the highest CDSC applicable to your class of shares. In computing the CDSC, the length of time you have owned your shares will be measured from the date of original purchase and will not be affected by any exchange.

EXCHANGING TO MONEY MARKET FUNDS. An exchange of Class B shares into any of the Vista money market funds other than the Class B shares of the Vista Prime Money Market Fund will be treated as a redemption—and therefore

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subject to the conditions of the CDSC--and a subsequent purchase. Class B shares of any Vista non-money market fund may be exchanged into the Class B shares of the Vista Prime Money Market Fund in order to continue the aging of the initial purchase of such shares.

For federal income tax purposes, an exchange is treated as a sale of shares and generally results in a capital gain or loss.

EXCHANGING BY PHONE. A Telephone Exchange Privilege is currently available. Call the Vista Service Center for procedures for telephone transactions. The Telephone Exchange Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. Ask your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for prospectuses of other Vista funds. Shares of certain Vista funds are not available to residents of all states.

EXCHANGE PARAMETERS. The exchange privilege is not intended as a vehicle for short-term trading. Excessive exchange activity may interfere with portfolio management and have an adverse effect on all shareholders. In order to limit excessive exchange activity and in other circumstances where Vista management or the Trustees believe doing so would be in the best interests of the Fund, the Fund reserves the right to revise or terminate the exchange privilege, limit the amount or number of exchanges or reject any exchange. In addition, any shareholder who makes more than ten exchanges of shares involving the Fund in a year or three in a calendar quarter will be charged a \$5.00 administration fee for each such exchange. Shareholders would be notified of any such action to the extent required by law. Consult the Vista Service Center before requesting an exchange. See the SAI to find out more about the exchange privilege.

REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE. Upon written request, Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value to within 90 calendar days of the redemption. The reinstatement request must be accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption), and shares will be purchased at the next determined net asset value. Class B shareholders who have redeemed their shares and paid a CDSC with such redemption may purchase Class A shares with no initial sales charge (in an amount not in excess of their redemption proceeds) if the purchase occurs within 90 days of the redemption of the Class B shares.

#### HOW THE FUND VALUES ITS SHARES

The net asset value of each class of the Fund's shares is determined once daily based upon prices determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, however, options are priced at 4:15 p.m., Eastern time), on each business day of the Fund, by dividing the net assets of the Fund attributable to that class by the total number of outstanding shares of that class. Values of assets held by the Fund are determined on

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the basis of their market or other fair value, as described in the SAI.

#### HOW DISTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE; TAX INFORMATION

The Fund distributes any net investment income at least quarterly and any net realized capital gains at least annually. Capital gains are distributed after deducting any available capital loss carryovers. Distributions paid by the Fund with respect to Class A shares will generally be greater than those paid with respect to Class B shares because expenses attributable to Class B shares will generally be higher.

DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT OPTION. You can choose from three distribution options: (1) reinvest all distributions in additional Fund shares without a sales charge; (2) receive distributions from net investment income in cash or by ACH to a pre-established bank account while reinvesting capital gains distributions in additional shares without a sales charge; or (3) receive all distributions in cash or by ACH. You can change your distribution option by notifying the Vista Service Center in writing. IF YOU DO NOT SELECT AN OPTION WHEN YOU OPEN YOUR ACCOUNT, ALL DISTRIBUTIONS WILL BE REINVESTED. All distributions not paid in cash or by ACH will be reinvested in shares of the same share class. You will receive a statement confirming reinvestment of distributions in additional Fund shares promptly following the quarter in which the reinvestment occurs.

If a check representing a Fund distribution is not cashed within a specified period, the Vista Service Center will notify you that you have the option of requesting another check or reinvesting the distribution in the Fund or in another Vista fund without a sales charge. If the Vista Service Center does not receive your election, the distribution will be reinvested in the Fund. Similarly, if the Fund or the Vista Service Center sends you correspondence returned as "undeliverable," distributions will automatically be reinvested in the Fund.

The Fund intends to qualify as a "regulated investment company" for federal income tax purposes and to meet all other requirements that are necessary for

it to be relieved of federal taxes on income and gains it distributes to shareholders. The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gain net income on a current basis. If the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company for any taxable year or does not make such distributions, the Fund will be subject to tax on all of its income and gains.

TAXATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS. Fund distributions other than net long-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions of net long-term capital gains will be taxable as such, regardless of how long you have held the shares. The taxation of your distribution is the same whether received in cash or in shares through the reinvestment of distributions.

You should carefully consider the tax implications of purchasing shares just prior to a distribution. This is because you will be taxed on the entire amount of the

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distribution received, even though the net asset value per share will be higher on the date of such purchase as it will include the distribution amount.

Early in each calendar year the Fund will notify you of the amount and tax status of distributions paid to you by the Fund for the preceding year.

The above is only a summary of certain federal income tax consequences of investing in the Fund. You should consult your tax adviser to determine the precise effect of an investment in the Fund on your particular tax situation (including possible liability for state and local taxes and, for foreign shareholders, U.S. withholding taxes).

OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FUND

DISTRIBUTION PLANS

The Fund's distributor is Vista Fund Distributors, Inc. ("VFD"). VFD is a subsidiary of The BISYS Group, Inc. and is unaffiliated with Chase. The Trust has adopted Rule 12b-1 distribution plans for Class A and Class B shares, which provide for the payment of distribution fees at annual rates of up to 0.25% and 0.75% of the average daily net assets attributable to Class A and Class B shares of the Fund, respectively. Payments under the distribution plans shall be used to compensate or reimburse the Fund's distributor and broker-dealers for services provided and expenses incurred in connection with the sale of Class A and Class B shares, and are not tied to the amount of actual expenses incurred. Payments may be used to compensate broker-dealers with trail or maintenance commissions at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of the average daily net asset value of Class A or Class B shares invested in the Fund by customers of these broker-dealers. Trail or maintenance commissions are paid to broker-dealers beginning the 13th month following the purchase of shares by their customers. Promotional activities for the sale of Class A and Class B shares will be conducted generally by the Vista Family of Funds, and activities intended to promote the Fund's Class A or Class B shares may also benefit the Fund's other shares and other Vista funds.

VFD may provide promotional incentives to broker-dealers that meet specified sales targets for one or more Vista funds. These incentives may include gifts of up to \$100 per person annually; an occasional meal, ticket to a sporting event or theater for entertainment for broker-dealers and their guests; and payment or reimbursement for travel expenses, including lodging and meals, in connection with attendance at training and educational meetings within and outside the U.S.

#### SHAREHOLDER SERVICING AGENTS

The Trust has entered into shareholder servicing agreements with certain shareholder servicing agents (including Chase) under which the shareholder servicing agents have agreed to provide certain support services to their customers who beneficially own Class A or Class B shares of the Fund. These services include assisting with purchase and redemption transactions,

maintaining shareholder accounts and records, furnishing customer statements, transmitting shareholder reports and communications to customers and other similar shareholder liaison services. For performing these services, each shareholder servicing agent receives an annual fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Class A and Class B shares of the Fund held by investors for whom the shareholder servicing agent maintains a servicing relationship. Shareholder servicing agents may subcontract with other parties for the provision of shareholder support services.

Shareholder servicing agents may offer additional services to their customers, such as pre-authorized or systematic purchase and redemption plans. Each shareholder servicing agent may establish its own terms and conditions, including limitations on the amounts of subsequent transactions, with respect to such services. Certain shareholder servicing agents may (although they are not required by the Trust to do so) credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees an amount not exceeding such other fees or the fees for their services as shareholder servicing agents.

Chase and/or VFD may from time to time, at their own expense out of compensation retained by them from the Fund or other sources available to them, make additional payments to certain selected dealers or other shareholder servicing agents for performing administrative services for their customers. These services include maintaining account records, processing orders to purchase, redeem and exchange Fund shares and responding to certain customer inquiries. The amount of such compensation may be up to an additional 0.10% annually of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to shares of the Fund held by customers of such shareholder servicing agents. Such compensation does not represent an additional expense to the Fund or its shareholders, since it will be paid by Chase and/or VFD.

#### ADMINISTRATOR AND SUB-ADMINISTRATOR

Chase acts as the Fund's administrator and is entitled to receive a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

VFD provides certain sub-administrative services to the Fund pursuant to a distribution and sub-administration agreement and is entitled to receive a fee for these services from the Fund at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of the Fund's average daily net assets. VFD has agreed to use a portion of this fee to pay for certain expenses incurred in connection with organizing new series of the Trust and certain other ongoing expenses of the Trust. VFD is located at 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10178.

#### CUSTODIAN

Chase acts as the Fund's custodian and fund accountant and receives compensation under an agreement with the Trust. Fund securities and cash may be held by sub-custodian

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banks if such arrangements are reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

# EXPENSES

The Fund pays the expenses incurred in its operations, including its pro rata share of expenses of the Trust. These expenses include investment advisory and administrative fees; the compensation of the Trustees; registration fees; interest charges; taxes; expenses connected with the execution, recording and settlement of security transactions; fees and expenses of the Fund's custodian for all services to the Fund, including safekeeping of funds and securities and maintaining required books and accounts; expenses of preparing and mailing reports to investors and to government offices and commissions; expenses of meetings of investors; fees and expenses of independent accountants, of legal counsel and of any transfer agent, registrar or dividend disbursing agent of the Trust; insurance premiums; and expenses of calculating the net asset value of, and the net income on, shares of the Fund. Shareholder servicing and distribution fees are allocated to specific classes of the Fund. In addition, the Fund may allocate transfer agency and certain other expenses by class. Service providers to the Fund may, from time to time, voluntarily waive all or a portion of any fees to which they are

#### ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SHARES

The Fund is a portfolio of Mutual Fund Group, an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust in 1987 (the "Trust"). The Trust has reserved the right to create and issue additional

series and classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The shares of each series or class participate equally in the earnings, dividends and assets of the particular series or class. Shares have no preemptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each whole share held, and each fractional share shall be entitled to a proportionate fractional vote, except that Trust shares held in the treasury of the Trust shall not be voted. Shares of each class of the Fund generally vote together except when required under federal securities laws to vote separately on matters that only affect a particular class, such as the approval of distribution plans for a particular class.

THE FUND ISSUES MULTIPLE CLASSES OF SHARES. This Prospectus relates to Class A and Class B shares of the Fund. The Fund may offer other classes of shares in addition to these classes. The categories of investors that are eligible to purchase shares and minimum investment requirements may differ for each class of Fund shares. In addition, other classes of Fund shares may be subject to differences in sales charge arrangements, ongoing distribution and service fee levels, and levels of certain other expenses, which would affect the relative performance of the different classes. Investors may call 1-800-34-VISTA to obtain

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additional information about other classes of shares of the Fund that are offered. Any person entitled to receive compensation for selling or servicing shares of the Fund may receive different levels of compensation with respect to one class of shares over another.

The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the general direction and supervision of the Trust's Board of Trustees. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders but will hold special meetings of shareholders of all series or classes when in the judgment of the Trustees it is necessary or desirable to submit matters for a shareholder vote. The Trustees will promptly call a meeting of shareholders to remove a trustee(s) when requested to do so in writing by record holders of not less than 10% of all outstanding shares of the Trust.

Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Trust itself was unable to meet its obligations.

## UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF MASTER/FEEDER FUND STRUCTURE

Unlike other mutual funds which directly acquire and manage their own portfolio securities, the Fund is permitted to invest all of its investable assets in a separate registered investment company (a "Portfolio"). In that event, a shareholder's interest in the Fund's underlying investment securities would be indirect. In addition to selling a beneficial interest to the Fund, a Portfolio could also sell beneficial interests to other mutual funds or institutional investors. Such investors would invest in such Portfolio on the same terms and conditions and would pay a proportionate share of such Portfolio's expenses. However, other investors in a Portfolio would not be required to sell their shares at the same public offering price as the Fund, and might bear different levels of ongoing expenses than the Fund. Shareholders of the Fund should be aware that these differences may result in differences in returns experienced in the different funds that invest in a Portfolio. Such differences in return are also present in other mutual fund structures.

Smaller funds investing in a Portfolio could be materially affected by the actions of larger funds investing the Portfolio. For example, if a large fund were to withdraw from a Portfolio, the remaining funds might experience higher pro rata operating expenses, thereby producing lower returns. Additionally, the Portfolio could become less diverse, resulting in increased portfolio risk. However, this possibility also exists for traditionally structured funds which have large or institutional investors. Funds with a greater pro rata ownership in a Portfolio could have effective voting control of such Portfolio. Under this master/feeder investment approach, whenever the Trust was requested to vote on matters pertaining to a Portfolio, the Trust would hold a meeting of shareholders of the Fund and would

cast all of its votes in the same proportion as did the Fund's shareholders. Shares of the Fund for which no voting instructions had been received would be voted in the same proportion as those shares for which voting instructions had been received. Certain changes in a Portfolio's objective, policies or restrictions might require the Trust to withdraw the Fund's interest in such Portfolio. Any such withdrawal could result in a distribution in kind of portfolio securities (as opposed to a cash distribution from such Portfolio). The Fund could incur brokerage fees or other transaction costs in converting such securities to cash. In addition, a distribution in kind could result in a less diversified portfolio of investments or adversely affect the liquidity of the Fund.

The same individuals who are disinterested Trustees of the Trust serve as Trustees of the Portfolio. The Trustees of the Trust, including a majority of the disinterested Trustees, have adopted procedures they believe are reasonably appropriate to deal with resulting potential conflicts of interest, up to and including creating a separate Board of Trustees.

If the Fund invests all of its investable assets in a Portfolio, investors in the Fund will be able to obtain information about whether investment in the Portfolio might be available through other funds by contacting the Fund at  $1-800-34-{\rm VISTA}$ . In the event the Fund adopts a master/feeder structure and invests all of its investable assets in a Portfolio, shareholders of the Fund will be given at least 30 days' prior written notice.

#### PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The Fund's investment performance may from time to time be included in advertisements about the Fund. Performance is calculated separately for each class of shares, in the manner described in the SAI. "Yield" for each class of shares is calculated by dividing the annualized net investment income per share during a recent 30-day period by the maximum public offering price per share of such class on the last day of that period.

"Total return" for the one-, five- and ten-year periods (or since inception, if shorter) through the most recent calendar quarter represents the average annual compounded rate of return on an investment of \$1,000 in the Fund invested at the maximum public offering price (in the case of Class A shares) or reflecting the deduction of any applicable contingent deferred sales charge (in the case of Class B shares). Total return may also be presented for other periods or without reflecting sales charges. Any quotation of investment performance not reflecting the maximum initial sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge would be reduced if such sales charges were used.

All performance data is based on the Fund's past investment results and does not predict future performance. Investment performance, which will vary, is based on many factors, including market conditions, the composition of the Fund's portfolio, the Fund's

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operating expenses and which class of shares you purchase. Investment performance also often reflects the risks associated with the Fund's investment objectives and policies. These factors should be considered when comparing the Fund's investment results to those of other mutual funds and other investment vehicles. Quotation of investment performance for any period when a fee waiver or expense limitation was in effect will be greater than if the waiver or limitation had not been in effect. The Fund's performance may be compared to other mutual funds, relevant indices and rankings prepared by independent services. See the SAI.

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#### MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISTA PRIVILEGES

The following services are available to you as a Vista mutual fund shareholder.

[bullet] SYSTEMATIC INVESTMENT PLAN--Invest as much as you wish (\$100 or more) in the first or third week of any month. The amount will be automatically transferred from your checking or savings account.

[bullet] SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL PLAN--Make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more (\$100 or more for Class B accounts) monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan for Class A accounts.

- [bullet] SYSTEMATIC EXCHANGE--Transfer assets automatically from one Vista account to another on a regular, prearranged basis. There is no additional charge for this service.
- [bullet] FREE EXCHANGE PRIVILEGE--Exchange money between Vista funds in the same class of shares without charge. The exchange privilege allows you to adjust your investments as your objectives change. Investors may not maintain, within the same fund, simultaneous plans for systematic investment or exchange and systematic withdrawal or exchange.
- [bullet] REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE--Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value next determined subject to written request within 90 calendar days of the redemption, accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption).

  Class B shareholders who have redeemed their shares and paid a CDSC with such redemption may purchase Class A shares with no initial sales charge (in an amount not in excess of their redemption proceeds) if the purchase occurs within 90 days of the redemption of the Class B shares.

For more information about any of these services and privileges, call your shareholder servicing agent, investment representative or the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA. These privileges are subject to change or termination

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Vista Family of Mutual Funds & Retirement Products

VISTA INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUNDS Southeast Asian Fund Japan Fund European Fund International Equity Fund

VISTA U.S. EQUITY FUNDS
Small Cap Equity Fund
The Growth Fund of Washington
Capital Growth Fund Growth and Income Fund
Large Cap Equity Fund
Balanced Fund
Equity Income Fund

VISTA FIXED INCOME FUNDS
Bond Fund
U.S. Government Securities Fund
U.S. Treasury Income Fund
Short-Term Bond Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE FUNDS(1)
New York Tax Free Income Fund
California Intermediate Tax Free Fund
Tax Free Income Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(1,2)
New York Tax Free Money Market Fund
Connecticut Daily Tax Free Income Fund Select Shares(3)
New Jersey Daily Municipal Income Fund Select Shares(3)
Tax Free Money Market Fund
California Tax Free Money Market Fund

VISTA TAXABLE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(2)
Cash Management Money Market Fund
Federal Money Market Fund
100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund
U.S. Government Money Market Fund
Treasury Plus Money Market Fund

VISTA RETIREMENT PRODUCTS
Vista Capital Advantage Variable Annuity(4)
Vista 401(k) Advantage

For complete information on the Vista Mutual Funds or Retirement Products, including information about fees and expenses, call your investment professional or 1-800-34-VISTA for a prospectus. Please read it carefully before you invest or send money.

- (1) Some income may be subject to certain state and local taxes. A portion of the income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax for some investors.
- (2) An investment in a Money Market Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Yields will fluctuate, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per share
- (3) Vista Select Shares of these funds are not a part of, or affiliated with, the Vista Family of Mutual Funds. Reich & Tang Distributors L.P. and New England Investment Companies L.P., which are unaffiliated with Chase, are the funds' distributor and investment adviser, respectively.
- (4) The variable annuity contract is issued by First SunAmerica Life Insurance Company in New York; in other states, but not necessarily all states, it is issued by Anchor National Life Insurance Company.

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PROSPECTUS
VISTA(SM) U.S. TREASURY INCOME FUND
Class A

Investment Strategy: Income

February 28, 1997

This Prospectus explains concisely what you should know before investing. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. You can find more detailed information about the Fund in its February 28, 1997 Statement of Additional Information, as amended periodically (the "SAI"). For a free copy of the SAI, call the Chase Global Funds Services Company at 1-800-344-3092. The SAI has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION, NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

INVESTMENTS IN THE FUND ARE NOT BANK DEPOSITS OR OBLIGATIONS OF, OR GUARANTEED OR ENDORSED BY, THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES AND ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FDIC, THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY. INVESTMENTS IN MUTUAL FUNDS INVOLVE RISK, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE LOSS OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT INVESTED.

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#### EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses are one of several factors to consider when investing. The following table summarizes your costs from investing in the Fund based on expenses incurred in the most recent fiscal year. The examples show the cumulative expenses attributable to a hypothetical \$1,000 investment over specified periods.

	Class A Shares
SHAREHOLDER TRANSACTION EXPENSES	
Maximum Sales Charge Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	4.50%
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (as a percentage of the lower of original purchase price or redemption proceeds)	None
ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES (as a percentage of average net assets)	
Investment Advisory Fee (after estimated waiver)* 12b-1 Fee**	0.17% 0.25%
Shareholder Servicing Fee (after estimated waiver, where indicated) Other Expenses	0.00%* 0.48%
Total Fund Operating Expenses (after waivers of fees)*	0.90%

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EXAMPLES

Your investment of \$1,000 would incur the following expenses, assuming 5% annual return: <S> Class A Share+

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1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>
\$54	\$72	\$93	\$151

- \* Reflects current waiver arrangements to maintain Total Fund Operating Expenses at the levels indicated in the table above. Absent such waivers, the Investment Advisory Fee would be 0.30%, the Shareholder Servicing Fee would be 0.25%, and Total Fund Operating Expenses would be 1.28%.
- \*\* Long-term shareholders in mutual funds with 12b-1 fees, such as Class A shareholders of the Fund, may pay more than the economic equivalent of the maximum front-end sales charge permitted by rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.
- + Assumes deduction at the time of purchase of the maximum sales charge.

The table is provided to help you understand the expenses of investing in the Fund and your share of the operating expenses that the Fund incurs. THE EXAMPLES SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED REPRESENTATIONS OF PAST OR FUTURE EXPENSES OR RETURNS; ACTUAL EXPENSES AND RETURNS MAY BE GREATER OR LESS THAN SHOWN.

Charges or credits, not reflected in the expense table above, may be incurred directly by customers of financial institutions in connection with an investment in the Fund. The Fund understands that Shareholder Servicing Agents may credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees amounts not exceeding such other fees or the fees received by the Shareholder Servicing Agent from the Fund with respect to those accounts. See "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

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#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The table set forth below provides selected per share data and ratios for one Class A share for each period shown. This information is supplemented by financial statements and accompanying notes appearing in the Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, which is incorporated by reference into the SAI. The financial statements and notes, as well as the financial information set forth in the table below with respect to each of the five years in the period ended October 31, 1996, have been audited by Price Waterhouse LLP, independent accountants, located at 1177 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036 whose report thereon is also included in the Annual Report to Shareholders. Shareholders can obtain a copy of this Annual Report by contacting the Fund or their Shareholder Servicing Agent.

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Class A Year Ended October 31,

	Ended October 31,								
	1996		1994						
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PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE									
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period		\$ 10.60	\$ 12.10	\$ 11.69	\$ 11.53	\$ 10.93	\$ 11.21		
Income from Investment Operations									
Net Investment Income		0.699	0.646	0.666	0.786	0.883	0.882		
Net Gains or (Losses) in									
Securities (both realized and unrealized)		0.798	(1.297)	0.699	0.267	0.597	(0.284)		
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Total from Investment Operations		1.497	(0.651)	1.365	1.053	1.480	0.598		
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Less Distributions Dividends from Net									
Investment Income		0.697	0.646	0.667	0.786	0.882	0.882		
Distributions from Capital									
Gains		0.000	0.203	0.287	0.111	0.000	0.000		
Total Distributions		0.697	0.849	0.954	0.897	0.882	0.882		
Net Asset Value, End of Period		\$ 11 40	\$ 10.60		s 11 69		\$ 10.93		
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Total Return(1) Ratios/Supplemental Data*:	14.59%	(5.58%)	12.35%	9.40%	14.07%	5.70%
Net Assets, End of Period (000 omitted) Ratio of Expenses to Average Net	\$99,109	\$99,524	\$93,039	\$59,391	\$15,131	\$ 6,359
Assets	0.87%	0.76%	0.75%	0.38%	0.02%	0.08%
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets	6.37%	5.74%	5.61%	6.52%	7.81%	8.08%
Ratio of Expenses without waivers and assumption of expenses to Average						
Net Assets	1.40%	1.28%	1.14%	1.34%	2.89%	2.50%
Ratio of Net Investment Income without waivers and assumption of						
expenses to Average Net Assets	5.84%	5.22%	5.22%	5.56%	4.94%	5.66%
Portfolio Turnover Rate						

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PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$10.90	\$10.69		10.00	
Income from Investment Operations Net Investment Income Net Gains or (Losses) in Securities (both realized	0.885	0.842		0.052	
and unrealized)	0.319	0.258			
Total from Investment Operations		1.100		0.690	
Less Distributions Dividends from Net Investment Income		0.890			
Distributions from Capital Gains	0.004	0.000		0.000	
Total Distributions	0.892	0.890			
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$11.21	\$10.90	\$	10.69	
Total Return(1) Ratios/Supplemental Data*: Net Assets, End of Period (000		10.70%			
omitted) Ratio of Expenses to Average Net	\$3,725	\$1,742	\$	107	
Assets	0.00%	0.00%		0.00%#	
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets Ratio of Expenses without waivers and assumption of expenses to Average	8.12%	8.11%		6.29%#	
Net Assets Ratio of Net Investment Income	2.50%	2.00%		2.00%#	
without waivers and assumption of expenses to Average Net Assets Portfolio Turnover Rate 					

 5.62% 34% | 6.11% 3% |  | 4.29% 0% |<sup>(1)</sup> Total return figures do not include the effect of any sales load.

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# FUND OBJECTIVE

Vista U.S. Treasury Income Fund seeks to provide shareholders with monthly dividends and to protect the value of their investment. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program, and there is no assurance it will achieve its objective.

<sup>\*</sup> Commencement of operations.

<sup>#</sup> Annualized.

#### Investment Approach

Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 65% of its assets in direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury, obligations issued or guaranteed by U.S. government agencies or instrumentalities if such obligations are backed by the "full faith and credit" of the U.S. Treasury, and repurchase obligations collateralized by the foregoing obligations.

There is no restriction on the maturity of the Fund's portfolio or any individual portfolio security. The Fund's advisers may adjust the average maturity of the Fund's portfolio based upon their assessment of the relative yields available on securities of different maturities and their expectations of future changes in interest rates.

The Fund is classified as a "non-diversified" fund under federal securities law.

Instead of investing directly in underlying securities, the Fund is authorized to seek to achieve its objective by investing all of its investable assets in an investment company having substantially the same objective and policies as the Fund.

#### WHO MAY WANT TO INVEST

This Fund may be most suitable for investors who . . .

- (bullet) Are seeking current income
- (bullet) Are investing for mid-to long-term investment goals
- (bullet) Own or plan to own other types of investments for diversification purposes  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1$
- (bullet) Can assume a moderate degree of bond market (i.e., interest rate)  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1$

This Fund may NOT be appropriate for investors who are unable to tolerate frequent up and down price changes, are investing for very short-term goals or who are in need of capital growth potential.

#### OTHER INVESTMENT PRACTICES

The Fund may also engage in the following investment practices, when consistent with the Fund's overall objective and policies. These practices, and certain associated risks, are more fully described in the SAI.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS, SECURITIES LOANS AND FORWARD COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into agreements to purchase and resell securities at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund also has the ability to lend portfolio securities in an amount equal to not more than 30% of its total assets to generate additional income. These transactions must be fully collateralized at all times. The Fund may purchase securities for delivery at a future date, which may increase its overall investment exposure and involves a risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction.

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BORROWINGS AND REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. The Fund may borrow money from banks for temporary or short-term purposes, but will not borrow money to buy additional securities, known as "leveraging." The Fund may also sell and simultaneously commit to repurchase a portfolio security at an agreed-upon price and time. This Fund may use this practice to generate cash for shareholder redemptions without selling securities in a down market. Whenever the Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will establish a segregated account in which it will maintain liquid assets on a daily basis in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest). The Fund would be required to pay interest on amounts obtained through reverse repurchase agreements, which are considered borrowings under federal securities laws.

STAND-BY COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into put transactions, including transactions sometimes referred to as stand-by commitments, with respect to securities in its portfolio. In these transactions, the Fund would acquire the right to sell a security at an agreed upon price within a specified period prior to its maturity date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the

transaction. A put transaction will increase the cost of the underlying security and consequently reduce the available yield.

ZERO COUPON SECURITIES AND STRIPS. The Fund may invest in zero coupon U.S. Government securities. Zero coupon securities are debt securities that do not pay regular interest payments, and instead are sold at substantial discounts from their value at maturity. The Fund may also invest in stripped obligations (i.e., separately traded principal and interest components of securities) where the underlying obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, including instruments known as "STRIPS." The value of these instruments tends to fluctuate more in response to changes in interest rates than the value of ordinary interest-paying debt securities with similar maturities. The risk is greater when the period to maturity is longer

FLOATING AND VARIABLE RATE SECURITIES. The Fund may invest in floating rate securities, whose interest rates adjust automatically whenever a specified interest rate changes, and variable rate securities, whose interest rates are periodically adjusted. Certain of these instruments permit the holder to demand payment of principal and accrued interest upon a specified number of days' notice from either the issuer or a third party. As a result of the floating or variable rate nature of these investments, the Fund's yield may decline and it may forego the opportunity for capital appreciation during periods when interest rates decline; however, during periods when interest rates increase, the Fund's yield may increase and it may have reduced risk of capital depreciation. Demand features on certain floating or variable rate securities may obligate the Fund to pay a "tender

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fee" to a third party. Demand features provided by foreign banks involve certain risks associated with foreign investments.

 ${\tt MORTGAGE-RELATED}\ {\tt SECURITIES}.\ {\tt The}\ {\tt Fund}\ {\tt may}\ {\tt invest}\ {\tt in}\ {\tt mortgage-related}\ {\tt U.S.}$ Government securities. Mortgage pass-through securities are securities representing interests in "pools" of mortgages in which payments of both interest and principal on the securities are made monthly, in effect "passing through" monthly payments made by the individual borrowers on the residential mortgage loans which underlie the securities. Early repayment of principal on mortgage pass-through securities held by the Fund (due to prepayments of principal on the underlying mortgage loans) may result in a lower rate of return when the Fund reinvests such principal. In addition, as with callable fixed-income securities generally, if the Fund purchased the securities at a premium, sustained early repayment would limit the value of the premium. Like other fixed-income securities, when interest rates rise the value of a mortgage-related security generally will decline; however, when interest rates decline, the value of mortgage-related securities with prepayment features may not increase as much as other fixed-income, fixed-maturity securities which have no prepayment or call features. Payment of principal and interest on the mortgage pass-through securities (but not the market value of the securities themselves) in which the Fund invests will be guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

The Fund may also invest in investment grade Collateralized Mortgage Obligations ("CMOs"), which are hybrid instruments with characteristics of both mortgage-backed bonds and mortgage pass-through securities. Similar to a bond, interest and prepaid principal on a CMO are paid, in most cases, monthly. CMOs may be collateralized by whole residential or commercial mortgage loans but are more typically collateralized by portfolios of mortgage pass-through securities guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities. CMOs are structured into multiple classes, with each class having a different expected average life and/or stated maturity. Monthly payments of principal, including prepayments, are allocated to different classes in accordance with the terms of the instruments, and changes in prepayment rates or assumptions may significantly affect the expected average life and value of a particular class.

DERIVATIVES AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest its assets in derivative and related instruments to hedge various market risks or to increase the Fund's income or gain. Some of these instruments will be subject to asset segregation requirements to cover the Fund's obligations. The Fund may (i) purchase, write and exercise call and put options on securities and related securities indexes (including using options in combination with securities, other options or derivative instruments); (ii) enter into swaps, futures contracts and options on futures contracts; (iii) employ forward currency and interest rate contracts and (iv) purchase and sell structured products, which are instruments designed to restructure or reflect the characteristics of certain other investments.

There are a number of risks associated with the use of derivatives and related instruments and no assurance can be given that any strategy will succeed. The value of certain derivatives or related instruments in which the Fund invests may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing economic conditions and market value. The ability of the Fund to successfully utilize these instruments may depend in part upon the ability of the Fund's advisers to forecast these factors correctly. Inaccurate forecasts could expose the Fund to a risk of loss. There can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in a hedging instrument and in the portfolio assets being hedged. The Fund is not required to use any hedging strategies. Hedging strategies, while reducing risk of loss, can also reduce the opportunity for gain. Derivatives transactions not involving hedging may have speculative characteristics, involve leverage and result in losses that may exceed the original investment of the Fund. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Fund seeks to close out a derivatives position. Activities of large traders in the futures and securities markets involving arbitrage, "program trading," and other investment strategies may cause price distortions in derivatives markets. In certain instances, particularly those involving over-the-counter transactions or forward contracts, there is a greater potential that a counterparty or broker may default. In the event of a default, the Fund may experience a loss. For additional information concerning derivatives, related instruments and the associated risks, see the SAI.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER. The frequency of the Fund's portfolio transactions will vary from year to year. The Fund's investment policies may lead to frequent changes in investments, particularly in periods of rapidly changing market conditions. High portfolio turnover rates would generally result in higher transaction costs, including dealer mark-ups, and would make it more difficult for the Fund to qualify as a registered investment company under federal tax law. See "How Distributions are Made; Tax Information."

#### LIMITING INVESTMENT RISKS

Specific investment restrictions help the Fund limit investment risks for its shareholders. Among these restrictions, the Fund is prohibited from investing more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (which include securities restricted as to resale unless they are determined to be readily marketable in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees). A complete description of this and other investment policies is included in the SAI. Except for the Fund's investment objective and investment policies designated as fundamental in the SAI, the Fund's investment policies are not fundamental. The Trustees may change any non-fundamental investment policy without shareholder approval.

#### RISK FACTORS

The Fund does not constitute a balanced or complete investment program, and the net asset value of its shares will fluctuate based on the value of the securities in the Fund's portfolio.

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The performance of the Fund depends in part on interest rate changes. As interest rates increase, the value of the fixed income securities held by the Fund tends to decrease. This effect will be more pronounced with respect to investments by the Fund in mortgage-related securities, the value of which are more sensitive to interest rate changes. There is no restriction on the maturity of the Fund's portfolio or any individual portfolio security, and to the extent the Fund invests in securities with longer maturities, the volatility of the Fund in response to changes in interest rates can be expected to be greater than if the Fund had invested in comparable securities with shorter maturities. Guarantees of principal and interest on obligations that may be purchased by the Fund are not guarantees of the market value of such obligations, nor do they extend to the value of shares of the Fund.

For a discussion of certain other risks associated with the Fund's additional investment activities, see "Other Investment Practices" above.

#### MANAGEMENT

THE FUND'S ADVISERS

The Chase Manhattan Bank ("Chase") is the Fund's investment adviser under an Investment Advisory Agreement and has overall responsibility for investment decisions of the Fund, subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees. Chase is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation, a bank holding company. CHASE AND ITS PREDECESSORS HAVE OVER 100 YEARS OF MONEY MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE.

For its investment advisory services to the Fund, Chase is entitled to receive an annual fee computed daily and paid monthly based at an annual rate equal to 0.30% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Chase is located at 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Chase Asset Management, Inc. ("CAM"), a registered investment adviser, is the Fund's sub-investment adviser under a Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement between CAM and Chase. CAM is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Chase. CAM makes investment decisions for the Fund on a day-to-day basis. For these services, CAM is entitled to receive a fee, payable by Chase from its advisory fee, at an annual rate equal to 0.15% of the Fund's average daily net assets. CAM was recently formed for the purpose of providing discretionary investment advisory services to institutional clients and to consolidate Chase's investment management function. The same individuals who serve as portfolio managers for Chase also serve as portfolio managers for CAM. CAM is located at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

PORTFOLIO MANAGER. Patrick Quiltey, Jr. has been responsible for the day-to-day management of Vista U.S. Treasury Income Fund since December 1996. Mr. Quilty joined Chase in December 1996. Prior to joining Chase, from 1994 through 1996, Mr. Quilty was a Vice President and Portfolio Manager at ARM Capital Advisors, Inc. where he managed mutual fund and institutional portfolios. From 1991 to 1994, Mr. Quilty was a Portfolio Strategist at

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Brothers, Inc. where he analyzed taxable fixed income portfolios. Mr. Quilty is also a manager of the Vista Bond Fund.

Susan Huang, a Vice President and the Director of U.S. Fixed Income Management of Chase, also participates in the management of the Fund. Ms. Huang is responsible for developing the allocation and risk management strategy for U.S. fixed income portfolios, and managing the institutional U.S. fixed income assets under management. Prior to joining Chase in June of 1995, Ms. Huang was Director of the Insurance Asset Management Group at Hyperion Capital Management Inc. Prior to joining Hyperion, Ms. Huang was a senior portfolio manager with CS First Boston. Prior to joining CS First Boston in 1992, Ms. Huang spent 14 years at The Equitable, where she worked in the pension consulting group and the U.S. Fixed Income Management Group.

## ABOUT YOUR INVESTMENT

CLASS A SHARES. An investor who purchases Class A shares pays a sales charge at the time of purchase. As a result, Class A shares are not subject to any sales charges when they are redeemed. Certain purchases of Class A shares qualify for reduced sales charges. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares" and "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

HOW TO BUY, SELL AND EXCHANGE SHARES

# PURCHASE OF SHARES

The minimum initial investment by a shareholder is \$2,500, including IRA's and Keogh's. There is no minimum for additional investments. The Fund reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any purchase order or cease offering shares for purchase at any time. No share certificates will be issued unless requested in writing. Subscriptions for shares are subject to acceptance by the Fund and are not binding until accepted.

PURCHASE BY MAIL: Shares of the Fund may be purchased by sending a completed Application (included with this Prospectus or obtainable from the Fund) to "Gintel Group", c/o Chase Global Funds Services Company, P.O. Box 2798, Boston, MA 02208-2798, accompanied by a check payable to Gintel Group in payment for the shares. Applications sent to the Fund will be forwarded to Chase Global Funds Services Company and will not be effective until received by Chase Global Funds Services Company. Special forms are required for IRA and Keogh subscriptions and may be obtained by contacting the Fund. When purchases are made by check, redemptions will not be allowed until clearance of the purchase check, which may take 15 calendar days or longer. In addition, the redemption or shares purchased through ACH will not be allowed until clearance of the payment, which may take 7 business days or longer. In the event a check used to pay for shares is not honored by a bank, the

purchase order will be cancelled and the shareholder will be liable for any losses or expenses incurred by the Fund.

PURCHASE BY EXCHANGE: Shares of the Fund may be exchanged for shares of any other fund within the Gintel Group, to the extent such shares are offered for sale in the investor's state of residence. Before any exchange, an investor must

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obtain and should carefully review a copy of the current prospectus of the fund into which he or she wishes to exchange and should retain such copy for future reference. When opening an account by exchange, the new account must be established with the same name(s), address, and tax identification number as the other account and must meet that fund's minimum initial investment and other eligibility requirements. For federal income tax purposes, an exchange is treated as a sale of shares and generally results in a capital gain or loss. If an investor wishes to use the exchange feature, he or she should consult his or her investment representative or Chase Global Funds Services Company to determine if the feature is available and whether any other conditions are imposed on its use. The discussion of the exchange feature in this Prospectus supersedes the discussion of the exchange privileges in the SAI for investors purchasing shares through the Gintel Group. Purchase by exchange may be executed by either mail or telephone but in every instance must comply with the purchase and redemption procedures set forth in the Prospectus. Neither Chase Global Funds Services Company nor the Fund will be liable for acting upon such instructions, regardless of the authority or absence thereof of the person giving the instructions, or for any loss, expense, or cost arising out of any exchange by telephone, whether or not properly authorized and directed. An investor will bear the risk of loss. The staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission is currently examining whether such responsibilities may be disclaimed. The accuracy of telephone transactions should be verified immediately upon the receipt of confirmation statement.

PURCHASE BY WIRE: Investors may purchase shares by wire by first telephoning Chase Global Funds Services Company at 1-800-344-3092 for instructions and wire control number and subsequently wiring Federal funds and registration instructions to:

The Chase Manhattan Bank
New York, NY 10003
ABA# 0210-0002-1
F/B/O The Gintel Group
Acct. #910-2-732980
Ref: U.S. Treasury Income Fund

Account Number Account Name:

PURCHASE BY AUTOMATIC INVESTMENT: Investors may purchase shares on a regular basis, (the first, the fifteenth, or the first and fifteenth of each month), by automatically transferring a specified dollar amount (\$100 minimum) from their regular checking or NOW account to their specified Gintel Group Account. Special forms are required for this automatic investment plan and may be obtained by contacting the Fund. Existing shareholders may begin the Plan at any time by sending a signed letter with signature guarantee and a deposit slip or voided check.

#### ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS

An investor may add to his or her account by purchasing additional shares of the same class of the Fund's shares by mailing a check to the Gintel Group (payable to "Gintel Group") at its address set forth above under "Purchases by Mail" or by wiring funds to the Fund's custodian using the procedures set forth above under "Purchases by Wire." It is

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important that the account number, account name and the Fund and class of shares to be purchased are specified on the check or wire to ensure proper crediting to the investor's account.

## PROCESSING OF PURCHASE ORDERS

Shares are sold at the public offering price based on the net asset value next determined after the Fund's distributor receives an order in proper form. In most cases, in order for an investor to receive that day's public offering price, Chase Global Funds Services Company must generally receive the purchase order prior to the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange. If an investor buys shares through his or her investment representative, the representative must have received the order before the

close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange in order to receive that day's public offering price. Orders for shares are accepted by the Fund after funds are converted to Federal Funds. Orders paid by check and received before 2:00 p.m. will generally be available for the purchase of shares the following Fund Business Day.

Confirmed purchases will be done only at the discretion of the Investment Advisor.

Purchase of shares of the Fund may also be made through registered securities dealers who have entered into selected dealer agreements with the Distributor. A dealer who agrees to process an order on behalf of an investor may charge the investor a fee for this service.

The offering price of each Fund share is the net asset value per share next computed after the subscriber's application is received by Chase Global Funds Services Company. The net asset value per share is determined by dividing the market value of the Fund's securities as of the close of trading plus any cash or other assets (including dividends and accrued interest) less all liabilities (including accrued expenses) by the number of the Fund's shares outstanding. The Fund will determine net asset value of its shares on each "Fund Business Day", which is any day the New York Stock Exchange is open for business exclusive of national holidays.

All ordinary income dividends and capital gains distributions are automatically reinvested at net asset value unless the Chase Global Funds Services Company receives written notice from a shareholder at least 30 days prior to the record date requesting that the distributions and dividends be distributed to the investor in cash.

#### Class A Shares

The public offering price of Class A shares is the net asset value plus a sales charge that varies depending on the size of your purchase. The Fund receives the net asset value. The sales charge is allocated between your broker-dealer and the Fund's distributor as shown in the following table, except when the Fund's distributor, in its discretion, allocates the entire amount to your broker-dealer.

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Sales charge as a percentage of:

Amount of transaction at offering price	Offering Price	Net amount invested	Amount of sales charge reallowed to dealers as a percentage of offering price		
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Under 100,000	4.50	4.71	4.00		
100,000 but under 250,000	3.75	3.90	3.25		
250,000 but under 500,000	2.50	2.56	2.25		
500,000 but under 1,000,000					

 2.00 | 2.04 | 1.75 |There is no initial sales charge on purchases of Class A shares of \$1 million or more.

The Fund's distributor pays broker-dealers commissions on net sales of Class A shares of \$1 million or more based on an investor's cumulative purchases. Such commissions are paid at the rate of 0.75% of the amount under \$2.5 million, 0.50% of the next \$7.5 million, 0.25% of the next \$40 million and 0.15% thereafter. The Fund's distributor may withold such payments with respect to short-term investments.

# GENERAL

You may be eligible to buy Class A shares at reduced sales charges. Consult your investment representative or Chase Global Funds Services Company for details about Vista's combined purchase privilege, cumulative quantity discount, statement of intention, group sales plan, employee benefit plans, and other plans. Descriptions are also included in the enclosed application and in the SAI. In addition, sales charges are waived if you are using redemption proceeds received within the prior ninety days from non-Vista mutual funds to buy your shares, and on which you paid a front-end or contingent deferred sales charge.

Some participant-directed employee benefit plans participate in a "multi-fund" program which offers both Vista and non-Vista mutual funds. With Board of Trustee approval, the money that is invested in Vista funds may be

combined with the other mutual funds in the same program when determining the plan's eligibility to buy Class A shares without a sales charge. These investments will also be included for purposes of the discount privileges and programs described above.

The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge to the current and retired Trustees (and their immediate families), current and retired employees (and their immediate families) of Chase, the Fund's distributor and transfer agent or any affiliates or subsidiaries thereof, registered representatives and other employees (and their immediate families) of broker-dealers having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor, employees (and their immediate families) of financial institutions having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor (or otherwise having an arrangement with a broker-dealer or financial institution with respect to sales of Vista fund shares), financial institution trust departments investing an aggregate of \$1 million or more in the Vista Family of Funds and clients of certain administrators of tax-qualified plans when proceeds from repayments of loans to participants are invested (or

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reinvested) in the Vista Family of Funds.

No initial sales charge will apply to the purchase of the Fund's Class A shares if you are investing the proceeds of a qualified retirement plan where a portion of the plan was invested in the Vista Family of Funds, any qualified retirement plan with 50 or more participants, or an individual participant in a tax-qualified plan making a tax-free rollover or transfer of assets from the plan in which Chase or an affiliate serves as trustee or custodian of the plan or manages some portion of the plan's assets.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge through an investment adviser or financial planner that charges a fee for its services. Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge (i) by an investment adviser, broker or financial planner, provided arrangements are preapproved and purchases are placed through an omnibus account with the Fund or (ii) by clients of such investment adviser or financial planner who place trades for their own accounts, if such accounts are linked to a master account of such investment adviser or financial planner on the books and records of the broker or agent. Such purchases may also be made for retirement and deferred compensation plans and trusts used to fund those plans.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge in accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which is acting as a fiduciary exercising investment discretion, provided that appropriate notification of such fiduciary relationship is reported at the time of the investment to the Fund, the Fund's distributor.

The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge in connection with the acquisition by the Fund of assets of an investment company or personal holding company.

The Fund reserves the right to change any of these policies on purchases without an initial sales charge at any time and may reject any such purchase request.

# REDEMPTION OF SHARES

Upon receipt by Chase Global Funds Services Company of a request in proper form, the Fund will redeem shares at its next determined net asset value. There is no assurance that the net asset value received upon redemption will be greater than that paid by a shareholder upon purchase. The Fund will forward redemption payments only on shares for which it has collected payment.

REDEMPTION BY MAIL: Shares may be redeemed by sending a written redemption request to Gintel Group, c/o Chase Global Funds Services Company, P.O. Box 2798, Boston, MA 02208-2798. Any written request sent to the Fund will be forwarded to Chase Global Funds Services Company and the effective date of the redemption request will be when the request is received in proper form by Chase Global Funds Services Company. The redemption value of each Fund share is the net asset value per share next computed after the redemption request is received in proper form. In order to receive that day's net asset value, Chase Global Funds Services Company must receive an investor's request before the close of regular trading on the New York

Stock Exchange. Where share certificates have been issued, a shareholder must endorse the certificates and include them in the redemption request. "Proper form" means that the request for redemption must include the following:

- 1. A letter of instruction specifying the Fund name, the account number, and the number of shares or the dollar amount to be redeemed and signed by all registered owners exactly as their names appear on the account.
- 2. Signatures must be guaranteed by an eligible guarantor institution as described in Rule 17Ad-15 under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. Such institutions include banks, brokers, securities dealers, credit unions, securities exchanges, clearing agencies and savings associations. On and after August 24, 1992, the eligible guarantor institution must be a participant in a recognized signature quarantee program such as the STAMP program of the Securities Transfer Association. Until August 24, 1992, eligible guarantor institutions previously approved by Chase Global Funds Services Company (commercial banks and members of domestic stock exchanges) will continue to be approved. Eligible quarantor institutions not previously approved by Chase Global Funds Services Company and not yet members of a recognized signature guarantee program, must make application to that company. For complete information or a copy of Chase Global Funds Services Company's signature quarantee Standards, Procedures and Guidelines, please contact the Transfer Agent at (800) 344-3092. A notary public is not an acceptable guarantor.
- 3. Other supporting legal documents, if required, in the case of estates, trusts, guardianships, corporations, pension and profit sharing plans and other organizations. Shareholders should contact Chase Global Funds Services Company, (800) 344-3092, to obtain further information on the specific documentation required.

Payment will be made for redeemed shares as soon as practicable, but generally no later than five business days after proper receipt of redemption notification. Payment will be made by check, unless a shareholder arranges for the proceeds of redemption requests to be sent by Federal fund wire to a designated bank account, in which case a wire charge (currently \$8.00 per wire) will be deducted from the account. Shareholders should contact Chase Global Funds Services Company, (800) 344-3092, to obtain further information on this service and the related charges.

REDEMPTION BY TELEPHONE: Shareholders who authorize telephone redemptions in the Application may redeem shares by telephone instructions to Chase Global Funds Services Company which will wire or mail the proceeds of redemptions to the bank and bank account number specified in the Application or mail the proceeds to the address of record, except that telephone redemptions of less than \$1000 will be mailed. Redemptions of \$1000 or more will be charged a wire fee (currently \$8.00 per wire) which will be deducted from the account. Any change in the bank account specified in the Application must be made in writing with a signature guarantee as described above for redemptions by mail. If an

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investor selects a telephone redemption privilege, the investor authorizes Chase Global Funds Services Company to act on telephone instructions from any person representing himself or herself to be the investor or the investor's investment representative and reasonably believed by Chase Global Funds Services Company to be genuine. The Fund will require Chase Global Funds Services Company to employ reasonable procedures, such as requiring a form of personal identification, to confirm that the instructions are genuine and, if it does not follow such procedures, the Fund may be liable for losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent requests. An investor agrees, however, that to the extent permitted by applicable law, neither the Fund nor its agents nor Chase Global Funds Services Company will be liable for any loss, liability, cost or expense arising out of any redemption request, including any fraudulent or unauthorized request. For information, consult Chase Global Funds Services Company at 800-344-3092. The telephone redemption privilege may be modified or terminated without notice.

AUTOMATIC REDEMPTIONS: A shareholder who owns shares of the Fund with a value of \$10,000 or more may establish a Systematic Withdrawal Plan. The Shareholder may request a declining balance withdrawal, a fixed dollar withdrawal, a fixed share withdrawal, or a fixed percentage withdrawal (based on the current value of the account) on a monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual basis. When a shareholder reaches age 59-1/2 and begins to receive distributions from an IRA or other retirement plan invested in the Fund, the shareholder can arrange to have a regular monthly or quarterly redemptions

made under Systematic Withdrawal Plan. In this case it is not necessary for the account value to be \$10,000 or more. Further Information on establishing a Systematic Withdrawal Plan may be obtained by calling the Fund.

#### PROCESSING OF REDEMPTION ORDERS

The Fund generally sends payment for an investor's shares on the business day after the investor's request is received in proper form, assuming that the Fund has collected payment of the purchase price of such investor's shares. Under unusual circumstances, the Fund may suspend redemptions, or postpone payment for more than seven business days, as permitted by federal securities laws.

Sales of shares of the Fund may also be made through registered securities dealers who have entered into selected dealer agreements with the Distributor. A dealer who agrees to process an order on behalf of an investor may charge the investor a fee for this service.

With the exception of IRA or Keogh accounts, the Fund reserves the right to close an investor's account if the account has dropped below \$500 in value for a period of three months or longer other than as a result of a decline in the net asset value per share or if an investor purchases through an automatic investment plan and fails to meet the Fund's investment minimum within a twelve-month period. Shareholders are notified at least 60 days prior to any proposed redemption and invited to add to their account if they wish to continue as a shareholder of the Fund; however the Fund does not

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presently contemplate making such redemptions.

Confirmed redemptions will be done only at the discretion of the Investment Advisor.

HOW THE FUND VALUES ITS SHARES

The net asset value of each class of the Fund's shares is determined once daily based upon prices determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, however, options are priced at 4:15 p.m., Eastern time), on each business day of the Fund, by dividing the net assets of the Fund attributable to that class by the total number of outstanding shares of that class. Values of assets held by the Fund are determined on the basis of their market or other fair value, as described in the SAT.

HOW DISTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE; TAX INFORMATION

The Fund declares dividends daily and distributes any net investment income at least monthly. The Fund distributes any net realized capital gains at least annually. Capital gains are distributed after deducting any available capital loss carryover.

DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT OPTION. You can choose from three distribution options: (1) reinvest all distributions in additional Fund shares without a sales charge; (2) receive distributions from net investment income in cash or by ACH to a pre-established bank account while reinvesting capital gains distributions in additional shares without a sales charge; or (3) receive all distributions in cash or by ACH. You can change your distribution option by notifying the Chase Global Funds Services Company in writing. IF YOU DO NOT SELECT AN OPTION WHEN YOU OPEN YOUR ACCOUNT, ALL DISTRIBUTIONS WILL BE REINVESTED. All distributions not paid in cash or by ACH will be reinvested in shares of the same share class. You will receive a statement confirming reinvestment of distributions in additional Fund shares promptly following the quarter in which the reinvestment occurs.

If a check representing a Fund distribution is not cashed within a specified period, Chase Global Funds Services Company will notify you that you have the option of requesting another check or reinvesting the distribution in the Fund. If Chase Global Funds Services Company does not receive your election, the distribution will be reinvested in the Fund. Similarly, if the Fund or Chase Global Funds Services Company sends you correspondence returned as "undeliverable," distributions will automatically be reinvested in the Fund.

The Fund intends to qualify as a "regulated investment company" for federal income tax purposes and to meet all other requirements that are necessary for it to be relieved of federal taxes on income and gains it distributes to shareholders. The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gain net income on a current basis. If the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company for any taxable year or does not make such distributions, the Fund will be subject to tax on all of

TAXATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS. Fund distributions other than net long-term capital gains will be

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taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions of net long-term capital gains will be taxable as such, regardless of how long you have held the shares. The taxation of your distribution is the same whether received in cash or in shares through the reinvestment of distributions.

Distributions may also be subject to state and local taxes. However, the laws of most states and localities exempt some types of taxes distributions such as those made by the Fund to the extent such distributions are attributable to interest from obligations of the U.S. Government and certain of its agencies and instrumentalities.

You should carefully consider the tax implications of purchasing shares just prior to a distribution. This is because you will be taxed on the entire amount of the distribution received, even though the net asset value per share will be higher on the date of such purchase as it will include the distribution amount.

Early in each calendar year the Fund will notify you of the amount and tax status of distributions paid to you by the Fund for the preceding year.

The above is only a summary of certain federal income tax consequences of investing in the Fund. You should consult your tax adviser to determine the precise effect of an investment in the Fund on your particular tax situation (including possible liability for state and local taxes and, for foreign shareholders, U.S. withholding taxes).

OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FUND

#### DISTRIBUTION PLAN

The Fund's distributor is Vista Fund Distributors, Inc. ("VFD"). VFD is a subsidiary of The BISYS Group, Inc. and is unaffiliated with Chase. The Trust has adopted Rule 12b-1 distribution plans for Class A shares which provide for the payment of distribution fees at annual rates of up to 0.25% annually of the average daily net assets attributable to Class A shares of the Fund, respectively. Payments under the distribution plans shall be used to compensate or reimburse the Fund's distributor and broker-dealers for services provided and expenses incurred in connection with the sale of Class A shares, and are not tied to the amount of actual expenses incurred. Payments may be used to compensate broker-dealers with trail or maintenance commissions at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of the average daily net asset value of Class A shares invested in the Fund by customers of these brokerdealers. Trail or maintenance commissions are paid to broker-dealers beginning the 13th month following the purchase of shares by their customers. Promotional activities for the sale of Class A shares will be conducted generally by the Vista Family of Funds, and activities intended to promote the Fund's Class A shares may also benefit the Fund's other shares and other Vista funds.

VFD may provide promotional incentives to broker-dealers that meet specified sales targets for one or more Vista funds. These incentives may include gifts of up to \$100 per person annually; an occasional meal, ticket to a sporting event or theater or entertainment for broker-dealers and their guests; and payment or reimbursement for travel expenses, including lodging and meals, in connection with attendance at training and educational meetings within and outside the U.S.

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#### SHAREHOLDER SERVICING AGENTS

The Trust has entered into shareholder servicing agreements with certain shareholder servicing agents (including Chase) under which the shareholder servicing agents have agreed to provide certain support services to their customers who beneficially own Class A shares of the Fund. These services include assisting with purchase and redemption transactions, maintaining shareholder accounts and records, furnishing customer statements, transmitting shareholder reports and communications to customers and other similar shareholder liaison services. For performing these services, each

shareholder servicing agent receives an annual fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Class A shares of the Fund held by investors for whom the shareholder servicing agent maintains a servicing relationship. Shareholder servicing agents may subcontract with other parties for the provision of shareholder support services.

Shareholder servicing agents may offer additional services to their customers, such as pre-authorized or systematic purchase and redemption plans. Each shareholder servicing agent may establish its own terms and conditions, including limitations on the amounts of subsequent transactions, with respect to such services. Certain shareholder servicing agents may (although they are not required by the Trust to do so) credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees an amount not exceeding such other fees or the fees for their services as shareholder servicing agents. For shareholders that bank with Chase, Chase may aggregate investments in the Vista Funds with balances held in Chase bank accounts for purposes of determining eligibility for certain bank privileges that are based on specified minimum balance requirements, such as reduced or no fees for certain banking services or preferred rates on loans and deposits. Chase and certain broker-dealers and other shareholder servicing agents may, at their own expense, provide gifts, such as computer software packages, guides and books related to investment or additional Fund shares valued up to \$250 to their customers that invest in the Vista Funds.

Chase may from time to time, at its own expense, provide compensation to certain selected dealers for performing administrative services for their customers. These services include maintaining account records, processing orders to purchase, redeem and exchange Fund shares and responding to certain customer inquiries. The amount of such compensation may be up to 0.10% annually of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to shares of the Fund held by customers of such selected dealers. Such compensation does not represent an additional expense to the Fund or its shareholders, since it will be paid by Chase.

## ADMINISTRATOR AND SUB-ADMINISTRATOR

Chase acts as administrator of the Fund and is entitled to receive a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{VFD}}$  provides certain sub-administrative services to the Fund pursuant to a distribution and

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sub-administration agreement and is entitled to receive a fee for these services from the Fund at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of the Fund's average daily net assets. VFD has agreed to use a portion of this fee to pay for certain expenses incurred in connection with organizing new series of the Trust and certain other ongoing expenses of the Trust. VFD is located at 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10178.

#### CUSTODIAN

Chase acts as the Fund's custodian and fund accountant and receives compensation under an agreement with the Trust. Fund securities and cash may be held by sub-custodian banks if such arrangements are reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

#### TRANSFER AGENT AND DIVIDEND PAYING AGENT

DST Systems, Inc. located at 210 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105 serves as the Fund's transfer agent and dividend paying agent.

# EXPENSES

The Fund pays the expenses incurred in its operations, including its pro rata share of expenses of the Trust. These expenses include investment advisory and administrative fees; the compensation of the Trustees; registration fees; interest charges; taxes; expenses connected with the execution, recording and settlement of security transactions; fees and expenses of the Fund's custodian for all services to the Fund, including safekeeping of funds and securities and maintaining required books and accounts; expenses of preparing and mailing reports to investors and to government offices and commissions; expenses of meetings of investors; fees and expenses of independent accountants, of legal counsel and of any transfer agent, registrar or dividend disbursing agent of the Trust; insurance premiums; and expenses of calculating the net asset value of, and the net income on, shares of the Fund. Shareholder servicing and distribution fees are allocated to specific

classes of the Fund. In addition, the Fund may allocate transfer agency and certain other expenses by class. Service providers to the Fund may, from time to time, voluntarily waive all or a portion of any fees to which they are entitled.

#### ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SHARES

The Fund is a portfolio of Mutual Fund Group, an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust in 1987 (the "Trust"). The Trust has reserved the right to create and issue additional series and classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The shares of each series or class participate equally in the earnings, dividends and assets of the particular series or class. Shares have no preemptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each whole share held, and each fractional share shall be entitled to a proportionate fractional vote, except that Trust shares held in the treasury of the Trust shall not be voted. Shares of each class of the Fund generally vote together except when required under federal securities laws to vote separately on matters that only

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affect a particular class, such as the approval of distribution plans for a particular class.

The Fund issues multiple classes of shares. This Prospectus relates to Class A shares of the Fund. The Fund may offer other classes of shares in addition to these classes. The categories of investors that are eligible to purchase shares and minimum investment requirements may differ for each class of Fund shares. In addition, other classes of Fund shares may be subject to differences in sales charge arrangements, ongoing distribution and service fee levels, and levels of certain other expenses, which would affect the relative performance of the different classes. Investors may call 1-800-344-3092 to obtain additional information about other classes of shares of the Fund that are offered. Any person entitled to receive compensation for selling or servicing shares of the Fund may receive different levels of compensation with respect to one class of shares over another.

The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the general direction and supervision of its Board of Trustees. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders but will hold special meetings of shareholders of all series or classes when in the judgment of the Trustees it is necessary or desirable to submit matters for a shareholder vote. The Trustees will promptly call a meeting of shareholders to remove a trustee(s) when requested to do so in writing by record holders of not less than 10% of all outstanding shares of the Trust.

Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Trust itself was unable to meet its obligations.

## PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The Fund's investment performance may from time to time be included in advertisements about the Fund. Performance is calculated separately for each class of shares, in the manner described in the SAI. "Yield" for each class of shares is calculated by dividing the annualized net investment income calculated pursuant to federal rules per share during a recent 30-day period by the maximum public offering price per share of such class on the last day of that period.

"Total return" for the one-, five- and ten-year periods (or since inception, if shorter) through the most recent calendar quarter represents the average annual compounded rate of return on an investment of \$1,000 in the Fund invested at the maximum public offering price. Total return may also be presented for other periods or without reflecting sales charges. Any quotation of investment performance not reflecting the maximum initial sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge would be reduced if such sales charges were used.

All performance data is based on the Fund's past investment results and does not predict future performance. Investment performance, which will vary, is

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operating expenses and which class of shares you purchase. Investment performance also often reflects the risks associated with the Fund's investment objectives and policies. These factors should be considered when comparing the Fund's investment results to those of other mutual funds and other investment vehicles. Quotation of investment performance for any period when a fee waiver or expense limitation was in effect will be greater than if the waiver or limitation had not been in effect. The Fund's performance may be compared to other mutual funds, relevant indices and rankings prepared by independent services. See the SAI.

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MANAGED BY CHASE MANHATTAN

PROSPECTUS
VISTA(SM) SHORT-TERM BOND FUND
INSTITUTIONAL SHARES

INVESTMENT STRATEGY: INCOME

#### February 28, 1997

This Prospectus explains concisely what you should know before investing. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. You can find more detailed information about the Fund in its February 28, 1997 Statement of Additional Information, as amended periodically (the "SAI"). For a free copy of the SAI, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-622-4273. The SAI has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION, NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

Investments in the Fund are not bank deposits or obligations of, or guaranteed or endorsed by, The Chase Manhattan Bank or any of its affiliates and are not insured by the FDIC, the Federal Reserve Board or any other government agency. Investments in mutual funds involve risk, including the possible loss of the principal amount invested.

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## EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses are one of several factors to consider when investing. The following table summarizes your costs from investing in the Fund based on expenses  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

incurred in the most recent fiscal year. The example shows the cumulative expenses attributable to a hypothetical \$1,000 investment over specified periods.

#### ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES

(as a percentage of average net assets)

Investment Advisory Fee (after estimated waiver)\*

12b-1 Fee

None
Shareholder Servicing Fee (after estimated waiver)\*

O.00%
Other Expenses (after estimated waiver)\*

Total Fund Operating Expenses (after waivers of fees)\*

0.42%

following expenses, assuming 5% annual return:

1 Year 3 Years 5 Years 10 Years

Institutional Shares

\$4 \$13 \$24 \$53

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\* Reflects current waiver arrangements to maintain Total Fund Operating Expenses at the level indicated in the table above. Absent such waivers, the Investment Advisory Fee, Shareholder Servicing Fee and Other Expenses would be 0.25%, 0.25% and 0.50%, respectively, and Total Fund Operating Expenses would be 1.00%.

The table is provided to help you understand the expenses of investing in the Fund and your share of the operating expenses that the Fund incurs. The example should not be considered a representation of past or future expenses or returns; actual expenses and returns may be greater or less than shown.

Charges and credits, not reflected in the expense table above, may be incurred directly by customers of financial institutions in connection with an investment in the Fund. The Fund understands that Shareholder Servicing Agents may credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees amounts not exceeding such other fees or the fees received by the Shareholder Servicing Agent from the Fund with respect to those accounts. See "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following information on selected per share data and ratios with respect to each of the four fiscal periods commencing after June 30, 1992, and the related financial statements, have been audited by Price Waterhouse LLP, independent accountants, whose report expressed an unqualified opinion thereon. The information on selected per share data and ratios with respect to the fiscal year ended June 30, 1992 and the period November 30, 1990 to June 30, 1991, have been audited by other independent accountants, whose report expressed an unqualified opinion thereon. The following information should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto appearing in the Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, which is incorporated by reference into the SAI.

#### VISTA SHORT-TERM BOND FUND

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	Year Ended				7/1/92**	Year Ended	11/30/90* through
	10/31/96	10/31/95			10/31/92		6/30/91
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PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE							
Net asset value, beginning of period		\$ 9.91	\$ 10.14	\$ 10.26 	\$ 10.28	\$ 10.13	\$ 10.00
Income from Investment Operations: Net Investment Income Net Gains or (Losses) in securities (both		0.542	0.465	0.489	0.190	0.600	0.370
realized and unrealized)		0.168	(0.230)	(0.073)	(0.010)	0.190	0.070
Total from Investment Operations:		0.710	0.235	0.416	0.180	0.790	0.440
Less Distributions:							
Dividends from Net Investment Income		0.542	0.465	0.536	0.200	0.630	0.310
Distributions from Capital Gains		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.010	0.000
Total Distributions:		0.542	0.465	0.536	0.200	0.640	0.310

Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$ 10.08	\$ 9.91	\$ 10.14	\$ 10.26	\$ 10.28	\$ 10.13
	======	=======		=======		
Total Return	7.37%	2.38%	4.73%	1.67%	8.07%	4.39%
Ratios/Supplemental Data:						
Net Assets, End of Period (000 omitted)	\$36,246	\$35 <b>,</b> 987	\$70 <b>,</b> 693	\$81,327	\$70,960	\$70,745
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets#	0.32%	0.31%	0.31%	0.30%	0.30%	0.29%
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net						
Assets#	5.41%	4.59%	5.25%	5.66%	6.12%	6.56%
Ratio of Expenses without waivers and assumption						
of expenses to Average Net Assets#	0.90%	0.86%	0.76%	0.66%	0.94%	0.99%
Ratio of Net Investment Income without waivers						
and assumption of expenses to Average Net Assets#	4.83%	4.05%	4.80%	5.30%	5.48%	5.86%
Portfolio Turnover Rate	62%	44%	17%	0%	29%	1%

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- \* Commencement of operations.
- # Short periods have been annualized.
- \*\*In 1992 the Fund's fiscal year-end was changed from June 30 to October 31.

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### FUND OBJECTIVE

Vista Short Term Bond Fund seeks a high level of current income, consistent with preservation of capital. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program, and there is no assurance it will achieve its objective.

### INVESTMENT POLICIES

#### INVESTMENT APPROACH

The Fund will invest at least 65% of its total assets in bonds which have a maturity of three years or less, and the dollar weighted average maturity of its portfolio will not exceed three years. The Fund normally will invest substantially all of its assets in investment-grade fixed-income securities of all types. The maturity of securities with put features will be measured based on the next put date, and the maturity of mortgage- and asset-backed securities will be measured based upon their weighted average lives. Investment-grade fixed-income securities are securities rated in the category Baa or higher by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), or BBB or higher by Standard & Poor's Corporation ("S&P") or the equivalent by another national rating organization, and unrated securities determined by the Fund's advisers to be of comparable quality.

In making investment decisions for the Fund, its advisers consider many factors in addition to current yield, including preservation of capital, maturity and yield to maturity. They will adjust the Fund's investments in particular securities or types of securities based upon their appraisal of changing economic conditions and trends. The Fund's advisers may sell one security and purchase another security of comparable quality and maturity to take advantage of what they believe to be short-term differentials in market values or yield disparities.

Fixed-income securities in the Fund's portfolio may include, in any proportion, bonds, notes, mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities, government and government agency and instrumentality obligations, zero coupon securities, convertible securities and money market instruments, as discussed below.

The Fund is classified as a "diversified" fund under the federal securities law.

Instead of investing directly in underlying securities, the Fund is authorized to seek to achieve its objective by investing all of its investable assets in an investment company having substantially the same investment objective and policies as the Fund.

### WHO MAY WANT TO INVEST

This Fund may be most suitable for investors who...

(bullet) Are seeking current income

(bullet) Are investing for relatively short-term goals

(bullet) Own or plan to own other types of investments for diversification purposes  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left($ 

(bullet) Can assume a moderate degree of market risk

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#### OTHER INVESTMENT PRACTICES

The Fund may also engage in the following investment practices when consistent with the Fund's overall objective and policies. These practices, and certain associated risks, are more fully described in the SAI.

MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest in cash or high-quality, short-term money market instruments. These instruments may include U.S. Government securities, commercial paper of domestic and foreign issuers and obligations of domestic and foreign banks. Investments in foreign money market instruments may involve certain risks associated with foreign investment.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS, SECURITIES LOANS AND FORWARD COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into agreements to purchase and resell securities at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund also has the ability to lend portfolio securities in an amount equal to not more than 30% of its total assets to generate additional income. These transactions must be fully collateralized at all times. The Fund may purchase securities for delivery at a future date, which may increase its overall investment exposure and involves a risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction.

BORROWINGS AND REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. The Fund may borrow money from banks for temporary or short-term purposes, but will not borrow money to buy additional securities, known as "leveraging." The Fund may also sell and simultaneously commit to repurchase a portfolio security at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund may use this practice to generate cash for shareholder redemptions without selling securities in a down market. Whenever the Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will establish a segregated account in which it will maintain liquid assets on a daily basis in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest). The Fund would be required to pay interest on amounts obtained through reverse repurchase agreements, which are considered borrowings under federal securities laws.

STAND-BY COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into put transactions, including those sometimes referred to as stand-by commitments, with respect to securities in its portfolio. In these transactions, the Fund would acquire the right to sell a security at an agreed upon price within a specified period prior to its maturity date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction. A put transaction will increase the cost of the underlying security and consequently reduce the available yield.

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ZERO COUPON SECURITIES, PAYMENT-IN-KIND OBLIGATIONS AND STRIPPED OBLIGATIONS. The Fund may invest in zero coupon securities issued by governmental and private issuers. Zero coupon securities are debt securities that do not pay regular interest payments, and instead are sold at substantial discounts from their value at maturity. Payment-in-kind obligations are obligations on which the interest is payable in additional securities rather than cash. The Fund may also invest in stripped obligations, which are separately traded principal and interest components of an underlying obligation. The value of these instruments tends to fluctuate more in response to changes in interest rates than the value of ordinary interest-paying debt securities with similar maturities. The risk is greater when the period to maturity is longer.

FLOATING AND VARIABLE RATE SECURITIES; PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES. The Fund may invest in floating rate securities, whose interest rates adjust automatically whenever a specified interest rate changes, and variable rate securities, whose interest rates are periodically adjusted. Certain of these instruments permit the holder to demand payment of principal and accrued interest upon a specified number of days' notice from either the issuer or a third party. The securities in which the Fund may invest include participation certificates and certificates of indebtedness or safekeeping. Participation certificates are pro rata interests in securities held by others; certificates of indebtedness or safekeeping are documentary receipts for such original securities held in custody by others. As a result of the floating or variable rate nature of these investments, the Fund's yield may decline and it may forego the opportunity for capital appreciation during periods when interest rates decline; however, during periods when interest rates increase, the Fund's yield may increase and it may have reduced risk of

capital depreciation. Demand features on certain floating or variable rate securities may obligate the Fund to pay a "tender fee" to a third party. Demand features provided by foreign banks involve certain risks associated with foreign investments.

INVERSE FLOATERS AND INTEREST RATE CAPS. The Fund may invest in inverse floaters and in securities with interest rate caps. Inverse floaters are instruments whose interest rates bear an inverse relationship to the interest rate on another security or the value of an index. The market value of an inverse floater will vary inversely with changes in market interest rates, and will be more volatile in response to interest rates changes than that of a fixed-rate obligation. Interest rate caps are financial instruments under which payments occur if an interest rate index exceeds a certain predetermined interest rate level, known as the cap rate, which is tied to a specific index. These financial products will be more volatile in price than securities which do not include such a structure.

MORTGAGE-RELATED SECURITIES. The Fund may invest in mortgage-related securities.

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Mortgage pass-through securities are securities representing interests in "pools" of mortgages in which payments of both interest and principal on the securities are made monthly, in effect "passing through" monthly payments made by the individual borrowers on the residential mortgage loans which underlie the securities. Early repayment of principal on mortgage pass-through securities held by the Fund (due to prepayments of principal on the underlying mortgage loans) may result in a lower rate of return when the Fund reinvests such principal. In addition, as with callable fixed-income securities generally, if the Fund purchased the securities at a premium, sustained early repayment would limit the value of the premium. Like other fixed-income securities, when interest rates rise the value of a mortgage-related security generally will decline; however, when interest rates decline, the value of mortgage-related securities with prepayment features may not increase as much as other fixed-income, fixed-maturity securities which have no prepayment or call features.

Payment of principal and interest on some mortgage pass-through securities (but not the market value of the securities themselves) may be guaranteed by the U.S. Government, or by agencies or instrumentalities of the U.S. Government (which guarantees are supported only by the discretionary authority of the U.S. Government to purchase the agency's obligations). Certain mortgage pass-through securities created by nongovernmental issuers may be supported by various forms of insurance or guarantees, while other such securities may be backed only by the underlying mortgage collateral.

The Fund may also invest in investment grade Collateralized Mortgage Obligations ("CMOs"), which are hybrid instruments with characteristics of both mortgage-backed bonds and mortgage pass-through securities. Similar to a bond, interest and prepaid principal on a CMO are paid, in most cases, monthly. CMOs may be collateralized by whole residential or commercial mortgage loans but are more typically collateralized by portfolios of mortgage pass-through securities guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities. CMOs are structured into multiple classes, with each class having a different expected average life and/or stated maturity. Monthly payments of principal, including prepayments, are allocated to different classes in accordance with the terms of the instruments, and changes in prepayment rates or assumptions may significantly affect the expected average life and value of a particular class.

The Fund may invest in principal-only or interest-only stripped mortgage-backed securities. Stripped mortgage-backed securities have greater volatility than other types of mortgage-related securities. Stripped mortgage-backed securities which are purchased at a substantial premium or discount generally are extremely sensitive not only to changes in prevailing interest rates but also to the rate of principal payments (including prepayments) on the related underlying mortgage

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assets, and a rapid rate of principal payments may have a material adverse effect on such securities' yield to maturity. In addition, stripped mortgage securities may be illiquid.

The Fund expects that governmental, government-related or private entities may create other mortgage-related securities in addition to those described above. As new types of mortgage-related securities are developed and offered to investors, the Fund will consider making investments in such securities.

DOLLAR ROLLS. The Fund may enter into mortgage "dollar rolls" in which the

Fund sells mortgage-backed securities for delivery in the current month and simultaneously contracts to repurchase substantially similar (same type, coupon and maturity) securities on a specified future date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from completing the transaction.

ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES. The Fund may invest in asset-backed securities, which represent a participation in, or are secured by and payable from, a stream of payments generated by particular assets, most often a pool of assets similar to one another, such as motor vehicle receivables or credit card receivables.

OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its total assets in shares of other investment companies when consistent with its investment objective and policies, subject to applicable regulatory limitations. Additional fees may be charged by other investment companies.

DERIVATIVES AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest its assets in derivative and related instruments to hedge various market risks or to increase the Fund's income or gain. Some of these instruments will be subject to asset segregation requirements to cover the Fund's obligations. The Fund may (i) purchase, write and exercise call and put options on securities and securities indexes (including using options in combination with securities, other options or derivative instruments); (ii) enter into swaps, futures contracts and options on futures contracts; (iii) employ forward interest rate contracts; (iv) purchase and sell mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities; and (v) purchase and sell structured products, which are instruments designed to restructure or reflect the characteristics of certain other investments.

There are a number of risks associated with the use of derivatives and related instruments and no assurance can be given that any strategy will succeed. The value of certain derivatives or related instruments in which the Fund invests may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing economic conditions and market value. The ability of the Fund to successfully utilize these instruments may depend in part upon the ability of its advisers to forecast these factors correctly. Inaccurate forecasts could expose the Fund to a risk of loss. There can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between

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price movements in a hedging instrument and in the portfolio assets being hedged. The Fund is not required to use any hedging strategies. Hedging strategies, while reducing risk of loss, can also reduce the opportunity for gain. Derivatives transactions not involving hedging may have speculative characteristics, involve leverage and result in losses that may exceed the original investment of the Fund. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Fund seeks to close out a derivatives position. Activities of large traders in the futures and securities markets involving arbitrage, "program trading," and other investment strategies may cause price distortions in derivatives markets. In certain instances, particularly those involving over-the-counter transactions or forward contracts, there is a greater potential that a counterparty or broker may default. In the event of a default, the Fund may experience a loss. For additional information concerning derivatives, related instruments and the associated risks, see the SAI.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER. The frequency of the Fund's buy and sell transactions will vary from year to year. The Fund's investment policies may lead to frequent changes in investments, particularly in periods of rapidly changing market conditions. High portfolio turnover rates would generally result in higher transaction costs, including dealer mark-ups, and would make it more difficult for the Fund to qualify as a registered investment company under federal tax law. See "How Distributions are Made; Tax Information."

# LIMITING INVESTMENT RISKS

Specific investment restrictions help the Fund limit investment risks for its shareholders. These restrictions prohibit the Fund from: (a) with respect to 75% of its total assets, holding more than 10% of the voting securities of any issuer or investing more than 5% of its total assets in the securities of any one issuer (other than U.S. Government obligations); (b) investing more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (which include securities restricted as to resale unless they are determined to be readily marketable in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees); or (c) investing more than 25% of its total assets in any one industry. A complete description of these and other investment policies is included in the SAI. Except for the Fund's investment objective, restriction (c) above and investment policies designated as fundamental in the SAI, the Fund's investment policies are not fundamental. The Trustees may change any nonfundamental investment policy without shareholder approval.

The Fund does not constitute a balanced or complete investment program, and the net asset value of its shares will fluctuate based on the value of the securities in the Fund's portfolio. The Fund is subject to the general risks and considerations associated with the types of investments it may make, as described above, as well as the risks discussed herein.

The performance of the Fund depends in part on interest rate changes. As interest rates increase,  $\$ 

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the value of the fixed income securities held by the Fund tends to decrease. This effect will be more pronounced with respect to investments by the Fund in mortgage-related securities, the value of which are more sensitive to interest rate changes. Although the Fund invests at least 65% of its assets in bonds which have a maturity of less than three years, to the extent the Fund invests in securities with longer maturities, the volatility of the Fund in response to changes in interest rates can be expected to be greater than if the Fund had invested in comparable securities with shorter maturities. The performance of the Fund will also depend on the quality of its investments. While U.S. Government securities generally are of high quality, government securities that are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury may be affected by changes in the creditworthiness of the agency that issued them and the non-U.S. Government securities held by the Fund, while of investment-grade quality, may be of lesser credit quality. Securities rated in the category Baa by Moody's or BBB by S&P lack certain investment characteristics and may have speculative characteristics.

For a discussion of certain other risks associated with the Fund's additional investment activities, see "Other Investment Practices" above.

### MANAGEMENT

### THE FUND'S ADVISERS

The Chase Manhattan Bank ("Chase") is the Fund's investment adviser under an Investment Advisory Agreement and has overall responsibility for investment decisions of the Fund, subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees. Chase is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation, a bank holding company. CHASE AND ITS PREDECESSORS HAVE OVER 100 YEARS OF MONEY MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE.

For its investment advisory services to the Fund, Chase is entitled to receive an annual fee computed daily and paid monthly based at an annual rate equal to 0.25% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Chase is located at 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Chase Asset Management, Inc. ("CAM"), a registered investment adviser, is the Fund's sub-investment adviser under a Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement between CAM and Chase. CAM is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Chase. CAM makes investment decisions for the Fund on a day-to-day basis. For these services, CAM is entitled to receive a fee, payable by Chase from its advisory fee, at an annual rate equal to 0.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets. CAM was recently formed for the purpose of providing discretionary investment advisory services to institutional clients and to consolidate Chase's investment management function. The same individuals who serve as portfolio managers for Chase also serve as portfolio managers for CAM. CAM is located at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS. The Fund has been managed by Susan

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Huang, a Vice President and the Director of U.S Fixed Income Management of Chase, since June 1996. Ms. Huang is responsible for developing the allocation and risk management strategy for U.S. fixed income portfolios, and managing the institutional U.S. fixed income assets under management. Prior to joining Chase in June of 1995, Ms.Huang was Director of the Insurance Asset Management Group at Hyperion Capital Management Inc. Prior to joining Hyperion, Ms. Huang was a senior portfolio manager with CS First Boston. Prior to joining CS First Boston in 1992, Ms. Huang spent 14 years at The Equitable, where she worked in the pension consulting group and the U.S. Fixed Income Management Group. Ms. Huang is also a manager of the Vista Balanced Fund, Vista Bond Fund, Vista U.S. Government Securities Fund and Vista U.S. Treasury Income Fund. Andrew Russell, a Second Vice President of Chase, participates in the management of the Short-Term Bond Fund. Since joining Chase in 1990, Mr. Russell has held several positions within the U.S. Fixed Income area, including taxable fixed-income trader, assistant trader

and portfolio analyst. Mr. Russell is a member of the U.S. Fixed Income area's quantitative research team where he specializes in the analysis of asset-backed securities.

HOW TO PURCHASE, REDEEM AND EXCHANGE SHARES

#### HOW TO PURCHASE SHARES

Institutional Shares may be purchased through selected financial service firms, such as broker-dealer firms and banks ("Dealers") who have entered into a selected dealer agreement with the Fund's distributor on each business day during which the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading ("Fund Business Day"). Qualified investors are defined as institutions, trusts, partnerships, corporations, qualified and other retirement plans and fiduciary accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which exercises investment authority over such accounts. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order or cease offering shares for purchase at any time.

Institutional Shares are purchased at their public offering price, which is their next determined net asset value. Orders received by Dealers in proper form prior to the New York Stock Exchange closing time are confirmed at that day's net asset value, provided the order is received by the Vista Service Center prior to its close of business. Dealers are responsible for forwarding orders for the purchase of shares on a timely basis. Institutional Shares will be maintained in book entry form and share certificates will not be issued. Management reserves the right to refuse to sell shares of the Fund to any institution.

Federal regulations require that each investor provide a certified Taxpayer Identification Number upon opening an account.

### MINIMUM INVESTMENTS

The Fund has established a minimum initial investment amount of \$1,000,000 for the purchase of Institutional Shares. There is no minimum for

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subsequent investments. Purchases of Institutional Shares offered by other non-money market Vista funds may be aggregated with purchases of Institutional Shares of the Fund to meet the \$1,000,000 minimum initial investment amount requirement.

### HOW TO REDEEM SHARES

You may redeem all or any portion of the shares in your account at any time at the net asset value next determined after a redemption request in proper form is furnished by you to your Dealer and transmitted to and received by the Vista Service Center. A wire redemption may be requested by telephone to the Vista Service Center. For telephone redemptions, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-622-4273.

In making redemption requests, the names of the registered shareholders on your account and your account number must be supplied, along with any certificates that represent shares you want to sell. The price you will receive is the next net asset value calculated after the Fund receives your request in proper form. In order to receive that day's net asset value, the Vista Service Center must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

DELIVERY OF PROCEEDS. The Fund generally sends you payment for your shares by wire in federal funds on the business day after your request is received in proper form. Under unusual circumstances, the Fund may suspend redemptions, or postpone payment for more than seven days, as permitted by federal securities law.

TELEPHONE REDEMPTIONS. You may use Vista's Telephone Redemption Privilege to redeem shares from your account unless you have notified the Vista Service Center of an address change within the preceding 30 days. Telephone redemption requests in excess of \$25,000 will only be made by wire to a bank account on record with the Fund. Unless an investor indicates otherwise on the account application, the Fund will be authorized to act upon redemption and transfer instructions received by telephone from a shareholder, or any person claiming to act as his or her representative, who can provide the Fund with his of her account registration and address as it appears on the Fund's records.

The Vista Service Center will employ these and other reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine; if it fails to employ reasonable procedures, the Fund may be liable for any losses due to

unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. An investor agrees, however, that to the extent permitted by applicable law, neither the Fund nor its agents will be liable for any loss, liability, cost or expense arising out of any redemption request, including any fraudulent or unauthorized request. For information, consult the Vista Service Center.

During periods of unusual market changes and shareholder activity, you may experience delays in contacting the Vista Service Center by telephone. In this event, you may wish to submit a written redemption request or contact your Dealer. The Telephone Redemption

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Privilege may be modified or terminated without notice.

SELLING SHARES THROUGH YOUR DEALER. Your Dealer must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's net asset value. Your Dealer will be responsible for furnishing all necessary documentation to the Vista Service Center, and may charge you for its services.

INVOLUNTARY REDEMPTION OF ACCOUNTS. The Fund may involuntarily redeem your shares if at such time the aggregate net asset value of the shares in your account is less than \$1,000,000. In the event of any such redemption, you will receive at least 60 days notice prior to the redemption.

#### HOW TO EXCHANGE YOUR SHARES

You can exchange your shares for Institutional Shares of certain other Vista funds at net asset value beginning 15 days after purchase. Not all Vista funds offer Institutional Shares. The prospectus of the other Vista fund into which shares are being exchanged should be read carefully prior to any exchange and retained for future reference.

For federal income tax purposes, an exchange is treated as a sale of shares and generally results in a capital gain or loss.

EXCHANGING BY PHONE. A Telephone Exchange Privilege is currently available. Call the Vista Service Center for procedures for telephone transactions. Ask your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for prospectuses of other Vista funds. Shares of certain Vista funds are not available to residents of all states.

EXCHANGE PARAMETERS. The exchange privilege is not intended as a vehicle for short-term trading. Excessive exchange activity may interfere with portfolio management and have an adverse effect on all shareholders. In order to limit excessive exchange activity and in other circumstances where Vista management or the Trustees believe doing so would be in the best interests of the Fund, the Fund reserves the right to revise or terminate the exchange privilege, limit the amount or number of exchanges or reject any exchange. In addition, any shareholder who makes more than ten exchanges of shares involving the Fund in a year or three in a calendar quarter will be charged a \$5.00 administration fee for each such exchange. Shareholders would be notified of any such action to the extent required by law. Consult the Vista Service Center before requesting an exchange. The exchange privilege is subject to change or termination. See the SAI to find out more about the exchange privilege.

HOW THE FUND VALUES ITS SHARES

The net asset value of each class of the Fund's shares is determined once daily based upon prices determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, however, options are priced at 4:15 p.m., Eastern time), on each Fund Business Day, by dividing the net assets of the Fund attributable to that class by the total

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number of outstanding shares of that class. Values of assets held by the Fund are determined on the basis of their market or other fair value, as described in the SAI.

HOW DISTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE; TAX INFORMATION

The Fund declares dividends daily and distributes any net investment income at least monthly. The Fund distributes any net realized capital gains at least annually. Capital gains are distributed after deducting any available capital loss carryover.

DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT OPTION. You can choose from three distribution options: (1) reinvest all distributions in additional Fund shares; (2) receive

distributions from net investment income in cash or by Automated Clearing House (ACH) to a pre-established bank account while reinvesting capital gains distributions in additional shares; or (3) receive all distributions in cash or by ACH. You can change your distribution option by notifying the Vista Service Center in writing. If you do not select an option when you open your account, all distributions will be reinvested. All distributions not paid in cash or by ACH will be reinvested in shares of the same share class. You will receive a statement confirming reinvestment of distributions in additional Fund shares promptly following the quarter in which the reinvestment occurs.

If a check representing a Fund distribution is not cashed within a specified period, the Vista Service Center will notify you that you have the option of requesting another check or reinvesting the distribution in the Fund or in another Vista fund without a sales charge. If the Vista Service Center does not receive your election, the distribution will be reinvested in the Fund. Similarly, if the Fund or the Vista Service Center sends you correspondence returned as "undeliverable," distributions will automatically be reinvested in the Fund.

The Fund intends to qualify as a "regulated investment company" for federal income tax purposes and to meet all other requirements that are necessary for it to be relieved of federal taxes on income and gains it distributes to shareholders. The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gain net income on a current basis. If the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company for any taxable year or does not make such distributions, the Fund will be subject to tax on all of its income and gains.

TAXATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS. Fund distributions other than net long-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions of net long-term capital gains will be taxable as such, regardless of how long you have held the shares. The taxation of your distribution is the same whether received in cash or in shares through the reinvestment of distributions.

A portion of the ordinary income dividends paid by the Fund may qualify for the 70% dividends-received deduction for corporate shareholders.

You should carefully consider the tax implications of purchasing shares just prior to a distribution.

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This is because you will be taxed on the entire amount of the distribution received, even though the net asset value per share will be higher on the date of such purchase as it will include the distribution amount.

Early in each calendar year the Fund will notify you of the amount and tax status of distributions paid to you by the Fund for the preceding year.

The above is only a summary of certain federal income tax consequences of investing in the Fund. You should consult your tax adviser to determine the precise effect of an investment in the Fund on your particular tax situation (including possible liability for state and local taxes and, for foreign shareholders, U.S. withholding taxes).

OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FUND

### SHAREHOLDER SERVICING AGENTS

The Trust has entered into shareholder servicing agreements with certain shareholder servicing agents (including Chase) under which the shareholder servicing agents have agreed to provide certain support services to their customers who beneficially own Institutional shares of the Fund. These services include assisting with purchase and redemption transactions, maintaining shareholder accounts and records, furnishing customer statements, transmitting shareholder reports and communications to customers and other similar shareholder liaison services. For performing these services, each shareholder servicing agent receives an annual fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Institutional shares of the Fund held by investors for whom the shareholder servicing agent maintains a servicing relationship. Shareholder servicing agents may subcontract with other parties for the provision of shareholder support services.

Shareholder servicing agents may offer additional services to their customers, such as pre-authorized or systematic purchase and redemption plans. Each shareholder servicing agent may establish its own terms and conditions, including limitations on the amounts of subsequent transactions, with respect to such services. Certain shareholder servicing agents may (although they are not required by the Trust to do so) credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees an amount not exceeding such other fees or the fees for their services as shareholder

Chase and/or VFD may from time to time, at their own expense out of compensation retained by them from the Fund or other sources available to them, make additional payments to certain selected dealers or other shareholder servicing agents for performing administrative services for their customers. These services include maintaining account records, processing orders to purchase, redeem and exchange Fund shares and responding to certain customer inquiries. The amount of such compensation may be up to an additional 0.10% annually of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to shares of the Fund

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held by customers of such shareholder servicing agents. Such compensation does not represent an additional expense to the Fund or its shareholders, since it will be paid by Chase and/or VFD.

#### ADMINISTRATOR

Chase acts as administrator of the Fund and is entitled to receive a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

### SUB-ADMINISTRATOR AND DISTRIBUTOR

Vista Fund Distributors, Inc. ("VFD") acts as the Fund's sub-administrator and distributor. VFD is a subsidiary of The BISYS Group, Inc. and is unaffiliated with Chase. For the sub-administrative services it performs, VFD is entitled to receive a fee from the Fund at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of the Fund's average daily net assets. VFD has agreed to use a portion of this fee to pay for certain expenses incurred in connection with organizing new series of the Trust and certain other ongoing expenses of the Trust. VFD is located at 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10178.

#### CUSTODIAN

Chase acts as the Fund's custodian and fund accountant and receives compensation under an agreement with the Trust. Fund securities and cash may be held by sub-custodian banks if such arrangements are reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

### EXPENSES

The Fund pays the expenses incurred in its operations, including its pro rata share of expenses of the Trust. These expenses include investment advisory and administrative fees; the compensation of the Trustees; registration fees; interest charges; taxes; expenses connected with the execution, recording and settlement of security transactions; fees and expenses of the Fund's custodian for all services to the Fund, including safekeeping of funds and securities and maintaining required books and accounts; expenses of preparing and mailing reports to investors and to government offices and commissions; expenses of meetings of investors; fees and expenses of independent accountants, of legal counsel and of any transfer agent, registrar or dividend disbursing agent of the Trust; insurance premiums; and expenses of calculating the net asset value of, and the net income on, shares of the Fund. Shareholder servicing and distribution fees are allocated to specific classes of the Fund. In addition, the Fund may allocate transfer agency and certain other expenses by class. Service providers to the Fund may, from time to time, voluntarily waive all or a portion of any fees to which they are entitled.

# ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SHARES

The Fund is a portfolio of Mutual Fund Group, an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust in 1987 (the "Trust"). The Trust has reserved the right to create and issue additional series

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and classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The shares of each series or class participate equally in the earnings, dividends and assets of the particular series or class. Shares have no pre-emptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each whole share held, and each fractional share shall be entitled to a proportionate fractional vote, except that Trust shares held in the treasury of the Trust shall not be voted. Shares of each class of the Fund generally vote together except when required under federal securities

laws to vote separately on matters that only affect a particular class, such as the approval of distribution plans for a particular class.

The Fund issues multiple classes of shares. This Prospectus relates only to Institutional Shares of the Fund, one class of shares offered by the Fund. Institutional Shares may be purchased only by qualified investors that make an initial investment of \$1,000,000 or more. "Qualified investors" are defined as institutions, trusts, partnerships, corporations, qualified and other retirement plans and fiduciary accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which exercises investment authority over such accounts. The Fund offers other classes of shares in addition to these classes. The categories of investors that are eligible to purchase shares may differ for each class of Fund shares. In addition, other classes of Fund shares may be subject to differences in sales charge arrangements, ongoing distribution and service fee levels, and levels of certain other expenses, which will affect the relative performance of the different classes. Investors may call 1-800-622-4273 to obtain additional information about other classes of shares of the Fund that are offered. Any person entitled to receive compensation for selling or servicing shares of the Fund may receive different levels of compensation with respect to one class of shares over

The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the general direction and supervision of its Board of Trustees. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders but will hold special meetings of shareholders of all series or classes when in the judgment of the Trustees it is necessary or desirable to submit matters for a shareholder vote. The Trustees will promptly call a meeting of shareholders to remove a trustee(s) when requested to do so in writing by record holders of not less than 10% of all outstanding shares of the Trust.

Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Trust itself was unable to meet its obligations.

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# UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF MASTER/FEEDER FUND STRUCTURE

Unlike other mutual funds which directly acquire and manage their own portfolio securities, the Fund is permitted to invest all of its investable assets in a separate registered investment company (a "Portfolio"). In that event, a shareholder's interest in the Fund's underlying investment securities would be indirect. In addition to selling a beneficial interest to the Fund, a Portfolio could also sell beneficial interests to other mutual funds or institutional investors. Such investors would invest in such Portfolio on the same terms and conditions and would pay a proportionate share of such Portfolio's expenses. However, other investors in a Portfolio would not be required to sell their shares at the same public offering price as the Fund, and might bear different levels of ongoing expenses than the Fund. Shareholders of the Fund should be aware that these differences may result in differences in returns experienced in the different funds that invest in a Portfolio. Such differences in return are also present in other mutual fund structures.

Smaller funds investing in a Portfolio could be materially affected by the actions of larger funds investing in the Portfolio. For example, if a large fund were to withdraw from a Portfolio, the remaining funds might experience higher pro rata operating expenses, thereby producing lower returns. Additionally, the Portfolio could become less diverse, resulting in increased portfolio risk. However, this possibility also exists for traditionally structured funds which have large or institutional investors. Funds with a greater pro rata ownership in a Portfolio could have effective voting control of such Portfolio. Under this master/feeder investment approach, whenever the Trust was requested to vote on matters pertaining to a Portfolio, the Trust would hold a meeting of shareholders of the Fund and would cast all of its votes in the same proportion as did the Fund's shareholders. Shares of the Fund for which no voting instructions had been received would be voted in the same proportion as those shares for which voting instructions had been received. Certain changes in a Portfolio's objective, policies or restrictions might require the Trust to withdraw the Fund's interest in such Portfolio. Any such withdrawal could result in a distribution in kind of portfolio securities (as opposed to a cash distribution from such Portfolio). The Fund could incur brokerage fees or other transaction costs in converting such securities to cash. In addition, a distribution in kind could result in a less diversified portfolio of investments or adversely affect the liquidity of the Fund.

The same individuals who are disinterested Trustees of the Trust serve as

Trustees of the Portfolio. The Trustees of the Trust, including a majority of the disinterested Trustees, have adopted procedures they believe are reasonably appropriate to deal with resulting potential conflicts of interest, up to and including creating a separate Board of Trustees.

If the Fund invests all of its investable assets in a Portfolio, investors in the Fund will be able to obtain informa-

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tion about whether investment in the Portfolio might be available through other funds by contacting the Fund at 1-800-622-4273. In the event the Fund adopts a master/feeder structure and invests all of its investable assets in a Portfolio, shareholders of the Fund will be given at least 30 days' prior written notice.

#### PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The Fund's investment performance may from time to time be included in advertisements about the Fund. Performance is calculated separately for each class of shares, in the manner described in the SAI. "Yield" for each class of shares is calculated by dividing the annualized net investment income per share during a recent 30-day period by the maximum public offering price per share of such class on the last day of that period.

"Total return" for the one-, five- and ten-year periods (or since inception, if shorter) through the most recent calendar quarter represents the average annual compounded rate of return on an investment of \$1,000 in the Fund invested at the public offering price. Total return may also be presented for other periods.

All performance data is based on the Fund's past investment results and does not predict future performance. Investment performance, which will vary, is based on many factors, including market conditions, the composition of the Fund's portfolio, the Fund's operating expenses and which class of shares you purchase.

Investment performance also often reflects the risks associated with the Fund's investment objectives and policies. These factors should be considered when comparing the Fund's investment results to those of other mutual funds and other investment vehicles. Quotation of investment performance for any period when a fee waiver or expense limitation was in effect will be greater than if the waiver or limitation had not been in effect. The Fund's performance may be compared to other mutual funds, relevant indices and rankings prepared by independent services. See the SAI.

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Vista Family of Mutual Funds & Retirement Products

VISTA INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUNDS Southeast Asian Fund Japan Fund European Fund International Equity Fund

VISTA U.S. EQUITY FUNDS Small Cap Equity Fund The Growth Fund of Washington Capital Growth Fund Growth and Income Fund Large Cap Equity Fund Balanced Fund Equity Income Fund

VISTA FIXED INCOME FUNDS
Bond Fund
U.S. Government Securities Fund
U.S. Treasury Income Fund
Short-Term Bond Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE FUNDS(1)
New York Tax Free Income Fund
California Intermediate Tax Free Fund
Tax Free Income Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(1,2)
New York Tax Free Money Market Fund
Connecticut Daily Tax Free Income Fund Select Shares(3)
New Jersey Daily Municipal Income Fund Select Shares(3)
Tax Free Money Market Fund

California Tax Free Money Market Fund

VISTA TAXABLE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(2)
Cash Management Money Market Fund
Federal Money Market Fund
100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund
U.S. Government Money Market Fund
Treasury Plus Money Market Fund

VISTA RETIREMENT PRODUCTS
Vista Capital Advantage Variable Annuity(4)
Vista 401(k) Advantage

For complete information on the Vista Mutual Funds or Retirement Products, including information about fees and expenses, call your investment professional or 1-800-34-VISTA for a prospectus. Please read it carefully before you invest or send money.

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- (1) Some income may be subject to certain state and local taxes. A portion of the income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax for some investors.
- (2) An investment in a Money Market Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Yields will fluctuate, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per share
- (3) Vista Select Shares of these funds are not a part of, or affiliated with, the Vista Family of Mutual Funds. Reich & Tang Distributors L.P. and New England Investment Companies L.P., which are unaffiliated with Chase, are the funds' distributor and investment adviser, respectively.
- (4) The variable annuity contract is issued by First SunAmerica Life Insurance Company in New York; in other states, but not necessarily all states, it is issued by Anchor National Life Insurance Company.

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PROSPECTUS
VISTA(SM) SMALL CAP EQUITY FUND
INSTITUTIONAL SHARES

### February 28, 1997

This Prospectus explains concisely what you should know before investing. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. You can find more detailed information about the Fund in its February 28, 1997 Statement of Additional Information, as amended periodically (the "SAI"). For a free copy of the SAI, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-622-4273. The SAI has been filled with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION, NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

Investments in the Fund are not bank deposits or obligations of, or guaranteed or endorsed by, The Chase Manhattan Bank or any of its affiliates and are not insured by the FDIC, the Federal Reserve Board or any other government agency. Investments in mutual funds involve risk, including the possible loss of the principal amount invested.

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### EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses are one of several factors to consider when investing. The following table summarizes your costs from investing in the Fund based on expenses incurred in the most recent fiscal year. The example shows the cumulative expenses attributable to a hypothetical \$1,000 investment over specified periods.

### ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES

(as a percentage of average net assets)

Investment Advisory Fee 0.65%

12b-1 Fee None
Shareholder Servicing Fee (after estimated waiver)\* 0.00%

Other Expenses 0.45%

Total Fund Operating Expenses (after waiver of fee)\* 1.10%

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EXAMPLE Your investment of \$1,000 would incur the following expenses, assuming 5%				
annual return:	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Institutional Shares				

 \$11 | \$35 | \$61 | \$134 |\* Reflects current waiver arrangement to maintain Total Fund Operating Expenses at the level indicated in the table above. Absent such waiver, the Shareholder Servicing Fee would be 0.25% and Total Fund Operating Expenses would be 1.35%. Chase has agreed voluntarily to waive fees payable to it and/or reimburse expenses for a period of at least one year to the extent necessary to prevent Total Fund Operating Expenses of Institutional Shares of the Fund for such period from exceeding the amount indicated in the table. In addition, Chase has agreed to waive fees payable to it and/or reimburse expenses for a two year period to the extent necessary to prevent Total Fund Operating Expenses of Institutional Share of the Fund from exceeding 1.22% during such period.

The table is provided to help you understand the expenses of investing in the Fund and your share of the operating expenses that the Fund incurs. The example should not be considered a representation of past or future expenses or returns; actual expenses and returns may be greater or less than shown.

Charges or credits, not reflected in the expense table above, may be incurred directly by customers of financial institutions in connection with an investment in the Fund. The Fund understands that Shareholder Servicing Agents may credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees amounts not exceeding such other fees or the fees received by the Shareholder Servicing Agent from the Fund with respect to those accounts. See "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The table set forth below provides selected per share data and ratios for one Institutional Class Share outstanding throughout the period shown. This information is supplemented by financial statements and accompanying notes appearing in the Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, which is incorporated by reference into the SAI. Shareholders may obtain a copy of this annual report by contacting the Fund or their Shareholder Servicing Agent. The financial statements and notes, as well as the financial information set forth in the table below, has been audited by Price Waterhouse, independent accountants, whose report thereon is also included in the Annual Report to Shareholders.

VISTA SMALL CAP EQUITY FUND

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PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period Income from Investment Operations Net Investment Income Total from Investment Operations Leess dividends from net investment income Net Asset Value, End of Period Total Return(1) Ratios/Supplemental Data Net Assets, End of Perod (000 omitted) Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets # Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets # Ratio of expenses without waivers and assumption of expenses to average net assets #

Ratio of net investment income without waivers and assumption of expenses to average net assets#

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\* Annualized.

\* Commencement of offering shares.

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### FUND OBJECTIVE

Vista Small Cap Equity Fund seeks long-term capital growth. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program, and there is no assurance it will achieve its objective.

INVESTMENT POLICIES

### INVESTMENT APPROACH

Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its total assets in equity securities and at least 65% of its total assets in equity securities of smaller companies (i.e., those with market capitalizations of \$750 million or less at the time of purchase). The Fund's advisers intend to utilize both quantitative and fundamental research to identify undervalued stocks with a catalyst for positive change. [The Fund's advisers will consider industry diversification as an important factor and will try to maintain representation in a variety of market sectors, although sector emphasis will shift as a result of changes in the outlook for earnings among market sectors.] Current income is an incidental consideration to the Fund's objective. You should be aware that an investment in smaller companies may be more volatile than investments in companies with greater capitalization, as described under "Risk Factors" below.

To retain investment flexibility, the Fund may determine to discontinue selling new shares of the Fund when the net assets of the Fund reach approximately \$500 million. Were the Fund to do so, existing shareholders of the Fund would be permitted to continue making additional purchases of Fund shares.

The Fund is classified as a "non-diversified" fund under federal securities law. The Fund's assets may be more concentrated in the securities of any single issuer or group of issuers than if the Fund were diversified.

The Fund may invest any portion of its assets not invested in equity securities in high quality money market instruments and repurchase agreements. For temporary defensive purposes, the Fund may invest without limitation in these instruments. At times when the Fund's advisers deem it advisable to limit the Fund's exposure to the equity markets, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in U.S. Government obligations (exclusive of any investments in money market instruments). To the extent that the Fund departs from its investment policies during temporary defensive periods, its investment objective may not be achieved.

Instead of investing directly in underlying securities, the Fund is authorized to seek to achieve its objective by investing all of its investable assets in an investment company having substantially the same investment objective and policies as the Fund.

WHO MAY WANT TO INVEST

This Fund may be most suitable for investors who...

(bullet) Are seeking long-term growth of capital

(bullet) Are investing for goals several years away

(bullet) Own or plan to own other types

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of investments for diversification purposes

(bullet) Can assume above-average stock market risk

This Fund may NOT be appropriate for investors who are unable to tolerate frequent up and down price changes, are investing for short-term goals or who are in need of current income.

OTHER INVESTMENT PRACTICES

The Fund may also engage in the following investment practices, when consistent with the Fund's overall objective and policies. These practices, and certain associated risks, are more fully described in the SAI.

FOREIGN SECURITIES. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in foreign securities, including Depositary Receipts, which are described below. Since foreign securities are normally denominated and traded in foreign currencies, the values of the Fund's foreign investments may be influenced by currency exchange rates and exchange control regulations. There may be less information publicly available about foreign issuers than U.S. issuers, and they are not generally subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices comparable to those in the U.S. Foreign securities may be less liquid and more volatile than comparable U.S. securities. Foreign settlement procedures and trade regulations may involve certain expenses and risks. One risk would be the delay in payment or delivery of securities or in the recovery of the Fund's assets held abroad. It is possible that nationalization or expropriation of assets, imposition of currency exchange controls, taxation by withholding Fund assets, political or financial instability and diplomatic developments could affect the value of the Fund's investments in certain foreign countries. Foreign laws may restrict the ability to invest in certain issuers and special tax considerations will apply to foreign securities. The risks can increase if the Fund invests in emerging market securities.

The Fund may invest its assets in securities of foreign issuers in the form of American Depositary Receipts, European Depositary Receipts, Global Depositary Receipts or other similar securities representing securities of foreign issuers (collectively, "Depositary Receipts"). The Fund treats Depositary Receipts as interests in the underlying securities for purposes of its investment policies. The Fund will limit its investment in Depositary Receipts not sponsored by the issuer of the underlying securities to no more

than 5% of the value of its net assets (at the time of investment).

U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS. U.S. Government obligations include obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities.

MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest in cash or high-quality, short-term money market instruments. These may include U.S. Government securities, commercial paper of domestic and foreign issuers and obligations of domestic and foreign banks. Investments in foreign

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money market instruments may involve certain risks associated with foreign investment.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS, SECURITIES LOANS AND FORWARD COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into agreements to purchase and resell securities at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund also has the ability to lend portfolio securities in an amount equal to not more than 30% of its total assets to generate additional income. These transactions must be fully collateralized at all times. The Fund may purchase securities for delivery at a future date, which may increase its overall investment exposure and involves a risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction.

BORROWINGS AND REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. The Fund may borrow money from banks for temporary or short-term purposes, but will not borrow money to buy additional securities, known as "leveraging." The Fund may also sell and simultaneously commit to repurchase a portfolio security at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund may use this practice to generate cash for shareholder redemptions without selling securities in a down market. Whenever the Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will establish a segregated account in which it will maintain liquid assets on a daily basis in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest). The Fund would be required to pay interest on amounts obtained through reverse repurchase agreements, which are considered borrowings under federal securities laws.

STAND-BY COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into put transactions, including those sometimes referred to as stand-by commitments, with respect to securities in its portfolio. In these transactions, the Fund would acquire the right to sell a security at an agreed upon price within a specified period prior to its maturity date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction. A put transaction will increase the cost of the underlying security and consequently reduce the available yield.

CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in convertible securities, which are securities generally offering fixed interest or dividend yields which may be converted either at a stated price or stated rate for common or preferred stock. Although to a lesser extent than with fixed-income securities generally, the market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase, and increase as interest rates decline. Because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities also tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying common or preferred stock.

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OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its total assets in shares of other investment companies when consistent with its investment objective and policies, subject to applicable regulatory limitations. Additional fees may be charged by other investment companies.

STRIPS. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in stripped obligations (i.e., separately traded principal and interest components of securities) where the underlying obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, including instruments known as "STRIPS". The value of these instruments tends to fluctuate more in response to changes in interest rates than the value of ordinary interest-paying debt securities with similar maturities. The risk is greater when the period to maturity is longer.

DERIVATIVES AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest its assets in derivative and related instruments to hedge various market risks or to increase the Fund's income or gain. Some of these instruments will be subject to asset segregation requirements to cover the Fund's obligations. The Fund

may (i) purchase, write and exercise call and put options on securities and securities indexes (including using options in combination with securities, other options or derivative instruments); (ii) enter into swaps, futures contracts and options on futures contracts; (iii) employ forward currency contracts; and (iv) purchase and sell structured products, which are instruments designed to restructure or reflect the characteristics of certain other investments.

There are a number of risks associated with the use of derivatives and related instruments and no assurance can be given that any strategy will succeed. The value of certain derivatives or related instruments in which the Fund invests may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing economic conditions and market value. The ability of the Fund to successfully utilize these instruments may depend in part upon the ability of its advisers to forecast these factors correctly. Inaccurate forecasts could expose the Fund to a risk of loss. There can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in a hedging instrument and in the portfolio assets being hedged. The Fund is not required to use any hedging strategies. Hedging strategies, while reducing risk of loss, can also reduce the opportunity for gain. Derivatives transactions not involving hedging may have speculative characteristics, involve leverage and result in losses that may exceed the original investment of the Fund. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Fund seeks to close out a derivatives position. Activities of large traders in the futures and securities markets involving arbitrage, "program trading," and other investment strategies may cause price distortions in derivatives markets. In certain instances, particularly those involving over-the-counter transactions or forward contracts, there is a greater potential that a counterparty or broker may default. In the event of a default, the

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Fund may experience a loss. For additional information concerning derivatives, related instruments and the associated risks, see the SAI.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER. The frequency of the Fund's buy and sell transactions will vary from year to year. The Fund's investment policies may lead to frequent changes in investments, particularly in periods of rapidly changing market conditions. High portfolio turnover rates would generally result in higher transaction costs, including brokerage commissions or dealer mark-ups, and would make it more difficult for the Portfolio to qualify as a registered investment company under federal tax law. See "How Distributions are Made; Tax Information."

### LIMITING INVESTMENT RISKS

Specific investment restrictions help the Fund limit investment risks for its shareholders. These restrictions prohibit the Fund from: (a) investing more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (which include securities restricted as to resale unless they are determined to be readily marketable in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees); or (b) investing more than 25% of its total assets in any one industry. A complete description of these and other investment policies is included in the SAI. Except for the Fund's investment objective, restriction (b) and investment policies designated as fundamental in the SAI, the Fund's investment policies are not fundamental. The Trustees may change any non-fundamental policy without shareholder approval.

### RISK FACTORS

The net asset value of the Fund's shares will fluctuate based on the value of the securities in the Fund's portfolio. The Fund is aggressively managed and, therefore, the value of its shares is subject to greater fluctuation and an investment in its shares involves a higher degree of risk than an investment in a conservative equity fund or a growth fund investing entirely in proven growth equities. An investment in the Fund should not be considered a complete investment program and may not be appropriate for all investors.

The securities of smaller companies often trade less frequently and in more limited volume, and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements, than securities of larger, more established companies. Such companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, or may depend on a limited management group. Because the Fund is "non-diversified," the value of the its shares more susceptible to developments affecting issuers in which the Fund invests.

For a discussion of certain other risks associated with the Fund's additional investment activities, see "Other Investment Practices" above.

### MANAGEMENT

THE FUND'S ADVISERS

The Chase Manhattan Bank ("Chase") is the Fund's investment adviser under an Investment Advisory Agreement and has overall responsibility for investment decisions of the Fund, subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees.

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Chase is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation, a bank holding company. CHASE AND ITS PREDECESSORS HAVE OVER 100 YEARS OF MONEY MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE.

For its investment advisory services to the Fund, Chase is entitled to receive an annual fee computed daily and paid monthly based at an annual rate equal to 0.65% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Chase is located at 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Chase Asset Management, Inc. ("CAM"), a registered investment adviser, is the Fund's sub-investment adviser under a Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement between CAM and Chase. CAM is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Chase. CAM makes investment decisions for the Fund on a day-to-day basis. For these services, CAM is entitled to receive a fee, payable by Chase from its advisory fee, at an annual rate equal to 0.30% of the Fund's average daily net assets. CAM was recently formed for the purpose of providing discretionary investment advisory services to institutional clients and to consolidate Chase's investment management function. The same individuals who serve as portfolio managers for Chase also serve as portfolio managers for CAM. CAM is located at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS. David Klassen, Director, U.S. Funds Management and Equity Research of Domestic Equity Management at Chase, is responsible for asset allocation and investment strategy for Chase's domestic equity portfolios. Mr. Klassen joined Chase in March 1992. Prior to joining Chase, Mr. Klassen was a vice president and portfolio manager at Dean Witter Reynolds, responsible for managing several mutual funds and other accounts.

Mr. Klassen and Jill Greenwald, a Vice President of Chase, are responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund's portfolio. Mr. Klassen and Ms. Greenwald have managed the Fund since its inception. In addition to managing the Fund, Mr. Klassen is a manager of the Vista Growth and Income Portfolio and Vista Capital Growth Portfolio. Ms. Greenwald joined Chase in 1993, specializing in small cap issues. Prior to joining Chase, Ms. Greenwald was a Director for Prudential Equity Investors and a Senior Analyst for Fred Alger Management, Inc.

HOW TO PURCHASE, REDEEM AND EXCHANGE SHARES

### HOW TO PURCHASE SHARES

Institutional Shares may be purchased through selected financial service firms, such as broker-dealer firms and banks ("Dealers") who have entered into a selected dealer agreement with the Fund's distributor on each business day during which the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading ("Fund Business Day"). Qualified investors are defined as institutions, trusts, partnerships, corporations, qualified and other retirement plans and fiduciary accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift

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institution which exercises investment authority over such accounts. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order or cease offering shares for purchase at any time.

Institutional Shares are purchased at their public offering price, which is their next determined net asset value. Orders received by Dealers in proper form prior to the New York Stock Exchange closing time are confirmed at that day's net asset value, provided the order is received by the Vista Service Center prior to its close of business. Dealers are responsible for forwarding orders for the purchase of shares on a timely basis. Institutional Shares will be maintained in book entry form and share certificates will not be issued. Management reserves the right to refuse to sell shares of the Fund to any institution.

Federal regulations require that each investor provide a certified Taxpayer Identification Number upon opening an account.

### MINIMUM INVESTMENTS

The Fund has established a minimum initial investment amount of \$1,000,000 for the purchase of Institutional Shares. There is no minimum for subsequent investments. Purchases of Institutional Shares offered by other non-money market Vista funds may be aggregated with purchases of Institutional Shares of the Fund to meet the \$1,000,000 minimum initial investment amount

#### HOW TO REDEEM SHARES

You may redeem all or any portion of the shares in your account at any time at the net asset value next determined after a redemption request in proper form is furnished by you to your Dealer and transmitted to and received by the Vista Service Center. A wire redemption may be requested by telephone to the Vista Service Center. For telephone redemptions, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-622-4273.

In making redemption requests, the names of the registered shareholders on your account and your account number must be supplied, along with any certificates that represent shares you want to sell. The price you will receive is the next net asset value calculated after the Fund receives your request in proper form. In order to receive that day's net asset value, the Vista Service Center must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

DELIVERY OF PROCEEDS. The Fund generally sends you payment for your shares by wire in federal funds on the business day after your request is received in proper form. Under unusual circumstances, the Fund may suspend redemptions, or postpone payment for more than seven days, as permitted by federal securities law.

TELEPHONE REDEMPTIONS. You may use Vista's Telephone Redemption Privilege to redeem shares from your account unless you have notified the Vista Service Center of an address change within the preceding 30 days. Telephone redemption requests in excess of \$25,000 will only be made by wire

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to a bank account on record with the Fund. Unless an investor indicates otherwise on the account application, the Fund will be authorized to act upon redemption and transfer instructions received by telephone from a shareholder, or any person claiming to act as his or her representative, who can provide the Fund with his or her representative, who can provide the fund with his or her account registration and address as it appears on the Fund's records.

The Vista Service Center will employ these and other reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine; if it fails to employ reasonable procedures, the Fund may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. An investor agrees, however, that to the extent permitted by applicable law, neither the Fund nor its agents will be liable for any loss, liability, cost or expense arising out of any redemption request, including any fraudulent or unauthorized request. For information, consult the Vista Service Center.

During periods of unusual market changes and shareholder activity, you may experience delays in contacting the Vista Service Center by telephone. In this event, you may wish to submit a written redemption request or contact your Dealer. The Telephone Redemption Privilege may be modified or terminated without notice.

SELLING SHARES THROUGH YOUR DEALER. Your Dealer must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's net asset value. Your Dealer will be responsible for furnishing all necessary documentation to the Vista Service Center, and may charge you for its services.

INVOLUNTARY REDEMPTION OF ACCOUNTS. The Fund may involuntarily redeem your shares if at such time the aggregate net asset value of the shares in your account is less than \$1,000,000. In the event of any such redemption, you will receive at least 60 days notice prior to the redemption.

# HOW TO EXCHANGE YOUR SHARES

You can exchange your shares for Institutional Shares of certain other Vista funds at net asset value beginning 15 days after purchase. Not all Vista funds offer Institutional Shares. The prospectus of the other Vista fund into which shares are being exchanged should be read carefully prior to any exchange and retained for future reference.

For federal income tax purposes, an exchange is treated as a sale of shares and generally results in a capital gain or loss.

EXCHANGING BY PHONE. A Telephone Exchange Privilege is currently available. Call the Vista Service Center for procedures for telephone transactions. Ask your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for prospectuses of other Vista funds. Shares of certain Vista funds are not available to residents of all states.

management and have an adverse effect on all shareholders. In order to limit excessive exchange activity and in other circumstances where Vista management or the Trustees believe doing so would be in the best interests of the Fund, the Fund reserves the right to revise or terminate the exchange privilege, limit the amount or number of exchanges or reject any exchange. In addition, any shareholder who makes more than ten exchanges of shares involving the Fund in a year or three in a calendar quarter will be charged a \$5.00 administration fee for each such exchange. Shareholders would be notified of any such action to the extent required by law. Consult the Vista Service Center before requesting an exchange. The exchange privilege is subject to change or termination. See the SAI to find out more about the exchange privilege.

#### HOW THE FUND VALUES ITS SHARES

The net asset value of each class of the Fund's shares is determined once daily based upon prices determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, however, options are priced at 4:15 p.m., Eastern time), on each Fund Business Day, by dividing the net assets of the Fund attributable to that class by the total number of outstanding shares of that class. Values of assets held by the Fund are determined on the basis of their market or other fair value, as described in the SAI.

### HOW DISTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE; TAX INFORMATION

The Fund distributes any net investment income at least semi-annually and any net realized capital gains at least annually. Capital gains are distributed after deducting any available capital loss carryovers.

DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT OPTION. You can choose from three distribution options: (1) reinvest all distributions in additional Fund shares; (2) receive distributions from net investment income in cash or by Automated Clearing House (ACH) to a pre-established bank account while reinvesting capital gains distributions in additional shares; or (3) receive all distributions in cash or by ACH. You can change your distribution option by notifying the Vista Service Center in writing. If you do not select an option when you open your account, all distributions will be reinvested. All distributions not paid in cash or by ACH will be reinvested in shares of the same share class. You will receive a statement confirming reinvestment of distributions in additional Fund shares promptly following the quarter in which the reinvestment occurs.

If a check representing a Fund distribution is not cashed within a specified period, the Vista Service Center will notify you that you have the option of requesting another check or reinvesting the distribution in the Fund or in another Vista fund without a sales charge. If the Vista Service Center does not receive your election, the distribution will be reinvested in the Fund. Similarly, if the Fund or the Vista Service Center sends you correspondence returned

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as "undeliverable," distributions will automatically be reinvested in the  $\operatorname{\mathsf{Fund}}$  .

The Fund intends to qualify as a "regulated investment company" for federal income tax purposes and to meet all other requirements that are necessary for it to be relieved of federal taxes on income and gains it distributes to shareholders. The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gain net income on a current basis. If the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company for any taxable year or does not make such distributions, the Fund will be subject to tax on all of its income and gains.

TAXATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS. Fund distributions other than net long-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions of net long-term capital gains will be taxable as such, regardless of how long you have held the shares. The taxation of your distribution is the same whether received in cash or in shares through the reinvestment of distributions.

A portion of the ordinary income dividends paid by the Fund may qualify for the 70% dividends-received deduction for corporate shareholders.

You should carefully consider the tax implications of purchasing shares just prior to a distribution. This is because you will be taxed on the entire  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

amount of the distribution received, even though the net asset value per share will be higher on the date of such purchase as it will include the distribution amount.

Early in each calendar year the Fund will notify you of the amount and tax status of distributions paid to you by the Fund for the preceding year.

The above is only a summary of certain federal income tax consequences of investing in the Fund. You should consult your tax adviser to determine the precise effect of an investment in the Fund on your particular tax situation (including possible liability for state and local taxes and, for foreign shareholders, U.S. withholding taxes).

OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FUND

#### SHAREHOLDER SERVICING AGENTS

The Trust has entered into shareholder servicing agreements with certain shareholder servicing agents (including Chase) under which the shareholder servicing agents have agreed to provide certain support services to their customers who beneficially own Institutional Shares of the Fund. These services include assisting with purchase and redemption transactions, maintaining shareholder accounts and records, furnishing customer statements, transmitting shareholder reports and communications to customers and other similar shareholder liaison services. For performing these services, each shareholder servicing agent receives an annual fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Institutional Shares of the Fund held by investors for whom the shareholder servicing agent maintains a servicing relationship. Shareholder servicing agents may subcontract with other parties for

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the provision of shareholder support services.

Shareholder servicing agents may offer additional services to their customers, such as pre-authorized or systematic purchase and redemption plans. Each shareholder servicing agent may establish its own terms and conditions, including limitations on the amounts of subsequent transactions, with respect to such services. Certain shareholder servicing agents may (although they are not required by the Trust to do so) credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees an amount not exceeding such other fees or the fees for their services as shareholder servicing agents.

Chase may from time to time, at its own expense, provide compensation to certain selected dealers for performing administrative services for their customers. These services include maintaining account records, processing orders to purchase, redeem and exchange Fund shares and responding to certain customer inquiries. The amount of such compensation may be up to 0.10% annually of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to shares of the Fund held by customers of such selected dealers. Such compensation does not represent an additional expense to the Fund or its shareholders, since it will be paid by Chase.

### ADMINISTRATOR

Chase acts as administrator of the Fund and is entitled to receive a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

# SUB-ADMINISTRATOR AND DISTRIBUTOR

Vista Fund Distributors, Inc. ("VFD") acts as the Fund's sub-administrator and distributor. VFD is a subsidiary of The BISYS Group, Inc. and is unaffiliated with Chase. For the sub-administrative services it performs, VFD is entitled to receive a fee from the Fund at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of the Fund's average daily net assets. VFD has agreed to use a portion of this fee to pay for certain expenses incurred in connection with organizing new series of the Trust and certain other ongoing expenses of the Trust. VFD is located at 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10178.

# CUSTODIAN

Chase acts as the Fund's custodian and fund accountant and receives compensation under an agreement with the Trust. Fund securities and cash may be held by sub-custodian banks if such arrangements are reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

### EXPENSES

The Fund pays the expenses incurred in its operations, including its pro rata share of expenses of the Trust. These expenses include investment advisory

and administrative fees; the compensation of the Trustees; registration fees; interest charges; taxes; expenses connected with the execution, recording and settlement of security transactions; fees and expenses of the Fund's custodian for all services to the Fund, including safekeeping of funds and securities

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and maintaining required books and accounts; expenses of preparing and mailing reports to investors and to government offices and commissions; expenses of meetings of investors; fees and expenses of independent accountants, of legal counsel and of any transfer agent, registrar or dividend disbursing agent of the Trust; insurance premiums; and expenses of calculating the net asset value of, and the net income on, shares of the Fund. Shareholder servicing and distribution fees are allocated to specific classes of the Fund. In addition, the Fund may allocate transfer agency and certain other expenses by class. Service providers to the Fund may, from time to time, voluntarily waive all or a portion of any fees to which they are entitled.

### ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SHARES

The Fund is a portfolio of Mutual Fund Group, an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust in 1987 (the "Trust"). The Trust has reserved the right to create and issue additional series and classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The shares of each series or class participate equally in the earnings, dividends and assets of the particular series or class. Shares have no pre-emptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each whole share held, and each fractional share shall be entitled to a proportionate fractional vote, except that Trust shares held in the treasury of the Trust shall not be voted. Shares of each class of the Fund generally vote together except when required under federal securities laws to vote separately on matters that only affect a particular class, such as the approval of distribution plans for a particular class.

The Fund issues multiple classes of shares. This Prospectus relates only to Institutional Shares of the Fund, one class of shares offered by the Fund. Institutional Shares may be purchased only by qualified investors that make an initial investment of \$1,000,000 or more. "Qualified investors" are defined as institutions, trusts, partnerships, corporations, qualified and other retirement plans and fiduciary accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which exercises investment authority over such accounts. The Fund offers other classes of shares in addition to these classes. The categories of investors that are eligible to purchase shares may differ for each class of Fund shares. In addition, other classes of Fund shares may be subject to differences in sales charge arrangements, ongoing distribution and service fee levels, and levels of certain other expenses, which will affect the relative performance of the different classes. Investors may call 1-800-622-4273 to obtain additional information about other classes of shares of the Fund that are offered. Any person entitled to receive compensation for selling or servicing shares of the Fund may receive different levels of compensation with respect to one class of shares over another.

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The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the general direction and supervision of its Board of Trustees. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders but will hold special meetings of shareholders of all series or classes when in the judgment of the Trustees it is necessary or desirable to submit matters for a shareholder vote. The Trustees will promptly call a meeting of shareholders to remove a trustee(s) when requested to do so in writing by record holders of not less than 10% of all outstanding shares of the Trust.

Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Trust itself was unable to meet its obligations.

### PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The Fund's investment performance may from time to time be included in advertisements about the Fund. Performance is calculated separately for each class of shares, in the manner described in the SAI. "Yield" for each class of shares is calculated by dividing the annualized net investment income per

share during a recent 30-day period by the maximum public offering price per share of such class on the last day of that period.

"Total return" for the one-, five- and ten-year periods (or since inception, if shorter) through the most recent calendar quarter represents the average annual compounded rate of return on an investment of \$1,000 in the Fund invested at the public offering price. Total return may also be presented for other periods.

All performance data is based on the Fund's past investment results and does not predict future performance. Investment performance, which will vary, is based on many factors, including market conditions, the composition of the Fund's portfolio, the Fund's operating expenses and which class of shares you purchase. Investment performance also often reflects the risks associated with the Fund's investment objectives and policies. These factors should be considered when comparing the Fund's investment results to those of other mutual funds and other investment vehicles. Quotation of investment performance for any period when a fee waiver or expense limitation was in effect will be greater than if the waiver or limitation had not been in effect. The Fund's performance may be compared to other mutual funds, relevant indices and rankings prepared by independent services. See the SAI.

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Vista Family of Mutual Funds & Retirement Products

VISTA INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUNDS Southeast Asian Fund Japan Fund European Fund International Equity Fund

VISTA U.S. EQUITY FUNDS
Small Cap Equity Fund
The Growth Fund of Washington
Capital Growth Fund
Growth and Income Fund
Large Cap Equity Fund
Balanced Fund
Equity Income Fund

VISTA FIXED INCOME FUNDS Bond Fund U.S. Government Securities Fund U.S. Treasury Income Fund Short-Term Bond Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE FUNDS(1)
New York Tax Free Income Fund
California Intermediate Tax Free Fund
Tax Free Income Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(1,2)
New York Tax Free Money Market Fund
Connecticut Daily Tax Free Income Fund Select Shares(3)
New Jersey Daily Municipal Income Fund Select Shares(3)
Tax Free Money Market Fund
California Tax Free Money Market Fund

VISTA TAXABLE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(2)
Cash Management Money Market Fund
Federal Money Market Fund
100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund
U.S. Government Money Market Fund
Treasury Plus Money Market Fund

VISTA RETIREMENT PRODUCTS
Vista Capital Advantage Variable Annuity(4)
Vista 401(k) Advantage

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(1) Some income may be subject to certain state and local taxes. A portion of the income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax for some investors.

(2) An investment in a Money Market Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Yields will fluctuate, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per share.

(3) Vista Select Shares of these funds are not a part of, or affiliated with, the Vista Family of Mutual Funds. Reich & Tang Distributors L.P. and New England Investment Companies L.P., which are unaffiliated with Chase, are the funds' distributor and investment adviser, respectively.

(4) The variable annuity contract is issued by First SunAmerica Life Insurance Company in New York; in other states, but not necessarily all states, it is issued by Anchor National Life Insurance Company.

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PROSPECTUS

VISTA(SM) LARGE CAP EQUITY FUND

CLASS A AND B SHARES

INVESTMENT STRATEGY: CAPITAL GROWTH

February 28, 1997

This Prospectus explains concisely what you should know before investing. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. You can find more detailed information about the Fund in its February 28, 1997 Statement of Additional Information, as amended periodically (the "SAI"). For a free copy of the SAI, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA. The SAI has been filled with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference.

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### EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses are one of several factors to consider when investing. The following table summarizes your costs from investing in the Fund based on expenses incurred in the most recent fiscal year. The examples show the cumulative expenses attributable to a hypothetical \$1,000 investment over specified periods.

		Class A Shares		
SHAREHOLDER TRANSACTION EXPENSES				
Maximum Sales Charge Imposed on Purchases				
(as a percentage of offering price)		4.75%	None	
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge				
(as a percentage of the lower of original				
<pre>purchase price or redemption proceeds)*</pre>		None	5.00%	
ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES				
(AS A PERCENTAGE OF AVERAGE NET ASSETS)				
Investment Advisory Fee (after estimated waiver) **	k	0.00%		
12b-1 Fee***		0.25%		
Shareholder Servicing Fee		0.25%		
Other Expenses		0.88%	0.88%	
Total Fund Operating Expenses (after waiver of fee		1.38%	1.88%	
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EXAMPLES				
Your investment of \$1,000 would				
incur the following expenses,				
assuming 5% annual return:	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Class A Shares+	\$61	\$89	\$119	\$205
Class B Shares:	Q O I	<del>4</del> 05	YIIJ	Q203
Assuming complete redemption at the end				
of the period+++ ++++	\$71	\$92	\$125	\$207
Assuming no redemptions++++	\$19	\$59	\$102	\$207
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<sup>\*</sup> The maximum deferred sales charge on Class B shares applies to redemptions during the first year after purchase; the charge generally declines by 1%

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annually thereafter (except in the fourth year), reaching zero after six years. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares."

- Reflects current waiver arrangement to maintain Total Fund Operating Expenses at the levels indicated in the table above. Absent such waiver, the Investment Advisory Fee would be 0.40% for Class A and Class B shares and Total Fund Operating Expenses would be 1.78% and 2.28% for Class A and Class B shares, respectively.
- \*\*\* Long-term shareholders in mutual funds with 12b-1 fees, such as Class A and Class B shareholders of the Fund, may pay more than the economic equivalent of the maximum front-end sales charge permitted by rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.
- Assumes deduction at the time of purchase of the maximum sales charge.
- +++ Assumes deduction at the time of redemption of the maximum applicable deferred sales charge.
- ++++ Ten-year figures assume conversion of Class B shares to Class A shares at the beginning of the ninth year after purchase. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares."

The table is provided to help you understand the expenses of investing in the Fund and your share of the operating expenses that the Fund incurs. The examples should not be considered representations of past or future expenses or returns; actual expenses and returns may be greater or less than shown.

Charges or credits, not reflected in the expense table above, may be incurred directly by customers of financial institutions in connection with an investment in the Fund. The Fund understands that Shareholder Servicing Agents may credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees amounts not exceeding such other fees or the fees received by the Shareholder Servicing Agent from the Fund with respect to those accounts. See "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

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### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The table set forth below provides selected per share data and ratios for both Class A and Class B Shares outstanding throughout the period shown. This information is supplemented by financial statements and accompanying notes appearing in the Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, which is incorporated by reference into the SAI. Shareholders may obtain a copy of this annual report by contacting the Fund or their Shareholder Servicing Agent. The financial statements and notes, as well as the financial information set forth in the table below, has been audited by Price Waterhouse, independent accountants, whose report thereon is also included in the Annual Report to Shareholders.

VISTA LARGE CAP EQUITY FUND

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Class A Class B 5/6/96\* 5/6/96\* through 10/31/96 through 10/31/96 \_\_\_\_\_ <C> <C>

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PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE

Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period Income from Investment Operations Net Investment Income

Total from Investment Operations

Less dividends from net investment income

Net Asset Value, End of Period

Total Return(1)

Ratios/Supplemental Data

Net Assets, End of Perod (000 omitted)

Ratio of Exepnses to Average Net Assets #

Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets # Ratio of expenses without waivers and assumption of expenses to average

Ratio of net investment income without waivers and assumption of expenses to average net assets #

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- \* Annualized.
- \* Commencement of offering shares.

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#### FUND OBJECTIVE

Vista Large Cap Equity Fund seeks long-term capital growth. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program, and there is no assurance it will achieve its objective.

### INVESTMENT POLICIES

#### INVESTMENT APPROACH

Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its total assets in equity securities and at least 65% of its total assets in equity securities of established companies with market capitalizations in excess of \$1 billion. Such companies typically have a large number of publicly held shares and high trading volume, resulting in a high degree of liquidity.

The Fund's advisers intend to utilize both quantitative and fundamental research to identify undervalued stocks with a catalyst for positive change. The Fund's advisers will evaluate companies by assessing the strongest sectors of the market over the economic cycle, identifying those companies with favorable earnings prospects, and then selecting the most attractive values. The Fund's advisers will consider industry diversification as an important factor and will try to maintain representation in a variety of market sectors, although sector emphasis will shift as a result of changes in the outlook for earnings among market sectors.

The Fund may invest any portion of its assets not invested in equity securities in high quality money market instruments and repurchase agreements. For temporary defensive purposes, the Fund may invest without limitation in these instruments. At times when the Fund's advisers deem it advisable to limit the Fund's exposure to the equity markets, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in U.S. Government obligations (exclusive of any investments in money market instruments). To the extent that the Fund departs from its investment policies during temporary defensive periods, its investment objective may not be achieved.

The Fund is classified as a "diversified" fund under federal securities law.

Instead of investing directly in underlying securities, the Fund is authorized to seek to achieve its objective by investing all of its investable assets in another investment company having substantially the same investment objective and policies.

# WHO MAY WANT TO INVEST

This Fund may be most suitable for investors who...

(bullet) Are seeking long-term growth of capital

(bullet) Are investing for goals several years away

(bullet) Own or plan to own other types of investments for diversification purposes  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right)$ 

(bullet) Can assume above-average market risk

This Fund may NOT be appropriate for investors who are unable to tolerate up and down price changes, are investing for short-term goals or who are in need of current income.

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### OTHER INVESTMENT PRACTICES

The Fund may also engage in the following investment practices, when consistent with the Fund's overall objective and policies. These practices, and certain associated risks, are more fully described in the SAI.

FOREIGN SECURITIES. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in foreign securities, including Depositary Receipts, which are described below. Since foreign securities are normally denominated and traded in foreign currencies, the values of the Fund's foreign investments may be influenced by currency exchange rates and exchange control regulations. There may be less

information publicly available about foreign issuers than U.S. issuers, and they are not generally subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices comparable to those in the U.S. Foreign securities may be less liquid and more volatile than comparable U.S. securities. Foreign settlement procedures and trade regulations may involve certain expenses and risks. One risk would be the delay in payment or delivery of securities or in the recovery of the Fund's assets held abroad. It is possible that nationalization or expropriation of assets, imposition of currency exchange controls, taxation by withholding Fund assets, political or financial instability and diplomatic developments could affect the value of the Fund's investments in certain foreign countries. Foreign laws may restrict the ability to invest in certain countries or issuers and special tax considerations will apply to foreign securities. The risks can increase if the Fund invests in emerging market securities.

The Fund may invest its assets in securities of foreign issuers in the form of American Depositary Receipts, European Depositary Receipts, Global Depositary Receipts or other similar securities representing securities of foreign issuers (collectively, "Depositary Receipts"). The Fund treats Depositary Receipts as interests in the underlying securities for purposes of its investment policies. The Fund will limit its investment in Depositary Receipts not sponsored by the issuer of the underlying securities to no more than 5% of the value of its net assets (at the time of investment).

 $\hbox{U.s. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS. U.s. Government obligations include obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities.}$ 

MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest in cash or high-quality, short-term money market instruments. These may include U.S. Government securities, commercial paper of domestic and foreign issuers and obligations of domestic and foreign banks. Investments in foreign money market instruments may involve certain risks associated with foreign investment.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS, SECURITIES LOANS AND FORWARD COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into agreements to purchase and resell securities at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund also has the ability to lend portfolio securities in an amount

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equal to not more than 30% of its total assets to generate additional income. These transactions must be fully collateralized at all times. The Fund may purchase securities for delivery at a future date, which may increase its overall investment exposure and involves a risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction.

BORROWINGS AND REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. The Fund may borrow money from banks for temporary or short-term purposes, but will not borrow money to buy additional securities, known as "leveraging". The Fund may also sell and simultaneously commit to repurchase a portfolio security at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund may use this practice to generate cash for shareholder redemptions without selling securities in a down market. Whenever the Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will establish a segregated account in which it will maintain liquid assets on a daily basis in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest). The Fund would be required to pay interest on amounts obtained through reverse repurchase agreements, which are considered borrowings under federal securities laws.

STAND-BY COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into put transactions, including those sometimes referred to as stand-by commitments, with respect to securities in its portfolio. In these transactions, the Fund would acquire the right to sell a security at an agreed upon price within a specified period prior to its maturity date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction. A put transaction will increase the cost of the underlying security and consequently reduce the available yield.

CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in convertible securities, which are securities generally offering fixed interest or dividend yields which may be converted either at a stated price or stated rate for common or preferred stock. Although to a lesser extent than with fixed-income securities generally, the market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase, and increase as interest rates decline. Because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities also tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying common or preferred stock.

OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its total assets in shares of other investment companies when consistent with its investment objective and policies, subject to applicable regulatory limitations. Additional

fees may be charged by other investment companies.

STRIPS. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in stripped obligations (i.e., separately traded principal and interest components of securities) where the underlying

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obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, including instruments known as "STRIPS". The value of these instruments tends to fluctuate more in response to changes in interest rates than the value of ordinary interest-paying debt securities with similar maturities. The risk is greater when the period to maturity is longer.

DERIVATIVES AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest its assets in derivative and related instruments to hedge various market risks or to increase the Fund's income or gain. Some of these instruments will be subject to asset segregation requirements to cover the Fund's obligations. The Fund may (i) purchase, write and exercise call and put options on securities and securities indexes (including using options in combination with securities, other options or derivative instruments); (ii) enter into swaps, futures contracts and options on futures contracts; (iii) employ forward currency contracts; and (iv) purchase and sell structured products, which are instruments designed to restructure or reflect the characteristics of certain other investments.

There are a number of risks associated with the use of derivatives and related instruments and no assurance can be given that any strategy will succeed. The value of certain derivatives or related instruments in which the Fund invests may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing economic conditions and market value. The ability of the Fund to successfully utilize these instruments may depend in part upon the ability of its advisers to forecast these factors correctly. Inaccurate forecasts could expose the Fund to a risk of loss. There can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in a hedging instrument and in the portfolio assets being hedged. The Fund is not required to use any hedging strategies. Hedging strategies, while reducing risk of loss, can also reduce the opportunity for gain. Derivatives transactions not involving hedging may have speculative characteristics, involve leverage and result in losses that may exceed the original investment of the Fund. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Fund seeks to close out a derivatives position. Activities of large traders in the futures and securities markets involving arbitrage, "program trading," and other investment strategies may cause price distortions in derivatives markets. In certain instances, particularly those involving over-the-counter transactions or forward contracts, there is a greater potential that a counterparty or broker may default. In the event of a default, the Fund may experience a loss. For additional information concerning derivatives, related instruments and the associated risks, see the SAI.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER. The frequency of the Fund's buy and sell transactions will vary from year to year. The Fund's investment policies may lead to frequent changes in investments, particularly in periods of rapidly changing market conditions. High portfolio turnover rates would generally result in higher transaction costs, including brokerage

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commissions or dealer mark-ups, and would make it more difficult for the Fund to qualify as a registered investment company under federal tax law. See "How Distributions are Made; Tax Information."

### LIMITING INVESTMENT RISKS

Specific investment restrictions help the Fund limit investment risks for its shareholders. These restrictions prohibit the Fund from: (a) with respect to 75% of its total assets, holding more than 10% of the voting securities of any issuer or investing more than 5% of its total assets in the securities of any one issuer (other than U.S. Government obligations); (b) investing more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (which include securities restricted as to resale unless they are determined to be readily marketable in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees); or (c) investing more than 25% of its total assets in any one industry. A complete description of these and other investment policies is included in the SAI. Except for restriction (c) above and investment policies (including its investment objective) designated as fundamental in the SAI, the Fund's investment policies are not fundamental. The Trustees may change any non-fundamental investment policy without shareholder approval.

RISK FACTORS

The Fund does not constitute a balanced or complete investment program, and the net asset value of its shares will fluctuate based on the value of the securities in the Fund's portfolio. The Fund is subject to the general risks and considerations associated with equity investing.

For a discussion of certain other risks associated with the Fund's additional investment activities, see "Other Investment Practices" above.

#### MANAGEMENT

#### THE FUND'S ADVISERS

The Chase Manhattan Bank is the Fund's ("Chase") investment adviser under an Investment Advisory Agreement and has overall responsibility for investment decisions of the Fund, subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees. Chase is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation, a bank holding company. CHASE AND ITS PREDECESSORS HAVE OVER 100 YEARS OF MONEY MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE.

For its investment advisory services to the Fund, Chase is entitled to receive an annual fee computed daily and paid monthly based at an annual rate equal to 0.40% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Chase is located at 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Chase Asset Management, Inc. ("CAM"), a registered investment adviser, is the Fund's sub-investment adviser under a Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement between CAM and Chase. CAM is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Chase. CAM makes investment decisions for the Fund on a day-to-day basis. For these services, CAM is entitled to receive a fee, payable by Chase from its advisory fee, at an annual rate equal to 0.20% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

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CAM was recently formed for the purpose of providing discretionary investment advisory services to institutional clients and to consolidate Chase's investment management function. The same individuals who serve as portfolio managers for Chase also serve as portfolio managers for CAM. CAM is located at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

PORTFOLIO MANAGER. David Klassen, Director, U.S. Funds Management and Equity Research of Domestic Equity Management at Chase, is responsible for asset allocation and investment strategy for Chase's domestic equity portfolios. Mr. Klassen joined Chase in March 1992. Prior to joining Chase, Mr. Klassen was a vice president and portfolio manager at Dean Witter Reynolds, responsible for managing several mutual funds and other accounts.

Greg Adams, a Senior Portfolio Manager at Chase, has been primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund since February 1994. Mr. Adams joined Chase in 1987 and is also a manager of the Vista Growth and Income Portfolio and Vista Balanced Fund. In addition, Mr. Adams has been responsible for overseeing the proprietary computer model program used in the U.S. equity selection process. Tracy Hutt, an Associate Portfolio Manager at Chase, participates in the management of the Fund. Prior to joining Chase in 1995, Ms. Hutt spent two years at the Bank of New York analyzing consumer and health care companies. Prior to joining Bank of New York, Ms. Hutt spent four years at ABN-AMRO Bank as a U.S. equity generalist and portfolio manager.

### ABOUT YOUR INVESTMENT

### CHOOSING A SHARE CLASS

CLASS A SHARES. An investor who purchases Class A shares pays a sales charge at the time of purchase. As a result, Class A shares are not subject to any sales charges when they are redeemed. Certain purchases of Class A shares qualify for reduced sales charges. Class A shares have lower combined 12b-1 and service fees than Class B shares. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares" and "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

CLASS B SHARES. Class B shares are sold without an initial sales charge, but are subject to a contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") if redeemed within a specified period after purchase. Class B shares also have higher combined 12b-1 and service fees than Class A shares.

Class B shares automatically convert into Class A shares, based on relative net asset value, at the beginning of the ninth year after purchase. For more information about the conversion of Class B shares, see the SAI. This discussion will include information about how shares acquired through reinvestment of distributions are treated for conversion purposes. Class B shares provide an investor the benefit of putting all of the investor's dollars to work from the time the investment is made. Until conversion, Class B shares will have a higher expense ratio and pay lower dividends than Class A shares because of the higher combined 12b-1 and service

fees. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares" and "Other Information Concerning the Fund."  $\,$ 

WHICH ARRANGEMENT IS BEST FOR YOU? The decision as to which class of shares provides a more suitable investment for you depends on a number of factors, including the amount and intended length of the investment. If you are making an investment that qualifies for reduced sales charges, you might consider Class A shares. If you prefer not to pay an initial sales charge, you might consider Class B shares. In almost all cases, if you are planning to purchase \$250,000 or more of the Fund's shares you will pay lower aggregate charges and expenses by purchasing Class A shares.

HOW TO BUY, SELL AND EXCHANGE SHARES

HOW TO BUY SHARES

You can open a Fund account with as little as \$2,500 for regular accounts or \$1,000 for IRAs, SEP-IRAs and the Systematic Investment Plan. Additional investments can be made at any time with as little as \$100. You can buy Fund shares three ways—through an investment representative, through the Fund's distributor by calling the Vista Service Center, or through the Systematic Investment Plan.

All purchases made by check should be in U.S. dollars and made payable to the Vista Funds. Third party checks, credit cards and cash will not be accepted. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order or cease offering shares for purchase at any time. When purchases are made by check, redemptions will not be allowed until the check clears, which may take 15 calendar days or longer. In addition, the redemption of shares purchased through Automated Clearing House (ACH) will not be allowed until your payment clears, which may take 7 business days or longer.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH THE FUND'S DISTRIBUTOR. Complete and return the enclosed application and your check in the amount you wish to invest to the Vista Service Center.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH SYSTEMATIC INVESTING. You can make regular investments of \$100 or more per transaction through automatic periodic deduction from your bank checking or savings account. Shareholders electing to start this Systematic Investment Plan when opening an account should complete Section 8 of the account application. Current shareholders may begin such a plan at any time by sending a signed letter and a deposit slip or voided check to the Vista Service Center. Call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions.

Shares are purchased at the public offering price, which is based on the net asset value next determined after the Vista Service Center receives your order in proper form. In most cases, in order to receive that day's public offering price, the Vista Service Center must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange. If you buy shares through your investment representative, the representative must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that

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day's public offering price. Orders for shares are accepted by the Fund after funds are converted to federal funds. Orders paid by check and received by 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time will generally be available for the purchase of shares the following business day.

If you are considering redeeming or exchanging shares or transferring shares to another person shortly after purchase, you should pay for those shares with a certified check to avoid any delay in redemption, exchange or transfer. Otherwise the Fund may delay payment until the purchase price of those shares has been collected or, if you redeem by telephone, until 15 calendar days after the purchase date. To eliminate the need for safekeeping, the Fund will not issue certificates for your Class A shares unless you request them. Due to the conversion feature of Class B shares, certificates for Class B shares will not be issued and all Class B shares will be held in book entry form.

### Class A Shares

The public offering price of Class A shares is the net asset value plus a sales charge that varies depending on the size of your purchase. The Fund receives the net asset value. The sales charge is allocated between your

broker-dealer and the Fund's distributor as shown in the following table, except when the Fund's distributor, in its discretion, allocates the entire amount to your broker-dealer.

		harge as a tage of:	Amout of sales charge reallowed to dealers as a		
Amount of transaction at offering price(\$)	Offering price	Net amount invested	percentage of offering price		
Under 100,000	4.75	4.99	4.00		
100,000 but under 250,000	3.75	3.90	3.25		
250,000 but under 500,000	2.50	2.56	2.25		
500,000 but under 1,000,000	2.00	2.04	1.75		

There is no initial sales charge on purchases of Class A shares of \$1 million or more

The Fund's distributor pays broker-dealers commissions on net sales of Class A shares of \$1 million or more based on an investor's cumulative purchases. Such commissions are paid at the rate of 1.00% of the amount under \$2.5 million, 0.75% of the next \$7.5 million, 0.50% of the next \$40 million and 0.20% thereafter. The Fund's distributor may withhold such payments with respect to short-term investments.

#### Class B Shares

Class B shares are sold without an initial sales charge, although a CDSC will be imposed if you redeem shares within a specified period after purchase, as shown in the table below. The following types of shares may be redeemed without charge at any time: (i) shares acquired by reinvestment of distributions and (ii) shares otherwise exempt from the CDSC, as described below. For other shares, the

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amount of the charge is determined as a percentage of the lesser of the current market value or the purchase price of shares being redeemed.

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+
CDSC	5%	4%	3%	3%	2%	1%	0%	0%

In determining whether a CDSC is payable on any redemption, the Fund will first redeem shares not subject to any charge, and then shares held longest during the CDSC period. When a share that has appreciated in value is redeemed during the CDSC period, a CDSC is assessed only on its initial purchase price. For information on how sales charges are calculated if you exchange your shares, see "How to Exchange Your Shares." The Fund's distributor pays broker-dealers a commission of 4.00% of the offering price on sales of Class B shares, and the distributor receives the entire amount of any CDSC you pay.

# GENERAL

You may be eligible to buy Class A shares at reduced sales charges. Consult your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for details about Vista's combined purchase privilege, cumulative quantity discount, statement of intention, group sales plan, employee benefit plans, and other plans. Descriptions are also included in the enclosed application and in the SAI. In addition, sales charges are waived if you are using redemption proceeds received within the prior ninety days from non-Vista mutual funds to buy your shares, and on which you paid a front-end or contingent deferred sales charge.

Some participant-directed employee benefit plans participate in a "multi-fund" program which offers both Vista and non-Vista mutual funds. With Board of Trustee approval, the money that is invested in Vista Funds may be combined with the other mutual funds in the same program when determining the plan's eligibility to buy Class A shares without a sales charge. These investments will also be included for purposes of the discount privileges and programs described above.

The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge to the Fund's current and retired Trustees (and their immediate families), current and retired employees (and their immediate families) of Chase, the Fund's distributor and transfer agent or any affiliates or subsidiaries thereof, registered representatives and other employees (and their immediate families) of broker-dealers having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor, employees (and their immediate families) of financial institutions having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor (or otherwise having an arrangement with a

broker-dealer or financial institution with respect to sales of Vista fund shares), financial institution trust departments investing an aggregate of \$1 million or more in the Vista Family of Funds and clients of certain administrators of tax-qualified plans when proceeds from repayments of loans to participants are invested (or reinvested) in the Vista Family of Funds.

No initial sales charge will apply to the purchase of the Fund's Class A shares if you are investing the  $\,$ 

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proceeds of a qualified retirement plan where a portion of the plan was invested in the Vista Family of Funds, any qualified retirement plan with 50 or more participants, or an individual participant in a tax-qualified plan making a tax-free rollover or transfer of assets from the plan in which Chase or an affiliate serves as trustee or custodian of the plan or manages some portion of the plan's assets.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge through an investment adviser or financial planner that charges a fee for its services. Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge (i) by an investment adviser, broker or financial planner, provided arrangements are preapproved and purchases are placed through an omnibus account with the Fund or (ii) by clients of such investment adviser or financial planner who place trades for their own accounts, if such accounts are linked to a master account of such investment adviser or financial planner on the books and records of the broker or agent. Such purchases may also be made for retirement and deferred compensation plans and trusts used to fund those plans.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge in accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which is acting as a fiduciary exercising investment discretion, provided that appropriate notification of such fiduciary relationship is reported at the time of the investment to the Fund, the Fund's distributor or the Vista Service Center.

Shareholders of record of any Vista fund as of November 30, 1990 and certain immediate family members may purchase the Fund's Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own Class A shares of any Vista fund, provided there is no change in account registration. Shareholders of record of any portfolio of The Hanover Funds, Inc. or The Hanover Investment Funds, Inc. as of May 3, 1996 and certain related investors may purchase the Fund's Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own shares of any Vista fund following this date, provided there is no change in account registration.

The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge in connection with the acquisition by the Fund of assets of an investment company or personal holding company. The CDSC will be waived on redemption of Class B shares arising out of death or disability or in connection with certain withdrawals from IRA or other retirement plans. Up to 12% of the value of Class B shares subject to a systematic withdrawal plan may also be redeemed each year without a CDSC, provided that the Class B account had a minimum balance of \$20,000 at the time the systematic withdrawal plan was established. The SAI contains additional information about purchasing the Fund's shares at reduced sales charges.

The Fund reserves the right to change any of these policies on purchases without an initial sales charge at any time and may reject any such purchase request.

For shareholders that bank with Chase, Chase may aggregate

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investments in the Vista Funds with balances held in Chase bank accounts for purposes of determining eligibility for certain bank privileges that are based on specified minimum balance requirements, such as reduced or no fees for certain banking services or preferred rates on loans and deposits. Chase and certain broker-dealers and other shareholder servicing agents may, at their own expense, provide gifts, such as computer software packages, guides and books related to investment or additional Fund shares valued up to \$250 to their customers that invest in the Vista Funds.

Shareholders of other Vista funds may be entitled to exchange their shares for, or reinvest distributions from their funds in, shares of the Fund at net asset value.

HOW TO SELL SHARES

You can sell your Fund shares any day the New York Stock Exchange is open, either directly to the Fund or through your investment representative. The Fund will only forward redemption payments on shares for which it has collected payment of the purchase price.

SELLING SHARES DIRECTLY TO THE FUND. Send a signed letter of instruction to the Vista Service Center, along with any certificates that represent shares you want to sell. The price you will receive is the next net asset value calculated after the Fund receives your request in proper form, less any applicable CDSC. In order to receive that day's net asset value, the Vista Service Center must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

SIGNATURE GUARANTEES. If you sell shares having a net asset value of \$100,000 or more, the signatures of registered owners or their legal representatives must be guaranteed by a bank, broker-dealer or certain other financial institutions. See the SAI for more information about where to obtain a signature guarantee.

If you want your redemption proceeds sent to an address other than your address as it appears on Vista's records, a signature guarantee is required. The Fund may require additional documentation for the sale of shares by a corporation, partnership, agent or fiduciary, or a surviving joint owner. Contact the Vista Service Center for details.

DELIVERY OF PROCEEDS. The Fund generally sends you payment for your shares the business day after your request is received in proper form, assuming the Fund has collected payment of the purchase price of your shares. Under unusual circumstances, the Fund may suspend redemptions, or postpone payment for more than seven days, as permitted by federal securities law.

TELEPHONE REDEMPTIONS. You may use Vista's Telephone Redemption Privilege to redeem shares from your account unless you have notified the Vista Service Center of an address change within the preceding 30 days. Telephone redemption requests in excess of \$25,000 will only be made by wire to a bank account on record with the Fund. Unless an investor indicates otherwise on the account application, the Fund will be authorized to act upon redemption

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and transfer instructions received by telephone from a shareholder, or any person claiming to act as his or her representative, who can provide the fund with his or her account registration and address as it appears on the Fund's records.

The Vista Service Center will employ these and other reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine; if it fails to employ reasonable procedures, the Fund may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. An investor agrees, however, that to the extent permitted by applicable law, neither the Fund nor its agents will be liable for any loss, liability, cost or expense arising out of any redemption request, including any fraudulent or unauthorized request. For information, consult the Vista Service Center.

During periods of unusual market changes and shareholder activity, you may experience delays in contacting the Vista Service Center by telephone. In this event, you may wish to submit a written redemption request, as described above, or contact your investment representative. The Telephone Redemption Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. The Telephone Redemption Privilege may be modified or terminated without notice.

SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL. You can make regular withdrawals of \$50 or (\$100 for Class B accounts) monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan for Class A accounts. Call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions.

SELLING SHARES THROUGH YOUR INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVE. Your investment representative must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's net asset value. Your investment representative will be responsible for furnishing all necessary documentation to the Vista Service Center, and may charge you for its services.

INVOLUNTARY REDEMPTION OF ACCOUNTS. The Fund may involuntarily redeem your shares if at such time the aggregate net asset value of the shares in your account is less than \$500 or if you purchase through the Systematic Investment Plan and fail to meet the Fund's investment minimum within a twelve month period. In the event of any such redemption, you will receive at least 60 days notice prior to the redemption. In the event the Fund redeems Class B shares pursuant to this provision, no CDSC will be imposed.

You can exchange your shares for shares of the same class of certain other Vista funds at net asset value beginning 15 days after purchase. Not all Vista funds offer all classes of shares. The prospectus of the other Vista fund into which shares are being exchanged should be read carefully and retained for future reference. If you exchange shares subject to a CDSC, the transaction

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will not be subject to the CDSC. However, when you redeem the shares acquired through the exchange, the redemption may be subject to the CDSC, depending upon when you originally purchased the shares. The CDSC will be computed using the schedule of any fund into or from which you have exchanged your shares that would result in your paying the highest CDSC applicable to your class of shares. In computing the CDSC, the length of time you have owned your shares will be measured from the date of original purchase and will not be affected by any exchange.

EXCHANGING TO MONEY MARKET FUNDS. An exchange of Class B shares into any of the Vista money market funds other than the Class B shares of the Vista Prime Money Market Fund will be treated as a redemption—and therefore subject to the conditions of the CDSC —and a subsequent purchase. Class B shares of any Vista non—money market fund may be exchanged into the Class B shares of the Vista Prime Money Market Fund in order to continue the aging of the initial purchase of such shares.

For federal income tax purposes, an exchange is treated as a sale of shares and generally results in a capital gain or loss.

EXCHANGING BY PHONE. A Telephone Exchange Privilege is currently available. Call the Vista Service Center for procedures for telephone transactions. The Telephone Exchange Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. Ask your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for prospectuses of other Vista funds. Shares of certain Vista funds are not available to residents of all states.

EXCHANGE PARAMETERS. The exchange privilege is not intended as a vehicle for short-term trading. Excessive exchange activity may interfere with portfolio management and have an adverse effect on all shareholders. In order to limit excessive exchange activity and in other circumstances where Vista management or the Trustees believe doing so would be in the best interests of the Fund, the Fund reserves the right to revise or terminate the exchange privilege, limit the amount or number of exchanges or reject any exchange. In addition, any shareholder who makes more than ten exchanges of shares involving the Fund in a year or three in a calendar quarter will be charged a \$5.00 administration fee for each such exchange. Shareholders would be notified of any such action to the extent required by law. Consult the Vista Service Center before requesting an exchange. See the SAI to find out more about the exchange privilege.

REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE. Upon written request, Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value within 90 calendar days of the redemption. The reinstatement request must be accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption), and shares will be purchased at the next determined net asset value. Class B shareholders who have redeemed their shares and paid a CDSC with

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such redemption may purchase Class A shares with no initial sales charge (in an amount not in excess of their redemption proceeds) if the purchase occurs within 90 days of the redemption of the Class B shares.

HOW THE FUND VALUES ITS SHARES

The net asset value of each class of the Fund's shares is determined once daily based upon prices determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, however, options are priced at 4:15 p.m., Eastern time), on each business day of the Fund, by dividing the net assets of the Fund attributable to that class by the total number of outstanding shares of that class. Values of assets held by the Fund are determined on the basis of their market or other fair value, as described in the SAI.

HOW DISTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE; TAX INFORMATION

The Fund distributes any net investment income at least quarterly and any net realized capital gains at least annually. Capital gains are distributed after deducting any available capital loss carryovers. Distributions paid by the Fund with respect to Class A shares will generally be greater than those paid with respect to Class B shares because expenses attributable to Class B shares will generally be higher.

DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT OPTION. You can choose from three distribution options: (1) reinvest all distributions in additional Fund shares without a sales charge; (2) receive distributions from net investment income in cash or by ACH to a pre-established bank account while reinvesting capital gains distributions in additional shares without a sales charge; or (3) receive all distributions in cash or by ACH. You can change your distribution option by notifying the Vista Service Center in writing. If you do not select an option when you open your account, all distributions will be reinvested. All distributions not paid in cash or by ACH will be reinvested in shares of the same share class. You will receive a statement confirming reinvestment of distributions in additional Fund shares promptly following the quarter in which the reinvestment occurs.

If a check representing a Fund distribution is not cashed within a specified period, the Vista Service Center will notify you that you have the option of requesting another check or reinvesting the distribution in the Fund or in another Vista fund without a sales charge. If the Vista Service Center does not receive your election, the distribution will be reinvested in the Fund. Similarly, if the Fund or the Vista Service Center sends you correspondence returned as "undeliverable," distributions will automatically be reinvested in the Fund.

The Fund intends to qualify as a "regulated investment company" for federal income tax purposes and to meet all other requirements that are necessary for it to be relieved of federal taxes on income and gains it distributes to shareholders. The Fund intends to distribute

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substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gain net income on a current basis. If the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company for any taxable year or does not make such distributions, the Fund will be subject to tax on all of its income and gains.

TAXATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS. Fund distributions other than net long-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions of net long-term capital gains will be taxable as such, regardless of how long you have held the shares. The taxation of your distribution is the same whether received in cash or in shares through the reinvestment of distributions.

You should carefully consider the tax implications of purchasing shares just prior to a distribution. This is because you will be taxed on the entire amount of the distribution received, even though the net asset value per share will be higher on the date of such purchase as it will include the distribution amount.

Early in each calendar year the Fund will notify you of the amount and tax status of distributions paid to you by the Fund for the preceding year.

The above is only a summary of certain federal income tax consequences of investing in the Fund. You should consult your tax adviser to determine the precise effect of an investment in the Fund on your particular tax situation (including possible liability for state and local taxes and, for foreign shareholders, U.S. withholding taxes).

OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FUND

### DISTRIBUTION PLANS

The Fund's distributor is Vista Fund Distributors, Inc. ("VFD"). VFD is a subsidiary of The BISYS Group, Inc. and is unaffiliated with Chase. The Trust has adopted Rule 12b-1 distribution plans for Class A and Class B shares, which provide for the payment of distribution fees at annual rates of up to 0.25% and 0.75% of the average daily net assets attributable to Class A and Class B shares of the Fund, respectively. Payments under the distribution plans shall be used to compensate or reimburse the Fund's distributor and broker-dealers for services provided and expenses incurred in connection with the sale of Class A and Class B shares, and are not tied to the amount of actual expenses incurred. Payments may be used to compensate broker-dealers with trail or maintenance commissions at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of the average daily net asset value of Class A or Class B shares invested in the Fund by customers of these broker-dealers. Trail or maintenance commissions are paid to broker-dealers beginning the 13th month following the purchase of shares by their customers. Promotional activities for the sale of Class A and Class B shares will be conducted generally by the Vista Family of Funds, and activities intended to promote the Fund's Class A or Class B shares may

also benefit the Fund's other shares and other Vista funds.

VFD may provide promotional incentives to broker-dealers that meet specified sales targets for one or more Vista funds. These incentives may include gifts of up to  $\ \ \,$ 

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\$100 per person annually; an occasional meal, ticket to a sporting event or theater for entertainment for broker-dealers and their guests; and payment or reimbursement for travel expenses, including lodging and meals, in connection with attendance at training and educational meetings within and outside the U.S.

#### SHAREHOLDER SERVICING AGENTS

The Trust has entered into shareholder servicing agreements with certain shareholder servicing agents (including Chase) under which the shareholder servicing agents have agreed to provide certain support services to their customers who beneficially own Class A or Class B shares of the Fund. These services include assisting with purchase and redemption transactions, maintaining shareholder accounts and records, furnishing customer statements, transmitting shareholder reports and communications to customers and other similar shareholder liaison services. For performing these services, each shareholder servicing agent receives an annual fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Class A or Class B shares of the Fund held by investors for whom the shareholder servicing agent maintains a servicing relationship. Shareholder servicing agents may subcontract with other parties for the provision of shareholder support services.

Shareholder servicing agents may offer additional services to their customers, such as pre-authorized or systematic purchase and redemption plans. Each shareholder servicing agent may establish its own terms and conditions, including limitations on the amounts of subsequent transactions, with respect to such services. Certain shareholder servicing agents may (although they are not required by the Trust to do so) credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees an amount not exceeding such other fees or the fees for their services as shareholder servicing agents.

Chase and/or VFD may from time to time, at their own expense out of compensation retained by them from the Fund or other sources available to them, make additional payments to certain selected dealers or other shareholder servicing agents for performing administrative services for their customers. These services include maintaining account records, processing orders to purchase, redeem and exchange Fund shares and responding to certain customer inquiries. The amount of such compensation may be up to an additional 0.10% annually of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to shares of the Fund held by customers of such shareholder servicing agents. Such compensation does not represent an additional expense to the Fund or its shareholders, since it will be paid by Chase and/or VFD.

ADMINISTRATOR AND SUB-ADMINISTRATOR

Chase acts as the Fund's administrator and is entitled to receive a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate

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equal to 0.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

VFD provides certain sub-administrative services to the Fund pursuant to a distribution and sub-administration agreement and is entitled to receive a fee for these services from the Fund at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of the Fund's average daily net assets. VFD has agreed to use a portion of this fee to pay for certain expenses incurred in connection with organizing new series of the Trust and certain other ongoing expenses of the Trust. VFD is located at 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10178.

# CUSTODIAN

Chase acts as the Fund's custodian and fund accountant and receives compensation under an agreement with the Trust. Fund securities and cash may be held by sub-custodian banks if such arrangements are reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

# EXPENSES

The Fund pays the expenses incurred in its operations, including its pro rata share of expenses of the Trust. These expenses include investment advisory

and administrative fees; the compensation of the Trustees; registration fees; interest charges; taxes; expenses connected with the execution, recording and settlement of security transactions; fees and expenses of the Fund's custodian for all services to the Fund, including safekeeping of funds and securities and maintaining required books and accounts; expenses of preparing and mailing reports to investors and to government offices and commissions; expenses of meetings of investors; fees and expenses of independent accountants, of legal counsel and of any transfer agent, registrar or dividend disbursing agent of the Trust; insurance premiums; and expenses of calculating the net asset value of, and the net income on, shares of the Fund. Shareholder servicing and distribution fees are allocated to specific classes of the Fund. In addition, the Fund may allocate transfer agency and certain other expenses by class. Service providers to the Fund may, from time to time, voluntarily waive all or a portion of any fees to which they are entitled.

ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SHARES

The Fund is a portfolio of Mutual Fund Group, an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust in 1987 (the "Trust"). The Trust has reserved the right to create and issue additional series and classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The shares of each series or class participate equally in the earnings, dividends and assets of the particular series or class. Shares have no preemptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each whole share held, and each fractional share shall be entitled to a proportionate fractional vote, except that Trust shares held in the treasury of the Trust shall not be voted. Shares of

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each class of the Fund generally vote together except when required under federal securities laws to vote separately on matters that only affect a particular class, such as the approval of distribution plans for a particular class.

The Fund issues multiple classes of shares. This Prospectus relates only to Class A and Class B shares of the Fund. The Fund offers other classes of shares in addition to these classes. The categories of investors that are eligible to purchase shares and minimum investment requirements may differ for each class of Fund shares. In addition, other classes of Fund shares may be subject to differences in sales charge arrangements, ongoing distribution and service fee levels, and levels of certain other expenses, which will affect the relative performance of the different classes. Investors may call 1-800-34-VISTA to obtain additional information about other classes of shares of the Fund that are offered. Any person entitled to receive compensation for selling or servicing shares of the Fund may receive different levels of compensation with respect to one class of shares over another.

The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the general direction and supervision of its Board of Trustees. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders but will hold special meetings of shareholders of all series or classes when in the judgment of the Trustees it is necessary or desirable to submit matters for a shareholder vote. The Trustees will promptly call a meeting of shareholders to remove a trustee(s) when requested to do so in writing by record holders of not less than 10% of all outstanding shares of the Trust.

Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Trust itself was unable to meet its obligations.

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF MASTER/FEEDER FUND STRUCTURE

Unlike other mutual funds which directly acquire and manage their own portfolio securities, the Fund is permitted to invest all of its investable assets in a separate registered investment company (a "Portfolio"). In that event, a shareholder's interest in the Fund's underlying investment securities would be indirect. In addition to selling a beneficial interest to the Fund, a Portfolio could also sell beneficial interests to other mutual funds or institutional investors. Such investors would invest in such Portfolio on the same terms and conditions and would pay a proportionate share of such Portfolio's expenses. However, other investors in a Portfolio would not be required to sell their shares at the same public offering price as the Fund, and might bear different levels of ongoing expenses than the Fund. Shareholders of the Fund should be

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Portfolio. Such differences in return are also present in other mutual fund structures.

Smaller funds investing in a Portfolio could be materially affected by the actions of larger funds investing in the Portfolio. For example, if a large fund were to withdraw from a Portfolio, the remaining funds might experience higher pro rata operating expenses, thereby producing lower returns. Additionally, the Portfolio could become less diverse, resulting in increased portfolio risk. However, this possibility also exists for traditionally structured funds which have large or institutional investors. Funds with a greater pro rata ownership in a Portfolio could have effective voting control of such Portfolio. Under this master/feeder investment approach, whenever the Trust was requested to vote on matters pertaining to a Portfolio, the Trustwould hold a meeting of shareholders of the Fund and would cast all of its votes in the same proportion as did the Fund's shareholders. Shares of the Fund for which no voting instructions had been received would be voted in the same proportion as those shares for which voting instructions had been received. Certain changes in a Portfolio's objective, policies or restrictions might require the Trust to withdraw the Fund's interest in such Portfolio. Any such withdrawal could result in a distribution in kind of portfolio securities (as opposed to a cash distribution from such Portfolio). The Fund could incur brokerage fees or other transaction costs in converting such securities to cash. In addition, a distribution in kind could result in a less diversified portfolio of investments or adversely affect the liquidity of the Fund.

The same individuals who are disinterested Trustees of the Trust serve as Trustees of the Portfolio. The Trustees of the Trust, including a majority of the disinterested Trustees, have adopted procedures they believe are reasonably appropriate to deal with resulting potential conflicts of interest, up to and including creating a separate Board of Trustees.

If the Fund invests all of its investable assets in a Portfolio, investors in the Fund will be able to obtain information about whether investment in the Portfolio might be available through other funds by contacting the Fund at  $1-800-34-{\rm VISTA}$ . In the event the Fund adopts a master/feeder structure and invests all of its investable assets in a Portfolio, shareholders of the Fund will be given at least 30 days' prior written notice.

# PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The Fund's investment performance may from time to time be included in advertisements about the Fund. Performance is calculated separately for each class of shares, in the manner described in the SAI. "Yield" for each class of shares is calculated by dividing the annualized net investment income per share during a recent 30-day period by the maximum public offering price per share of such class on the last day of that period.

"Total return" for the one-, five- and ten-year periods (or since inception, if shorter) through the most recent calendar quarter represents the

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average annual compounded rate of return on an investment of \$1,000 in the Fund invested at the maximum public offering price (in the case of Class A shares) or reflecting the deduction of any applicable contingent deferred sales charge (in the case of Class B shares). Total return may also be presented for other periods or without reflecting sales charges. Any quotation of investment performance not reflecting the maximum initial sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge would be reduced if such sales charges were used.

All performance data is based on the Fund's past investment results and does not predict future performance. Investment performance, which will vary, is based on many factors, including market conditions, the composition of the Fund's portfolio, the Fund's operating expenses and which class of shares you purchase. Investment performance also often reflects the risks associated with the Fund's investment objectives and policies. These factors should be considered when comparing the Fund's investment results to those of other mutual funds and other investment vehicles. Quotation of investment performance for any period when a fee waiver or expense limitation was in effect will be greater than if the waiver or limitation had not been in effect. The Fund's performance may be compared to other mutual funds, relevant indices and rankings prepared by independent services. See the SAI.

Vista Family of Mutual Funds & Retirement Products

VISTA INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUNDS Southeast Asian Fund Japan Fund European Fund International Equity Fund

VISTA U.S. EQUITY FUNDS
Small Cap Equity Fund
The Growth Fund of Washington
Capital Growth Fund
Growth and Income Fund
Large Cap Equity Fund
Balanced Fund
Equity Income Fund

VISTA FIXED INCOME FUNDS
Bond Fund
U.S. Government Securities Fund
U.S. Treasury Income Fund
Short-Term Bond Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE FUNDS(1) New York Tax Free Income Fund California Intermediate Tax Free Fund Tax Free Income Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(1,2)
New York Tax Free Money Market Fund
Connecticut Daily Tax Free Income Fund Select Shares(3)
New Jersey Daily Municipal Income Fund Select Shares(3)
Tax Free Money Market Fund
California Tax Free Money Market Fund

VISTA TAXABLE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(2)
Cash Management Money Market Fund
Federal Money Market Fund
100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund
U.S. Government Money Market Fund
Treasury Plus Money Market Fund

VISTA RETIREMENT PRODUCTS
Vista Capital Advantage Variable Annuity(4)
Vista 401(k) Advantage

For complete information on the Vista Mutual Funds or Retirement Products, including information about fees and expenses, call your investment professional or 1-800-34-VISTA for a prospectus. Please read it carefully before you invest or send money.

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- (1) Some income may be subject to certain state and local taxes. A portion of the income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax for some investors.
- (2) An investment in a Money Market Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Yields will fluctuate, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per share.
- (3) Vista Select Shares of these funds are not a part of, or affiliated with, the Vista Family of Mutual Funds. Reich & Tang Distributors L.P. and New England Investment Companies L.P., which are unaffiliated with Chase, are the funds' distributor and investment adviser, respectively.
- (4) The variable annuity contract is issued by First SunAmerica Life Insurance Company in New York; in other states, but not necessarily all states, it is issued by Anchor National Life Insurance Company.

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# PROSPECTUS VISTA(SM) CAPITAL GROWTH FUND INSTITUTIONAL SHARES

INVESTMENT STRATEGY: CAPITAL GROWTH

February 28, 1997

This Prospectus explains concisely what you should know before investing. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. You can find more detailed information about the Fund in its February 28, 1997 Statement of Additional Information, as amended periodically (the "SAI"). For a free copy of the SAI, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-622-4273. The SAI has been filled with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference.

The Fund, unlike many other investment companies which directly acquire and manage their own portfolios of securities, seeks its investment objective by investing all of its investable assets in Capital Growth Portfolio (the "Portfolio"), an open-end management investment company with an investment objective identical to those of the Fund. Investors should carefully consider this investment approach. For additional information regarding this investment structure, see "Unique Characteristics of Master/Feeder Fund Structure" on page 16.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION, NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

INVESTMENTS IN THE FUND ARE NOT BANK DEPOSITS OR OBLIGATIONS OF, OR GUARANTEED OR ENDORSED BY, THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES AND ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FDIC, THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY. INVESTMENTS IN MUTUAL FUNDS INVOLVE RISK, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE LOSS OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT INVESTED.

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#### EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses are one of several factors to consider when investing. The following table summarizes your costs from investing in the Fund based on expenses incurred in the most recent fiscal year. The example shows the cumulative expenses attributable to a hypothetical \$1,000 investment over specified periods.

ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES

(as a percentage of average net assets)

Investment Advisory Fee	0.40%
12b-1 Fee	None
Shareholder Servicing Fee	0.25%
Other Expenses	0.35%
Total Fund Operating Expenses	1.00%
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EXAMPLE

Your investment of \$1,000 would incur the following expenses,

assuming of annual return:	1 Tear	3 Tears	o rears	10 fears
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Institutional Shares	\$10	\$32	\$55	\$122

  |  |  |  |The table is provided to help you understand the expenses of investing in the Fund and your share of the operating expenses that the Fund incurs. The example should not be considered a representation of past or future expenses or returns; actual expenses and returns may be greater or less than shown.

Charges or credits, not reflected in the expense table above, may be incurred directly by customers of financial institutions in connection with an investment in the Fund. The Fund understands that Shareholder Servicing Agents may credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees amounts not exceeding such other fees or the fees received by the Shareholder Servicing Agent from the Fund with respect to those accounts. See "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

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# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The table set forth below provides selected per share data and ratios for one Institutional Class Share outstanding throughout the period shown. This information is supplemented by financial statements and accompanying notes appearing in the Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, which is incorporated by reference into the SAI. Shareholders may obtain a copy of this annual report by contacting the Fund or their Shareholder Servicing Agent. The financial statements and notes, as well as the financial information set forth in the table below, has been audited by Price Waterhouse, independent accountants, whose report thereon is also included in the Annual Report to Shareholders.

VISTA CAPITAL GROWTH FUND

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PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period
Income From Investment Operations
Net Investment Income
Total from Investment Operations
Less dividends from net investment income
Net Asset Value, End of Period

Total Return (1)

1/25/96\* through 10/31/96

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Ratios/Supplemental Data
Net Assets, End of Period (000 omitted)
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets#
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets#
Ratio of expenses without waivers and assumption of expenses
to average net assets#
Ratio of net investment income without waivers and assumption of expenses to average
net assets#
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- # Annualized.
- \* Commencement of offering shares.

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## FUND OBJECTIVE

Vista Capital Growth Fund seeks long-term capital growth. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program, and there is no assurance it will achieve its objective.

INVESTMENT POLICIES

## INVESTMENT APPROACH

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing all of its investable assets in the Portfolio. The Portfolio will invest primarily in a broad portfolio of common stocks. Under normal market conditions, the Portfolio will invest at least 80% of its total assets in common stocks. The Portfolio will seek to invest in stocks of companies with capitalizations of \$750 million to \$4.0 billion. Current income, if any, is a consideration incidental to the Portfolio's objective of long-term capital growth. The Portfolio's advisers intend to utilize both quantitative and fundamental research to identify undervalued stocks with a catalyst for positive change.

The Portfolio is classified as a "non-diversified" fund under federal securities law. The Portfolio's assets may be more concentrated in the securities of any single issuer or group of issuers than if the Portfolio were diversified.

The Portfolio may invest any portion of its assets not invested in common stocks in high quality money market instruments and repurchase agreements, as described below. For temporary defensive purposes, the Portfolio may invest without limitation in these instruments. At times when the Fund's advisers deem it advisable to limit the Fund's exposure to the equity markets, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in U.S. Government obligations (exclusive of any investments in money market instruments). To the extent that the Portfolio departs from its investment policies during temporary defensive periods, the Fund's investment objective may not be achieved.

# FUND STRUCTURE

The Portfolio has an objective identical to that of the Fund. The Fund may withdraw its investment from the Portfolio at any time if the Trustees determine that it is in the best interest of the Fund to do so. Upon any such withdrawal, the Trustees would consider what action might be taken, including investing all of the Fund's investable assets in another pooled investment entity having substantially the same objective and policies as the Fund or retaining an investment adviser to manage the Fund's assets directly.

WHO MAY WANT TO INVEST

This Fund may be most suitable for investors who...

(bullet) Are seeking long-term growth of capital

(bullet) Are investing for goals several years away

(bullet) Own or plan to own other types of investments for diversification purposes  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1$ 

(bullet) Can assume above-average market risk

This Fund may NOT be appropriate for investors who are unable to tolerate frequent up and  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +$ 

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down price changes, are investing for short-term goals or who are in need of current income.

The Portfolio may also engage in the following investment practices, when consistent with the Portfolio's overall objective and policies. These practices, and certain associated risks, are more fully described in the SAI.

FOREIGN SECURITIES. The Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its total assets in foreign securities, including Depositary Receipts, which are described below. Since foreign securities are normally denominated and traded in foreign currencies, the values of the Portfolio's foreign investments may be influenced by currency exchange rates and exchange control regulations. There may be less information publicly available about foreign issuers than U.S. issuers, and they are not generally subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices comparable to those in the U.S. Foreign securities may be less liquid and more volatile than comparable U.S. securities. Foreign settlement procedures and trade regulations may involve certain expenses and risks. One risk would be the delay in payment or delivery of securities or in the recovery of the Portfolio's assets held abroad. It is possible that nationalization or expropriation of assets, imposition of currency exchange controls, taxation by withholding Fund assets, political or financial instability and diplomatic developments could affect the value of the Portfolio's investments in certain foreign countries. Foreign laws may restrict the ability to invest in certain countries or issuers and special tax considerations will apply to foreign securities. The risks can increase if the Portfolio invests in in emerging market securities.

The Portfolio may invest its assets in securities of foreign issuers in the form of American Depositary Receipts, European Depositary Receipts, Global Depositary Receipts or other similar securities representing securities of foreign issuers (collectively, "Depositary Receipts"). The Portfolio treats Depositary Receipts as interests in the underlying securities for purposes of its investment policies. The Portfolio will limit its investment in Depositary Receipts not sponsored by the issuer of the underlying securities to no more than 5% of the value of its net assets (at the time of investment).

U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS. U.S. Government obligations include obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities.

MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS. The Portfolio may invest in cash or high-quality, short-term money market instruments. These instruments may include U.S. Government securities, commercial paper of domestic and foreign issuers and obligations of domestic and foreign banks. Investments in foreign money market instruments may involve certain risks associated with foreign investment

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS, SECURITIES LOANS AND FORWARD COMMITMENTS. The Portfolio may enter into agreements to purchase and resell securities at

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an agreed-upon price and time. The Portfolio also has the ability to lend portfolio securities in an amount equal to not more than 30% of its total assets to generate additional income. These transactions must be fully collateralized at all times. The Portfolio may purchase securities for delivery at a future date, which may increase its overall investment exposure and involves a risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date. These transactions involve some risk to the Portfolio if the other party should default on its obligation and the Portfolio is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction.

BORROWINGS AND REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. The Portfolio may borrow money from banks for temporary or short-term purposes, but will not borrow money to buy additional securities, known as "leveraging." The Portfolio may also sell and simultaneously commit to repurchase a portfolio security at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund may use this practice to generate cash for shareholder redemptions without selling securities in a down market. Whenever the Portfolio enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will establish a segregated account in which it will maintain liquid assets on a daily basis in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest). The Portfolio would be required to pay interest on amounts obtained through reverse repurchase agreements, which are considered borrowings under federal securities laws.

STAND-BY COMMITMENTS. The Portfolio may enter into put transactions, including those sometimes referred to as stand-by commitments, with respect to securities in its portfolio. In these transactions, the Portfolio would acquire the right to sell a security at an agreed upon price within a specified period prior to its maturity date. These transactions involve some risk to the Portfolio if the other party should default on its obligation and the Portfolio is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or

completing the transaction. A put transaction will increase the cost of the underlying security and consequently reduce the available yield.

CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES. The Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its net assets in convertible securities, which are securities generally offering fixed interest or dividend yields which may be converted either at a stated price or stated rate for common or preferred stock. Although to a lesser extent than with fixed-income securities generally, the market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase, and increase as interest rates decline. Because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities also tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying common or preferred stock.

OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES. The Portfolio may invest up to 10% of its total assets in shares of other investment companies when consistent with its investment objective and policies, subject to applicable regulatory limitations. Additional fees may be

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charged by other investment companies.

STRIPS. The Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its total assets in stripped obligations (i.e., separately traded principal and interest components of securities) where the underlying obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, including instruments known as "STRIPS". The value of these instruments tends to fluctuate more in response to changes in interest rates than the value of ordinary interest-paying debt securities with similar maturities. The risk is greater when the period to maturity is longer.

DERIVATIVES AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS. The Portfolio may invest its assets in derivative and related instruments to hedge various market risks or to increase the Portfolio's income or gain. Some of these instruments will be subject to asset segregation requirements to cover the Portfolio's obligations. The Portfolio may (i) purchase, write and exercise call and put options on securities and securities indexes (including using options in combination with securities, other options or derivative instruments); (ii) enter into swaps, futures contracts and options on futures contracts; (iii) employ forward currency contracts; and (iv) purchase and sell structured products, which are instruments designed to restructure or reflect the characteristics of certain other investments.

There are a number of risks associated with the use of derivatives and related instruments and no assurance can be given that any strategy will succeed. The value of certain derivatives or related instruments in which the Portfolio invests may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing economic conditions and market value. The ability of the Portfolio to successfully utilize these instruments may depend in part upon the ability of its advisers to forecast these factors correctly. Inaccurate forecasts could expose the Portfolio to a risk of loss. There can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in a hedging instrument and in the portfolio assets being hedged. The Portfolio is not required to use any hedging strategies. Hedging strategies, while reducing risk of loss, can also reduce the opportunity for gain. Derivatives transactions not involving hedging may have speculative characteristics, involve leverage and result in losses that may exceed the original investment of the Fund. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Portfolio seeks to close out a derivatives position. Activities of large traders in the futures and securities markets involving arbitrage, "program trading," and other investment strategies may cause price distortions in derivatives markets. In certain instances, particularly those involving over-the-counter transactions or forward contracts, there is a greater potential that a counterparty or broker may default. In the event of a default, the Portfolio may experience a loss. For additional information concerning derivatives, related instruments and the associated risks, see the SAI.

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PORTFOLIO TURNOVER. The frequency of the Portfolio's buy and sell transactions will vary from year to year. The Portfolio's investment policies may lead to frequent changes in investments, particularly in periods of rapidly changing market conditions. High portfolio turnover rates would generally result in higher transaction costs, including brokerage commissions or dealer mark-ups, and would make it more difficult for the Portfolio to qualify as a registered investment company under federal tax law. See "How Distributions are Made; Tax Information" and "Other Information.

LIMITING INVESTMENT RISKS

Specific investment restrictions help the Portfolio limit investment risks

for the Fund's shareholders. These restrictions prohibit the Portfolio from: (a) investing more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (which include securities restricted as to resale unless they are determined to be readily marketable in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees of the Portfolio); or (b) investing more than 25% of its total assets in any one industry. A complete description of these and other investment policies is included in the SAI. Except for restriction (b) above and investment policies designated as fundamental in the SAI, the investment policies of the Portfolio and the Fund (including their investment objective) are not fundamental. Shareholder approval is not required to change any non-fundamental investment policy. However, in the event of a change in the Fund's or Portfolio's investment objective, shareholders will be given at least 30 days' prior written notice.

#### RISK FACTORS

The Fund does not constitute a balanced or complete investment program, and the net asset value of its shares will fluctuate based on the value of the securities held by the Portfolio. The Portfolio is subject to the general risks and considerations associated with equity investing, as well as the risks discussed herein.

Because the Fund is "non-diversified," the value of the Fund's shares is more susceptible to developments affecting issuers in which the Fund invests.

For a discussion of certain other risks associated with the Portfolio's additional investment activities, see "Other Investment Practices" above.

#### MANAGEMENT

# THE PORTFOLIO'S ADVISERS

The Chase Manhattan Bank ("Chase") is the Portfolio's investment adviser under an Investment Advisory Agreement and has overall responsibility for investment decisions of the Portfolio, subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees. Chase is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation, a bank holding company. CHASE AND ITS PREDECESSORS HAVE OVER 100 YEARS OF MONEY MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE.

For its investment advisory services to the Portfolio, Chase is entitled to receive an annual fee computed daily and paid monthly based at an annual rate equal to 0.40% of the

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Portfolio's average daily net assets. Chase is located at 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Chase Asset Management, Inc. ("CAM"), a registered investment adviser, is the Portfolio's sub-investment adviser under a Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement between CAM and Chase. CAM is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Chase. CAM makes investment decisions for the Portfolio on a day-to-day basis. For these services, CAM is entitled to receive a fee, payable by Chase from its advisory fee, at an annual rate equal to 0.20% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets. CAM was recently formed for the purpose of providing discretionary investment advisory services to institutional clients and to consolidate Chase's investment management function. The same individuals who serve as portfolio managers for Chase also serve as portfolio managers for CAM. CAM is located at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS. David Klassen, Director, U.S. Funds Management and Equity Research of Domestic Equity Management at Chase, is responsible for asset allocation and investment strategy for Chase's domestic equity portfolios. Mr. Klassen joined in Chase in March 1992. Prior to joining Chase, Mr. Klassen was a vice president and portfolio manager at Dean Witter Reynolds, responsible for managing several mutual funds and other accounts.

Mr. Klassen and Tony Gleason, a Vice President of Chase, have been responsible for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio since September 1995. In addition to managing the Vista Capital Growth Portfolio, Mr. Klassen is a manager of the Vista Small Cap Equity Fund and Vista Growth and Income Portfolio. Prior to joining Chase, Mr. Klassen was a vice president and portfolio manager at Dean Witter Reynolds, responsible for managing several mutual funds and other accounts. Mr. Gleason is also responsible for managing the Vista Equity Income Fund. Mr. Gleason joined Chase in 1995 with 10 years of investment experience. Prior to joining Chase, Mr. Gleason spent nine years as a Vice President and Portfolio Manager with Prudential Equity Management.

HOW TO PURCHASE, REDEEM AND EXCHANGE SHARES

HOW TO PURCHASE SHARES

Institutional Shares may be purchased through selected financial service firms, such as broker-dealer firms and banks ("Dealers") who have entered into a selected dealer agreement with the Fund's distributor on each business day during which the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading ("Fund Business Day"). Qualified investors are defined as institutions, trusts, partnerships, corporations, qualified and other retirement plans and fiduciary accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which exercises investment authority over such accounts. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order or cease offering shares for purchase at any time.

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Institutional Shares are purchased at their public offering price, which is their next determined net asset value. Orders received by Dealers in proper form prior to the New York Stock Exchange closing time are confirmed at that day's net asset value, provided the order is received by the Vista Service Center prior to its close of business. Dealers are responsible for forwarding orders for the purchase of shares on a timely basis. Institutional Shares will be maintained in book entry form and share certificates will not be issued. Management reserves the right to refuse to sell shares of the Fund to any institution.

Federal regulations require that each investor provide a certified Taxpayer Identification Number upon opening an account.

## MINIMUM INVESTMENTS

The Fund has established a minimum initial investment amount of \$1,000,000 for the purchase of Institutional Shares. There is no minimum for subsequent investments. Purchases of Institutional Shares offered by other non-money market Vista funds may be aggregated with purchases of Institutional Shares of the Fund to meet the \$1,000,000 minimum initial investment amount requirement.

#### HOW TO REDEEM SHARES

You may redeem all or any portion of the shares in your account at any time at the net asset value next determined after a redemption request in proper form is furnished by you to your Dealer and transmitted to and received by the Vista Service Center. A wire redemption may be requested by telephone to the Vista Service Center. For telephone redemptions, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-622-4273.

In making redemption requests, the names of the registered shareholders on your account and your account number must be supplied, along with any certificates that represent shares you want to sell. The price you will receive is the next net asset value calculated after the Fund receives your request in proper form. In order to receive that day's net asset value, the Vista Service Center must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

DELIVERY OF PROCEEDS. The Fund generally sends you payment for your shares by wire in federal funds on the business day after your request is received in proper form. Under unusual circumstances, the Fund may suspend redemptions, or postpone payment for more than seven days, as permitted by federal securities law.

TELEPHONE REDEMPTIONS. You may use Vista's Telephone Redemption Privilege to redeem shares from your account unless you have notified the Vista Service Center of an address change within the preceding 30 days. Telephone redemption requests in excess of \$25,000 will only be made by wire to a bank account on record with the Fund. Unless an investor indicates otherwise on the account application, the Fund will be authorized to act upon redemption and transfer instructions received by telephone from a shareholder, or any person claiming to act as his or

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her representative, who can provide the Fund with his or her account registration and address as it appears on the Fund's records.

The Vista Service Center will employ these and other reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine; if it fails to employ reasonable procedures, the Fund may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. An investor agrees, however, that to the extent permitted by applicable law, neither the Fund nor its agents will be liable for any loss, liability, cost or expense arising out of any redemption request, including any fraudulent or unauthorized request. For information, consult the Vista Service Center.

During periods of unusual market changes and shareholder activity, you may experience delays in contacting the Vista Service Center by telephone. In this event, you may wish to submit a written redemption request or contact your Dealer. The Telephone Redemption Privilege may be modified or terminated without notice.

SELLING SHARES THROUGH YOUR DEALER. Your Dealer must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's net asset value. Your Dealer will be responsible for furnishing all necessary documentation to the Vista Service Center, and may charge you for its services.

INVOLUNTARY REDEMPTION OF ACCOUNTS. The Fund may involuntarily redeem your shares if at such time the aggregate net asset value of the shares in your account is less than \$1,000,000. In the event of any such redemption, you will receive at least 60 days notice prior to the redemption.

#### HOW TO EXCHANGE YOUR SHARES

You can exchange your shares for Institutional Shares of certain other Vista funds at net asset value beginning 15 days after purchase. Not all Vista funds offer Institutional Shares. The prospectus of the other Vista fund into which shares are being exchanged should be read carefully prior to any exchange and retained for future reference.

For federal income tax purposes, an exchange is treated as a sale of shares and generally results in a capital gain or loss.

EXCHANGING BY PHONE. A Telephone Exchange Privilege is currently available. Call the Vista Service Center for procedures for telephone transactions. Ask your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for prospectuses of other Vista funds. Shares of certain Vista funds are not available to residents of all states.

EXCHANGE PARAMETERS. The exchange privilege is not intended as a vehicle for short-term trading. Excessive exchange activity may interfere with portfolio management and have an adverse effect on all shareholders. In order to limit excessive exchange activity and in other circumstances where Vista management or the Trustees believe doing so would be in the best interests of the Fund, the Fund reserves the right to revise or terminate the exchange privilege, limit the amount or number of

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exchanges or reject any exchange. In addition, any shareholder who makes more than ten exchanges of shares involving the Fund in a year or three in a calendar quarter will be charged a \$5.00 administration fee for each such exchange. Shareholders would be notified of any such action to the extent required by law. Consult the Vista Service Center before requesting an exchange. The exchange privilege is subject to change or termination. See the SAI to find out more about the exchange privilege.

HOW THE FUND VALUES ITS SHARES

The net asset value of each class of the Fund's shares is determined once daily based upon prices determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, however, options are priced at 4:15 p.m, Eastern time), on each Fund Business Day, by dividing the net assets of the Fund attributable to that class by the total number of outstanding shares of that class. Values of assets held by the Fund (i.e., the value of its investment in the Portfolio and its other assets) are determined on the basis of their market or other fair value, as described in the SAI.

HOW DISTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE; TAX INFORMATION

The Fund distributes any net investment income at least semi-annually and any net realized capital gains at least annually. Capital gains are distributed after deducting any available capital loss carryovers.

DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT OPTION. You can choose from three distribution options: (1) reinvest all distributions in additional Fund shares; (2) receive distributions from net investment income in cash or by Automated Clearing House (ACH) to a pre-established bank account while reinvesting capital gains distributions in additional shares; or (3) receive all distributions in cash or by ACH. You can change your distribution option by notifying the Vista Service Center in writing. If you do not select an option when you open your account, all distributions will be reinvested. All distributions not paid in cash or by ACH will be reinvested in shares of the same share class. You will receive a statement confirming reinvestment of distributions in

additional Fund shares promptly following the quarter in which the reinvestment occurs.

If a check representing a Fund distribution is not cashed within a specified period, the Vista Service Center will notify you that you have the option of requesting another check or reinvesting the distribution in the Fund or in another Vista fund without a sales charge. If the Vista Service Center does not receive your election, the distribution will be reinvested in the Fund. Similarly, if the Fund or the Vista Service Center sends you correspondence returned as "undeliverable," distributions will automatically be reinvested in the Fund

The Fund intends to qualify as a "regulated investment company" for federal income tax purposes and to meet all other requirements that are necessary for it to be relieved of

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federal taxes on income and gains it distributes to shareholders. The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gain net income on a current basis. If the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company for any taxable year or does not make such distributions, the Fund will be subject to tax on all of its income and gains.

TAXATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS. Fund distributions other than net long-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions of net long-term capital gains will be taxable as such, regardless of how long you have held the shares. The taxation of your distribution is the same whether received in cash or in shares through the reinvestment of distributions.

A portion of the ordinary income dividends paid by the Fund may qualify for the 70% dividends-received deduction for corporate shareholders.

You should carefully consider the tax implications of purchasing shares just prior to a distribution. This is because you will be taxed on the entire amount of the distribution received, even though the net asset value per share will be higher on the date of such purchase as it will include the distribution amount.

Early in each calendar year the Fund will notify you of the amount and tax status of distributions paid to you by the Fund for the preceding year.

The above is only a summary of certain federal income tax consequences of investing in the Fund. You should consult your tax adviser to determine the precise effect of an investment in the Fund on your particular tax situation (including possible liability for state and local taxes and, for foreign shareholders, U.S. withholding taxes).

OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FUND

# SHAREHOLDER SERVICING AGENTS

The Trust has entered into shareholder servicing agreements with certain shareholder servicing agents (including Chase) under which the shareholder servicing agents have agreed to provide certain support services to their customers who beneficially own Institutional Shares of the Fund. These services include assisting with purchase and redemption transactions, maintaining shareholder accounts and records, furnishing customer statements, transmitting shareholder reports and communications to customers and other similar shareholder liaison services. For performing these services, each shareholder servicing agent receives an annual fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Institutional Shares of the Fund held by investors for whom the shareholder servicing agent maintains a servicing relationship. Shareholder servicing agents may subcontract with other parties for the provision of shareholder support services.

Shareholder servicing agents may offer additional services to their customers, such as pre-authorized or systematic purchase and redemption plans. Each shareholder servicing agent may establish its own terms and conditions,

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including limitations on the amounts of subsequent transactions, with respect to such services. Certain shareholder servicing agents may (although they are not required by the Trust to do so) credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees an amount not exceeding such other fees or the fees for their services as shareholder servicing agents.

Chase may from time to time, at its own expense, provide compensation to certain selected dealers for performing administrative services for their customers. These services include maintaining account records, processing orders to purchase, redeem and exchange Fund shares and responding to certain customer inquiries. The amount of such compensation may be up to 0.10% annually of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to shares of the Fund held by customers of such selected dealers. Such compensation does not represent an additional expense to the Fund or its shareholders, since it will be paid by Chase.

## ADMINISTRATOR

Chase acts as the administrator for the Fund and the Portfolio and is entitled to receive from each of the Fund and the Portfolio a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of their respective average daily net assets.

SUB-ADMINISTRATOR AND DISTRIBUTOR

Vista Fund Distributors, Inc. ("VFD") acts as the Fund's sub-administrator and distributor. VFD is a subsidiary of The BISYS Group, Inc. and is unaffiliated with Chase. For the sub-administrative services it performs, VFD is entitled to receive a fee from the Fund at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of the Fund's average daily net assets. VFD has agreed to use a portion of this fee to pay for certain expenses incurred in connection with organizing new series of the Trust and certain other ongoing expenses of the Trust. VFD is located at 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10178.

#### CUSTODIAN

Chase acts as the Fund's custodian and fund accountant and receives compensation under an agreement with the Trust. Fund securities and cash may be held by sub-custodian banks if such arrangements are reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

# EXPENSES

The Fund pays the expenses incurred in its operations, including its pro rata share of expenses of the Trust. These expenses include investment advisory and administrative fees; the compensation of the Trustees; registration fees; interest charges; taxes; expenses connected with the execution, recording and settlement of security transactions; fees and expenses of the Fund's custodian for all services to the Fund, including safekeeping of funds and securities

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and maintaining required books and accounts; expenses of preparing and mailing reports to investors and to government offices and commissions; expenses of meetings of investors; fees and expenses of independent accountants, of legal counsel and of any transfer agent, registrar or dividend disbursing agent of the Trust; insurance premiums; and expenses of calculating the net asset value of, and the net income on, shares of the Fund. Shareholder servicing and distribution fees are allocated to specific classes of the Fund. In addition, the Fund may allocate transfer agency and certain other expenses by class. Service providers to the Fund may, from time to time, voluntarily waive all or a portion of any fees to which they are entitled.

# ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SHARES

The Fund is a portfolio of Mutual Fund Group, an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust in 1987 (the "Trust"). The Trust has reserved the right to create and issue additional series and classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The shares of each series or class participate equally in the earnings, dividends and assets of the particular series or class. Shares have no pre-emptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each whole share held, and each fractional share shall be entitled to a proportionate fractional vote, except that Trust shares held in the treasury of the Trust shall not be voted. Shares of each class of the Fund generally vote together except when required under federal securities laws to vote separately on matters that only affect a particular class, such as the approval of distribution plans for a particular class.

The Fund issues multiple classes of shares. This Prospectus relates only to Institutional Shares of the Fund, one class of shares offered by the Fund. Institutional Shares may be purchased only by qualified investors that make an initial investment of \$1,000,000 or more. "Qualified investors" are

defined as institutions, trusts, partnerships, corporations, qualified and other retirement plans and fiduciary accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which exercises investment authority over such accounts. The Fund offers other classes of shares in addition to these classes. The categories of investors that are eligible to purchase shares may differ for each class of Fund shares. In addition, other classes of Fund shares may be subject to differences in sales charge arrangements, ongoing distribution and service fee levels, and levels of certain other expenses, which will affect the relative performance of the different classes. Investors may call 1-800-622-4273 to obtain additional information about other classes of shares of the Fund that are offered. Any person entitled to receive compensation for selling or servicing shares of the Fund may receive different levels of compensation with respect to one class of shares over another.

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The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the general direction and supervision of its Board of Trustees. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders but will hold special meetings of shareholders of all series or classes when in the judgment of the Trustees it is necessary or desirable to submit matters for a shareholder vote. The Trustees will promptly call a meeting of shareholders to remove a trustee(s) when requested to do so in writing by record holders of not less than 10% of all outstanding shares of the Trust.

Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Trust itself was unable to meet its obligations.

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF MASTER/FEEDER FUND STRUCTURE

Unlike other mutual funds which directly acquire and manage their own portfolio securities, the Fund invests all of its investable assets in the Portfolio, a separate registered investment company. Therefore, a shareholder's interest in the Portfolio's securities is indirect. In addition to selling a beneficial interest to the Fund, the Portfolio may sell beneficial interests to other mutual funds or institutional investors. Such investors will invest in the Portfolio on the same terms and conditions and will pay a proportionate share of the Portfolio's expenses. However, other investors investing in the Portfolio are not required to sell their shares at the same public offering prices as the Fund, and may bear different levels of ongoing expenses than the Fund. Shareholders of the Fund should be aware that these differences may result in differences in returns experienced in the different funds that invest in the Portfolio. Such differences in returns are also present in other mutual fund structures.

Smaller funds investing in the Portfolio may be materially affected by the actions of larger funds investing in the Portfolio. For example, if a large fund withdraws from the Portfolio, the remaining funds may experience higher pro rata operating expenses, thereby producing lower returns. Additionally, the Portfolio may become less diverse, resulting in increased portfolio risk. However, this possibility also exists for traditionally structured funds which have large or institutional investors. Funds with a greater pro rata ownership in the Portfolio could have effective voting control of the operations of the Portfolio. Whenever the Trust is requested to vote on matters pertaining to the Portfolio, the Trust will hold a meeting of shareholders of the Fund and will cast all of its votes in the same proportion as do the Fund's shareholders. Shares of the Fund for which no voting instructions have been received will be voted in the same proportion as those shares for which voting instructions are received. Certain changes in the Portfolio's objective, policies or restrictions may require the Trust to withdraw the Fund's interest in the

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Portfolio. Any withdrawal could result in a distribution in kind of portfolio securities (as opposed to a cash distribution from the Portfolio). The Fund could incur brokerage fees or other transaction costs in converting such securities to cash. In addition, a distribution in kind may result in a less diversified portfolio of investments or adversely affect the liquidity of the Fund.

The same individuals who are disinterested Trustees of the Trust serve as Trustees of the Portfolio. The Trustees of the Trust, including a majority of the disinterested Trustees, have adopted procedures they believe are reasonably appropriate to deal with resulting potential conflicts of

interest, up to and including creating a separate Board of Trustees.

Investors in the Fund may obtain information about whether an investment in the Portfolio may be available through other funds by calling the Vista Service Center at 1-800-622-4273.

## PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The Fund's investment performance may from time to time be included in advertisements about the Fund. Performance is calculated separately for each class of shares, in the manner described in the SAI. "Yield" for each class of shares is calculated by dividing the annualized net investment income per share during a recent 30-day period by the maximum public offering price per share of such class on the last day of that period.

"Total return" for the one-, five- and ten-year periods (or since inception, if shorter) through the most recent calendar quarter represents the average annual compounded rate of return on an investment of \$1,000 in the Fund invested at the public offering price. Total return may also be presented for other periods.

All performance data is based on the Fund's past investment results and does not predict future performance. Investment performance, which will vary, is based on many factors, including market conditions, the composition of the Fund's portfolio, the Fund's operating expenses and which class of shares you purchase. Investment performance also often reflects the risks associated with the Fund's investment objectives and policies. These factors should be considered when comparing the Fund's investment results to those of other mutual funds and other investment vehicles. Quotation of investment performance for any period when a fee waiver or expense limitation was in effect will be greater than if the waiver or limitation had not been in effect. The Fund's performance may be compared to other mutual funds, relevant indices and rankings prepared by independent services. See the SAI.

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Vista Family of Mutual Funds & Retirement Products

VISTA INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUNDS Southeast Asian Fund Japan Fund European Fund International Equity Fund

VISTA U.S. EQUITY FUNDS Small Cap Equity Fund The Growth Fund of Washington Capital Growth Fund Growth and Income Fund Large Cap Equity Fund Balanced Fund Equity Income Fund

VISTA FIXED INCOME FUNDS Bond Fund U.S. Government Securities Fund U.S. Treasury Income Fund Short-Term Bond Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE FUNDS(1) New York Tax Free Income Fund California Intermediate Tax Free Fund Tax Free Income Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(1,2)
New York Tax Free Money Market Fund
Connecticut Daily Tax Free Income Fund Select Shares(3)
New Jersey Daily Municipal Income Fund Select Shares(3)
Tax Free Money Market Fund
California Tax Free Money Market Fund

VISTA TAXABLE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(2)
Cash Management Money Market Fund
Federal Money Market Fund
100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund
U.S. Government Money Market Fund
Treasury Plus Money Market Fund

VISTA RETIREMENT PRODUCTS Vista Capital Advantage Variable Annuity(4) Vista 401(k) Advantage

For complete information on the Vista Mutual Funds or Retirement Products,

including information about fees and expenses, call your investment professional or  $1-800-34-{\rm VISTA}$  for a prospectus. Please read it carefully before you invest or send money.

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(1) Some income may be subject to certain state and local taxes. A portion of the income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax for some investors.

(2) An investment in a Money Market Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Yields will fluctuate, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per share

(3) Vista Select Shares of these funds are not a part of, or affiliated with, the Vista Family of Mutual Funds. Reich & Tang Distributors L.P. and New England Investment Companies L.P., which are unaffiliated with Chase, are the funds' distributor and investment adviser, respectively.

(4) The variable annuity contract is issued by First SunAmerica Life Insurance Company in New York; in other states, but not necessarily all states, it is issued by Anchor National Life Insurance Company.

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PROSPECTUS
VISTA(SM) U.S. TREASURY INCOME FUND
CLASS A AND B SHARES
INVESTMENT STRATEGY: INCOME

February 28, 1997

This Prospectus explains concisely what you should know before investing. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. You can find more detailed information about the Fund in its February 28, 1997 Statement of Additional Information, as amended periodically (the "SAI"). For a free copy of the SAI, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA. The SAI has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION, NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

INVESTMENTS IN THE FUND ARE NOT BANK DEPOSITS OR OBLIGATIONS OF, OR GUARANTEED OR ENDORSED BY, THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES AND ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FDIC, THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY. INVESTMENTS IN MUTUAL FUNDS INVOLVE RISK, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE LOSS OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT INVESTED.

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# EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses are one of several factors to consider when investing. The following table summarizes your costs from investing in the Fund based on expenses incurred in the most recent fiscal year. The examples show the cumulative expenses attributable to a hypothetical \$1,000 investment over specified periods.

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Class A	Class B
Shares	Shares
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SHAREHOLDER TRANSACTION EXPENSES			
Maximum Sales Charge Imposed on Purchases			
(as a percentage of offering price)	4.50%	None	
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge			
(as a percentage of the lower of original purchase price			
or redemption proceeds) *	None	5.00%	
ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES			
(as a percentage of average net assets)			
Investment Advisory Fee (after estimated waiver) **	0.17%	0.17%	
12b-1 Fee***	0.25%	0.75%	
Shareholder Servicing Fee (after estimated waiver, where indicated)	0.00%**	0.25%	
Other Expenses	0.48%	0.48%	
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Total Fund Operating Expenses (after waivers of fees) **	0.90%	1.65%	

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#### EXAMPLES

Your investment of \$1,000 would incur the following expenses, assuming 5% annual return:

assuming 5% annual return:	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	
<\$>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	
Class A Share+	\$54	\$72	\$ 93	\$151	
Class B Shares:					
Assuming complete redemption at the end of the					
period++ +++	\$68	\$85	\$113	\$175	
Assuming no redemptions+++	\$17	\$52	\$ 90	\$175	

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- \* The maximum deferred sales charge on Class B shares applies to redemptions during the first year after purchase; the charge generally declines by 1% annually thereafter (except in the fourth year), reaching zero after six years. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares."
- \*\* Reflects current waiver arrangements to maintain Total Fund Operating Expenses at the levels indicated in the table above. Absent such waivers, the Investment Advisory Fee would be 0.30% for Class A and Class B shares, the Shareholder Servicing Fee would be 0.25% for Class A shares, and Total Fund Operating Expenses would be 1.28% and 1.78% for Class A and Class B shares, respectively.
- \*\*\* Long-term shareholders in mutual funds with 12b-1 fees, such as Class A and Class B shareholders of the Fund, may pay more than the economic equivalent of the maximum front-end sales charge permitted by rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.
  - $\scriptstyle +$  Assumes deduction at the time of purchase of the maximum sales charge.
- ++ Assumes deduction at the time of redemption of the maximum applicable deferred sales charge.
- +++ Ten-year figures assume conversion of Class B shares to Class A shares at the beginning of the ninth year after purchase. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares."

The table is provided to help you understand the expenses of investing in the Fund and your share of the operating expenses that the Fund incurs. The examples should not be considered representations of past or future expenses or returns; actual expenses and returns may be greater or less than shown.

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Charges or credits, not reflected in the expense table above, may be incurred directly by customers of financial institutions in connection with an investment in the Fund. The Fund understands that Shareholder Servicing Agents may credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees amounts not exceeding such other fees or the fees received by the Shareholder Servicing Agent from the Fund with respect to those accounts. See "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

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# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The table set forth below provides selected per share data and ratios for one Class A share and one Class B share for each period shown. This information

is supplemented by financial statements and accompanying notes appearing in the Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, which is incorporated by reference into the SAI. The financial statements and notes, as well as the financial information set forth in the table below with respect to each of the five years in the period ended October 31, 1996, have been audited by Price Waterhouse LLP, independent accountants, whose report thereon is also included in the Annual Report to Shareholders. Shareholders can obtain a copy of this Annual Report by contacting the Fund or their Shareholder Servicing Agent.

# VISTA U.S. TREASURY INCOME FUND

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_		Clas Year Ended	Class A Year Ended October 31,			
	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991
<\$>	<c></c>		<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>
PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period			\$ 12.10			\$ 10.93
- Income from Investment Operations						
Net Investment Income Net Gains or (Losses) in Securities		0.699	0.646	0.666	0.786	0.883
(both realized and unrealized)			(1.297)		0.267	0.597
Total from Investment Operations		1.497	(0.651)	1.365	1.053	1.480
Less Distributions						
Dividends from Net Investment Income					0.786	
Distributions from Capital Gains					0.111	0.000
Total Distributions		0.697	0.849		0.897	0.882
Net Asset Value, End of Period		\$ 11.40	\$ 10.60	\$ 12.10		\$ 11.53
TOTAL RETURN(1)					9.40%	
Ratios/Supplemental Data*:						
Net Assets, End of Period (000 omitted)			\$99,524			
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets		0.87%	0.76%	0.75%	0.38%	0.02%
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net		6 270	F 7.40	F 610	6 500	E 010
Assets		6.37%	5.74%	5.61%	6.52%	7.81%
Ratio of Expenses without waivers and assumption of expenses to Average Net Assets		1.40%	1.28%	1.14%	1.34%	2.89%
Ratio of Net Investment Income without waivers and		1.40%	1.20%	1.140	1.34%	2.095
assumption of expenses to Average Net Assets		5 0/19	5.22%	5.22%	5.56%	4.94%
Portfolio Turnover Rate			163%			103%

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	Class A Year Ended October 31,			Class B			
	1990		1988	9/8/87* through	Year Ended	Year Ended 10/31/95	11/4/93** through
<\$>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>
PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE							
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$ 11.21	\$10.90	\$10.69	\$10.00		\$ 10.59	\$ 11.98
Income from Investment Operations Net Investment Income Net Gains or (Losses) in Securities	0.882	0.885	0.842	0.052		0.621	0.592
(both realized and unrealized)	(0.284)	0.319		0.638		0.797	(1.187)
Total from Investment Operations	0.598	1.204	1.100	0.690		1.418	(0.595)
Less Distributions							
Dividends from Net Investment Income	0.882	0.888	0.890	0.000		0.638	0.592
Distributions from Capital Gains	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.000		0.000	0.203
Total Distributions	0.882	0.892	0.890	0.000		0.638	0.795
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$ 10.93	\$11.21	\$10.90	\$10.69		\$ 11.37	\$ 10.59

TOTAL RETURN(1)	5.70%	11.64%	10.70%	46.64%	13.80%	(5.18%)
Ratios/Supplemental Data*:						
Net Assets, End of Period (000 omitted)	\$ 6,359	\$3,725	\$1,742	\$ 107	\$10,652	\$ 5,184
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets	0.08%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%#	1.62%	1.50%#
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net						
Assets	8.08%	8.12%	8.11%	6.29%#	5.53%	5.28%#
Ratio of Expenses without waivers and assumption of						
expenses to Average Net Assets	2.50%	2.50%	2.00%	2.00%#	1.89%	1.78%#
Ratio of Net Investment Income without waivers and						
assumption of expenses to Average Net Assets	5.66%	5.62%	6.11%	4.29%#	5.26%	5.00%#
Portfolio Turnover Rate	15%	34%	3%	0%	164%	163%

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- (1) Total return figures do not include the effect of any sales load.
- \* Commencement of operations.
- \*\* Commencement of offering of shares.
- # Annualized.

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## FUND OBJECTIVE

Vista U.S. Treasury Income Fund seeks to provide shareholders with monthly dividends and to protect the value of their investment. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program, and there is no assurance it will achieve its objective.

INVESTMENT POLICIES

INVESTMENT APPROACH

Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 65% of its assets in direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury, obligations issued or guaranteed by U.S. government agencies or instrumentalities if such obligations are backed by the "full faith and credit" of the U.S. Treasury, and repurchase obligations collateralized by the foregoing obligations.

There is no restriction on the maturity of the Fund's portfolio or any individual portfolio security. The Fund's advisers may adjust the average maturity of the Fund's portfolio based upon their assessment of the relative yields available on securities of different maturities and their expectations of future changes in interest rates.

The Fund is classified as a "non-diversified" fund under federal securities law.

Instead of investing directly in underlying securities, the Fund is authorized to seek to achieve its objective by investing all of its investable assets in an investment company having substantially the same objective and policies as the Fund.

WHO MAY WANT TO INVEST

This Fund may be most suitable for investors who...

(bullet) Are seeking current income

(bullet) Are investing for mid- to long-term investment goals

(bullet) Own or plan to own other types of investments for diversification purposes  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1$ 

(bullet) Can assume a moderate degree of of bond market (i.e., interest rate) risk

This Fund may NOT be appropriate for investors who are unable to tolerate any up and down price changes, are investing for very short-term goals or who are in need of capital growth potential.

## OTHER INVESTMENT PRACTICES

The Fund may also engage in the following investment practices, when consistent with the Fund's overall objective and policies. These practices, and certain associated risks, are more fully described in the SAI.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS, SECURITIES LOANS AND FORWARD COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into agreements to purchase and resell securities at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund also has the ability to lend portfolio securities in an amount equal to not more than 30% of its total assets to generate additional income. These transactions must be fully collateralized at all times. The Fund may purchase securities for delivery at a future date, which may increase its overall investment exposure and involves a risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date. These

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transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction.

BORROWINGS AND REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. The Fund may borrow money from banks for temporary or short-term purposes, but will not borrow money to buy additional securities, known as "leveraging." The Fund may also sell and simultaneously commit to repurchase a portfolio security at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund may use this practice to generate cash for shareholder redemptions without selling securities in a down market. Whenever the Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will establish a segregated account in which it will maintain liquid assets on a daily basis in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest). The Fund would be required to pay interest on amounts obtained through reverse repurchase agreements, which are considered borrowings under federal securities laws.

STAND-BY COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into put transactions, including those sometimes referred to as stand-by commitments, with respect to securities in its portfolio. In these transactions, the Fund would acquire the right to sell a security at an agreed upon price within a specified period prior to its maturity date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction. A put transaction will increase the cost of the underlying security and consequently reduce the available yield.

ZERO COUPON SECURITIES AND STRIPS. The Fund may invest in zero coupon U.S. Government securities. Zero coupon securities are debt securities that do not pay regular interest payments, and instead are sold at substantial discounts from their value at maturity. The Fund may also invest in stripped obligations (i.e., separately traded principal and interest components of securities) where the underlying obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, including instruments known as "STRIPS." The value of these instruments tends to fluctuate more in response to changes in interest rates than the value of ordinary interest-paying debt securities with similar maturities. The risk is greater when the period to maturity is longer.

FLOATING AND VARIABLE RATE SECURITIES. The Fund may invest in floating rate securities, whose interest rates adjust automatically whenever a specified interest rate changes, and variable rate securities, whose interest rates are periodically adjusted. Certain of these instruments permit the holder to demand payment of principal and accrued interest upon a specified number of days' notice from either the issuer or a third party. As a result of the floating or variable rate nature of these investments, the Fund's yield may decline and it may forego the opportunity for capital

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periods when interest rates increase, the Fund's yield may increase and it may have reduced risk of capital depreciation. Demand features on certain floating or variable rate securities may obligate the Fund to pay a "tender fee" to a third party. Demand features provided by foreign banks involve certain risks associated with foreign investments.

MORTGAGE-RELATED SECURITIES. The Fund may invest in mortgage-related U.S. Government securities. Mortgage pass-through securities are securities representing interests in "pools" of mortgages in which payments of both interest and principal on the securities are made monthly, in effect "passing through" monthly payments made by the individual borrowers on the residential mortgage loans which underlie the securities. Early repayment of principal on mortgage pass-through securities held by the Fund (due to prepayments of principal on the underlying mortgage loans) may result in a lower rate of return when the Fund reinvests such principal. In addition, as with callable fixed-income securities generally, if the Fund purchased the securities at a premium, sustained early repayment would limit the value of the premium. Like other fixed-income securities, when interest rates rise the value of a mortgage-related security generally will decline; however, when interest rates decline, the value of mortgage-related securities with prepayment features may not increase as much as other fixed-income, fixed-maturity securities which have no prepayment on call features. Payment of principal and interest on the mortgage pass-through securities (but not the market value of the securities themselves) in which the Fund invests will be guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

The Fund may also invest in investment grade Collateralized Mortgage Obligations ("CMOs"), which are hybrid instruments with characteristics of both mortgage-backed bonds and mortgage pass-through securities. Similar to a bond, interest and prepaid principal on a CMO are paid, in most cases, monthly. CMOs may be collateralized by whole residential or commercial mortgage loans but are more typically collateralized by portfolios of mortgage pass-through securities guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities. CMOs are structured into multiple classes, with each class having a different expected average life and/or stated maturity. Monthly payments of principal, including prepayments, are allocated to different classes in accordance with the terms of the instruments, and changes in prepayment rates or assumptions may significantly affect the expected average life and value of a particular class.

DERIVATIVES AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest its assets in derivative and related instruments to hedge various market risks or to increase the Fund's income or gain. Some of these instruments will be subject to asset segregation requirements to cover the Fund's obligations. The Fund may (i) purchase, write and exercise call and put options on securities and related securities indexes (including using options in

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combination with securities, other options or derivative instruments); (ii) enter into swaps, futures contracts and options on futures contracts; (iii) employ forward currency and interest rate contracts and (iv) purchase and sell structured products, which are instruments designed to restructure or reflect the characteristics of certain other investments.

There are a number of risks associated with the use of derivatives and related instruments and no assurance can be given that any strategy will succeed. The value of certain derivatives or related instruments in which the Fund invests may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing economic conditions and market value. The ability of the Fund to successfully utilize these instruments may depend in part upon the ability of its advisers to forecast these factors correctly. Inaccurate forecasts could expose the Fund to a risk of loss. There can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in a hedging instrument and in the portfolio assets being hedged. The Fund is not required to use any hedging strategies. Hedging strategies, while reducing risk of loss, can also reduce the opportunity for gain. Derivatives transactions not involving hedging may have speculative characteristics, involve leverage and result in losses that may exceed the original investment of the Fund. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Fund seeks to close out a derivatives position. Activities of large traders in the futures and securities markets involving arbitrage, "program trading," and other investment strategies may cause price distortions in derivatives markets. In certain instances,

particularly those involving over-the-counter transactions or forward contracts, there is a greater potential that a counterparty or broker may default. In the event of a default, the Fund may experience a loss. For additional information concerning derivatives, related instruments and the associated risks, see the SAI.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER. The frequency of the Fund's portfolio transactions will vary from year to year. The Fund's investment policies may lead to frequent changes in investments, particularly in periods of rapidly changing market conditions. High portfolio turnover rates would generally result in higher transaction costs, including dealer mark-ups, and would make it more difficult for the Fund to qualify as a registered investment company under federal tax law. See "How Distributions are Made; Tax Information."

## LIMITING INVESTMENT RISKS

Specific investment restrictions help the Fund limit investment risks for its shareholders. Among these restrictions, the Fund is prohibited from investing more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (which include securities restricted as to resale unless they are determined to be readily marketable in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees). A complete description of this and other investment policies is included in the SAI. Except for the Fund's investment objective and investment policies designated as

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fundamental in the SAI, the Fund's investment policies are not fundamental. The Trustees may change any non-fundamental investment policy without shareholder approval.

## RISK FACTORS

The Fund does not constitute a balanced or complete investment program, and the net asset value of its shares will fluctuate based on the value of the securities in the Fund's portfolio.

The performance of the Fund depends in part on interest rate changes. As interest rates increase, the value of the fixed income securities held by the Fund tends to decrease. This effect will be more pronounced with respect to investments by the Fund in mortgage-related securities, the value of which are more sensitive to interest rate changes. There is no restriction on the maturity of the Fund's portfolio or any individual portfolio security, and to the extent the Fund invests in securities with longer maturities, the volatility of the Fund in response to changes in interest rates can be expected to be greater than if the Fund had invested in comparable securities with shorter maturities. Guarantees of principal and interest on obligations that may be purchased by the Fund are not guarantees of the market value of such obligations, nor do they extend to the value of shares of the Fund.

For a discussion of certain other risks associated with the Fund's additional investment activities, see "Other Investment Practices" above.

# MANAGEMENT

THE FUND'S ADVISERS

The Chase Manhattan Bank ("Chase") is the Fund's investment adviser under an Investment Advisory Agreement and has overall responsibility for investment decisions of the Fund, subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees. Chase is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation, a bank holding company. CHASE AND ITS PREDECESSORS HAVE OVER 100 YEARS OF MONEY MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE.

For its investment advisory services to the Fund, Chase is entitled to receive an annual fee computed daily and paid monthly based at an annual rate equal to 0.30% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Chase is located at 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Chase Asset Management, Inc. ("CAM"), a registered investment adviser, is the Fund's sub-investment adviser under a Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement between CAM and Chase. CAM is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Chase. CAM makes investment decisions for the Fund on a day-to-day basis. For these services, CAM is entitled to receive a fee, payable by Chase from its advisory fee, at an annual rate equal to 0.15% of the Fund's average daily

net assets. CAM was recently formed for the purpose of providing discretionary investment advisory services to institutional clients and to consolidate Chase's investment management function. The same individuals who serve as portfolio managers for Chase also serve as

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portfolio managers for CAM. CAM is located at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

PORTFOLIO MANAGER. Patrick Quilty Jr. has been responsible for the day-to-day management of Vista U.S. Treasury Income Fund since December 1996. Mr. Quilty joined Chase in December 1996. Prior to joining Chase, from 1994 through 1996, Mr. Quilty was a Vice President and Portfolio Manager at ARM Capital Advisors, Inc. where he managed mutual fund and institutional portfolios. From 1991 to 1994, Mr. Quilty was a Portfolio Strategist at Lehman Brothers, Inc. where he analyzed taxable fixed income portfolios. Mr.Quilty is also a manager of the Vista Bond Fund.

Susan Huang, a Vice President and the Director of U.S. Fixed Income Management of Chase, also participates in the management of the Fund. Ms. Huang is responsible for developing the allocation and risk management strategy for U.S. fixed income portfolios, and managing the institutional U.S. fixed income assets under management. Prior to joining Chase in June of 1995, Ms. Huang was Director of the Insurance Asset Management Group at Hyperion Capital Management Inc. Prior to joining Hyperion, Ms. Huang was a senior portfolio manager with CS First Boston. Prior to joining CS First Boston in 1992, Ms. Huang spent 14 years at The Equitable, where she worked in the pension consulting group and the U.S. Fixed Income Management Group.

ABOUT YOUR INVESTMENT

CHOOSING A SHARE CLASS

CLASS A SHARES. An investor who purchases Class A shares pays a sales charge at the time of purchase. As a result, Class A shares are not subject to any sales charges when they are redeemed. Certain purchases of Class A shares qualify for reduced sales charges. Class A shares have lower combined 12b-1 and service fees than Class B shares. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares" and "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

CLASS B SHARES. Class B shares are sold without an initial sales charge, but are subject to a contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") if redeemed within a specified period after purchase. Class B shares also have a higher combined 12b-1 and service fees than Class A shares.

Class B shares automatically convert into Class A shares, based on relative net asset value, at the beginning of the ninth year after purchase. For more information about the conversion of Class B shares, see the SAI. This discussion will include information about how shares acquired through reinvestment of distributions are treated for conversion purposes. Class B shares provide an investor the benefit of putting all of the investor's dollars to work from the time the investment is made. Until conversion, Class B shares will have a higher expense ratio and pay lower dividends than Class A shares because of the higher combined 12b-1 and service fees. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares" and "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

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WHICH ARRANGEMENT IS BEST FOR YOU? The decision as to which class of shares provides a more suitable investment for you depends on a number of factors, including the amount and intended length of the investment. If you are making an investment that qualifies for reduced sales charges you might consider Class A shares. If you prefer not to pay an initial sales charge you might consider Class B shares. In almost all cases, if you are planning to purchase \$250,000 or more of the Fund's shares you will pay lower aggregate charges and expenses by purchasing Class A shares.

HOW TO BUY, SELL AND EXCHANGE SHARES

You can open a Fund account with as little as \$2,500 for regular accounts or \$1,000 for IRAs, SEP-IRAs and the Systematic Investment Plan. Additional investments can be made at any time with as little as \$100. You can buy Fund shares three ways--through an investment representative, through the Fund's distributor by calling the Vista Service Center, or through the Systematic Investment Plan.

All purchases made by check should be in U.S. dollars and made payable to the Vista Funds. Third party checks, credit cards and cash will not be accepted. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order or cease offering shares for purchase at any time. When purchases are made by check, redemptions will not be allowed until the purchase check clears, which may take 15 calendar days or longer. In addition, the redemption of shares purchased through Automated Clearing House (ACH) will not be allowed until your payment clears, which may take 7 business days or longer.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH THE FUND'S DISTRIBUTOR. Complete and return the enclosed application and your check in the amount you wish to invest to the Vista Service Center.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH SYSTEMATIC INVESTING. You can make regular investments of \$100 or more per transaction through automatic periodic deduction from your bank checking or savings account. Shareholders electing to start this Systematic Investment Plan when opening an account should complete Section 8 of the account application. Current shareholders may begin such a plan at any time by sending a signed letter and a deposit slip or voided check to the Vista Service Center. Call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions.

Shares are purchased at the public offering price, which is based on the net asset value next determined after the Vista Service Center receives your order in proper form. In most cases, in order to receive that day's public offering price, the Vista Service Center must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange. If you buy shares through your investment representative, the representative must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock

Exchange to receive that day's public offering price. Orders for shares are accepted by the Fund after funds are converted to federal funds. Orders paid by check and received by 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time will generally be available for the purchase of shares the following business day.

If you are considering redeeming or exchanging shares or transferring shares to another person shortly after purchase, you should pay for those shares with a certified check to avoid any delay in redemption, exchange or transfer. Otherwise the Fund may delay payment until the purchase price of those shares has been collected or, if you redeem by telephone, until 15 calendar days after the purchase date. To eliminate the need for safekeeping, the Fund will not issue certificates for your Class A shares unless you request them. Due to the conversion feature of Class B shares, certificates for Class B shares will not be issued and all Class B shares will be held in book entry form.

# Class A Shares

The public offering price of Class A shares is the net asset value plus a sales charge that varies depending on the size of your purchase. The Fund receives the net asset value. The sales charge is allocated between your broker-dealer and the Fund's distributor as shown in the following table, except when the Fund's distributor, in its discretion, allocates the entire amount to your broker-dealer. <TABLE>

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Sales charge as a percentage of:

Amount of sales charge reallowed to dealeers as a Offering Net amount percentage of price invested offering price

Amount of transaction at offering price

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Under 100,000	4.50	4.71	4.00
100,000 but under 250,000	3.75	3.90	3.25
250,000 but under 500,000	2.50	2.56	2.25
500,000 but under 1,000,000	2.00	2.04	1.75

  |  |  |There is no initial sales charge on purchases of Class A shares of \$1\$ million or more.

The Fund's distributor pays broker-dealers commissions on net sales of Class A shares of \$1 million or more based on an investor's cumulative purchases. Such commissions are paid at the rate of 0.75% of the amount under \$2.5 million, 0.50% of the next \$7.5 million, 0.25% of the next \$40 million and 0.15% thereafter. The Fund's distributor may withold such payments with respect to short-term investments.

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## Class B Shares

Class B shares are sold without an initial sales charge, although a CDSC will be imposed if you redeem shares within a specified period after purchase, as shown in the table below. The following types of shares may be redeemed without charge at any time: (i) shares acquired by reinvestment of distributions and (ii) shares otherwise exempt from the CDSC, as described below. For other shares, the amount of the charge is determined as a percentage of the lesser of the current market value or the purchase price of shares being redeemed.

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Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+	
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CDSC 									

 5% | 4% | 3% | 3% | 2% | 1% | 0% | 0% |  |In determining whether a CDSC is payable on any redemption, the Fund will first redeem shares not subject to any charge, and then shares held longest during the CDSC period. When a share that has appreciated in value is redeemed during the CDSC period, a CDSC is assessed only on its initial purchase price. For information on how sales charges are calculated if you exchange your shares, see "How to Exchange Your Shares." The Fund's distributor pays broker-dealers a commission of 4.00% of the offering price on sales of Class B shares, and the distributor receives the entire amount of any CDSC you pay.

# GENERAL

You may be eligible to buy Class A shares at reduced sales charges. Consult your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for details about Vista's combined purchase privilege, cumulative quantity discount, statement of intention, group sales plan, employee benefit plans, and other plans. Descriptions are also included in the enclosed application and in the SAI. In addition, sales charges are waived if you are using redemption proceeds received within the prior ninety days from non-Vista mutual funds to buy your shares, and on which you paid a front-end or contingent deferred sales charge

Some participant-directed employee benefit plans participate in a "multifund" program which offers both Vista and non-Vista mutual funds. With Board of Trustee approval, the money that is invested in Vista Funds may be combined with the other mutual funds in the same program when determining the plan's eligibility to buy Class A shares without a sales charge. These investments will also be included for purposes of the discount privileges and programs described above.

The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge to the current and retired Trustees (and their immediate families), current and retired employees (and their immediate families) of Chase, the Fund's distributor and transfer agent or any affiliates or subsidiaries thereof, registered representatives and other employees (and their immediate families) of broker-dealers having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor, employees (and their immediate families) of financial institutions having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor (or otherwise having an arrangement with a broker-dealer or

financial institution with respect to sales of Vista fund shares), financial institution trust departments investing an aggregate of \$1 million or more in the Vista Family of Funds and clients of certain administrators of tax-qualified plans when proceeds from repayments of loans to participants are invested (or reinvested) in the Vista Family of Funds.

No initial sales charge will apply to the purchase of the Fund's Class A shares if you are investing the proceeds of a qualified retirement plan where a portion of the plan was invested in the Vista Family of Funds, any qualified retirement plan with 50 or more participants, or an individual participant in a tax-qualified plan making a tax-free rollover or transfer of assets from the plan in which Chase or an affiliate serves as trustee or custodian of the plan or manages some portion of the plan's assets.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge through an investment adviser or financial planner that charges a fee for its services. Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge (i) by an investment adviser, broker or financial planner, provided arrangements are preapproved and purchases are placed through an omnibus account with the Fund or (ii) by clients of such investment adviser or financial planner who place trades for their own accounts, if such accounts are linked to a master account of such investment adviser or financial planner on the books and records of the broker or agent. Such purchases may also be made for retirement and deferred compensation plans and trusts used to fund those plans.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge in accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which is acting as a fiduciary exercising investment discretion, provided that appropriate notification of such fiduciary relationship is reported at the time of the investment to the Fund, the Fund's distributor or the Vista Service Center.

Shareholders of record of any Vista fund as of November 30, 1990 and certain immediate family members may purchase the Fund's Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own Class A shares of any Vista fund, provided there is no change in account registration. Shareholders of record of any portfolio of The Hanover Funds, Inc. or The Hanover Investment Funds, Inc. as of May 3, 1996 and certain related investors may purchase the Fund's Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own shares of any Vista fund following this date, provided there is no change in account registration.

The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge in connection with the acquisition by the Fund of assets of an investment company or personal holding company. The CDSC will be waived on redemption of Class B shares arising out of death or disability or in connection with certain withdrawals from IRA or other retirement plans. Up to 12% of the value of Class B shares subject to a systematic withdrawal plan may also be redeemed each year without

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a CDSC, provided that the Class B account had a minimum balance of \$20,000 at the time the systematic withdrawal plan was established. The SAI contains additional information about purchasing the Fund's shares at reduced sales charges.

The Fund reserves the right to change any of these policies on purchases without an initial sales charge at any time and may reject any such purchase request.

For shareholders that bank with Chase, Chase may aggregate investments in the Vista Funds with balances held in Chase bank accounts for purposes of determining eligibility for certain bank privileges that are based on specified minimum balance requirements, such as reduced or no fees for certain banking services or preferred rates on loans and deposits. Chase and

certain broker-dealers and other shareholder servicing agents may, at their own expense, provide gifts, such as computer software packages, guides and books related to investment or additional Fund shares valued up to \$250 to their customers that invest in the Vista Funds.

Shareholders of other Vista funds may be entitled to exchange their shares for, or reinvest distributions from their funds in, shares of the Fund at net asset value.

HOW TO SELL SHARES

You can sell your Fund shares any day the New York Stock Exchange is open, either directly to the Fund or through your investment representative. The Fund will only forward redemption payments on shares for which it has collected payment of the purchase price.

SELLING SHARES DIRECTLY TO THE FUND. Send a signed letter of instruction to the Vista Service Center, along with any certificates that represent shares you want to sell. The price you will receive is the next net asset value calculated after the Fund receives your request in proper form, less any applicable CDSC. In order to receive that day's net asset value, the Vista Service Center must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

SIGNATURE GUARANTEES. If you sell shares having a net asset value of \$100,000 or more, the signatures of registered owners or their legal representatives must be guaranteed by a bank, broker-dealer or certain other financial institutions. See the SAI for more information about where to obtain a signature guarantee.

If you want your redemption proceeds sent to an address other than your address as it appears on Vista's records, a signature guarantee is required. The Fund may require additional documentation for the sale of shares by a corporation, partnership, agent or fiduciary, or a surviving joint owner. Contact the Vista Service Center for details.

DELIVERY OF PROCEEDS. The Fund generally sends you payment for your shares the business day after your request is received in proper form, assuming the Fund has collected payment of the purchase price of your shares. Under unusual circumstances, the Fund may suspend redemptions, or postpone payment for more than seven days,

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as permitted by federal securities law.

TELEPHONE REDEMPTIONS. You may use Vista's Telephone Redemption Privilege to redeem shares from your account unless you have notified the Vista Service Center of an address change within the preceding 30 days. Telephone redemption requests in excess of \$25,000 will only be made by wire to a bank account on record with the Fund. Unless an investor indicates otherwise on the account application, the Fund will be authorized to act upon redemption and transfer instructions received by telephone from a shareholder, or any person claiming to act as his or her representative, who can provide the Fund with his or her account registration and address as it appears on the Fund's records.

The Vista Service Center will employ these and other reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine; if it fails to employ reasonable procedures, the Fund may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. An investor agrees, however, that to the extent permitted by applicable law, neither the Fund nor its agents will be liable for any loss, liability, cost or expense arising out of any redemption request, including any fraudulent or unauthorized request. For information, consult the Vista Service Center.

During periods of unusual market changes and shareholder activity, you may experience delays in contacting the Vista Service Center by telephone. In this event, you may wish to submit a written redemption request, as described above, or contact your investment representative. The Telephone Redemption Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. The Telephone Redemption Privilege may be modified or terminated without notice.

SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL. You can make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more (\$100 or more for Class B accounts) monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan for Class A accounts. Call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions.

SELLING SHARES THROUGH YOUR INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVE. Your investment representative must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's net asset value. Your investment representative will be responsible for furnishing all necessary documentation to the Vista Service Center, and may charge you for its services.

INVOLUNTARY REDEMPTION OF ACCOUNTS. The Fund may involuntarily redeem your shares if at such time the aggregate net asset value of the shares in your account is less than \$500 or if you purchase through the Systematic Investment Plan and fail to meet the Fund's investment minimum within a twelve month period. In the event of any such redemption, you will receive at least 60 days notice prior to the redemption. In the event the

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Fund redeems Class B shares pursuant to this provision, no CDSC will be imposed.

#### HOW TO EXCHANGE YOUR SHARES

You can exchange your shares for shares of the same class of certain other Vista funds at net asset value beginning 15 days after purchase. Not all Vista funds offer all classes of shares. The prospectus of the other Vista fund into which shares are being exchanged should be read carefully and retained for future reference. If you exchange shares subject to a CDSC, the transaction will not be subject to the CDSC. However, when you redeem the shares acquired through the exchange, the redemption may be subject to the CDSC, depending upon when you originally purchased the shares. The CDSC will be computed using the schedule of any fund into or from which you have exchanged your shares that would result in your paying the highest CDSC applicable to your class of shares. In computing the CDSC, the length of time you have owned your shares will be measured from the date of original purchase and will not be affected by any exchange.

EXCHANGING TO MONEY MARKET FUNDS. An exchange of Class B shares into any of the Vista money market funds other than the Class B shares of the Vista Prime Money Market Fund will be treated as a redemption—and therefore subject to the conditions of the CDSC —and a subsequent purchase. Class B shares of any Vista non—money market fund may be exchanged into the Class B shares of the Vista Prime Money Market Fund in order to continue the aging of the initial purchase of such shares.

For federal income tax purposes, an exchange is treated as a sale of shares and generally results in a capital gain or loss.

EXCHANGING BY PHONE. A Telephone Exchange Privilege is currently available. Call the Vista Service Center for procedures for telephone transactions. The Telephone Exchange Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. Ask your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for prospectuses of other Vista funds. Shares of certain Vista funds are not available to residents of all states.

EXCHANGE PARAMETERS. The exchange privilege is not intended as a vehicle for short-term trading. Excessive exchange activity may interfere with portfolio management and have an adverse effect on all shareholders. In order to limit excessive exchange activity and in other circumstances where Vista management or the Trustees believe doing so would be in the best interests of the Fund, the Fund reserves the right to revise or terminate the exchange privilege, limit the amount or number of exchanges or reject any exchange. In addition, any shareholder who makes more than ten exchanges of shares involving the Fund in a year or three in a calendar quarter will be charged a \$5.00 administration fee for each such exchange. Shareholders would be notified of any such action to the extent required by law. Consult the Vista Service Center before requesting an

exchange. See the SAI to find out more about the exchange privilege.

REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE. Upon written request, Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value within 90 calendar days of the redemption. The reinstatement request must be accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption), and shares will be purchased at the next determined net asset value. Class B shareholders who have redeemed their shares and paid a CDSC with such redemption may purchase Class A shares with no initial sales charge (in an amount not in excess of their redemption proceeds) if the purchase occurs within 90 days of the redemption of the Class B shares.

## HOW THE FUND VALUES ITS SHARES

The net asset value of each class of the Fund's shares is determined once daily based upon prices determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, however, options are priced at 4:15 p.m., Eastern time), on each business day of the Fund, by dividing the net assets of the Fund attributable to that class by the total number of outstanding shares of that class. Values of assets held by the Fund are determined on the basis of their market or other fair value, as described in the SAI.

HOW DISTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE; TAX INFORMATION

The Fund declares dividends daily and distributes any net investment income at least monthly. The Fund distributes any net realized capital gains at least annually. Capital gains are distributed after deducting any available capital loss carryover. Distributions paid by the Fund with respect to Class A shares will generally be greater than those paid with respect to Class B shares because expenses attributable to Class B shares will generally be higher.

DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT OPTION. You can choose from three distribution options: (1) reinvest all distributions in additional Fund shares without a sales charge; (2) receive distributions from net investment income in cash or by ACH to a pre-established bank account while reinvesting capital gains distributions in additional shares without a sales charge; or (3) receive all distributions in cash or by ACH. You can change your distribution option by notifying the Vista Service Center in writing. If you do not select an option when you open your account, all distributions will be reinvested. All distributions not paid in cash or by ACH will be reinvested in shares of the same share class. You will receive a statement confirming reinvestment of distributions in additional Fund shares promptly following the quarter in which the reinvestment occurs.

If a check representing a Fund distribution is not cashed within a specified period, the Vista Service Center will notify you that you have

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the option of requesting another check or reinvesting the distribution in the Fund or in another Vista fund without a sales charge. If the Vista Service Center does not receive your election, the distribution will be reinvested in the Fund. Similarly, if the Fund or the Vista Service Center sends you correspondence returned as "undeliverable," distributions will automatically be reinvested in the Fund.

The Fund intends to qualify as a "regulated investment company" for federal income tax purposes and to meet all other requirements that are necessary for it to be relieved of federal taxes on income and gains it distributes to shareholders. The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gain net income on a current basis. If the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company for any taxable year or does not make such distributions, the Fund will be subject to tax on all of its income and gains.

TAXATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS. Fund distributions other than net long-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions of net long-term capital gains will be taxable as such, regardless of how long you have held the shares. The taxation of your distribution is the same whether

received in cash or in shares through the reinvestment of distributions.

Distributions may also be subject to state and local taxes. However, the laws of most states and localities exempt some types of taxes distributions such as those made by the Fund to the extent such distributions are attributable to interest from obligations of the U.S. Government and certain of its agencies and instrumentalities.

You should carefully consider the tax implications of purchasing shares just prior to a distribution. This is because you will be taxed on the entire amount of the distribution received, even though the net asset value per share will be higher on the date of such purchase as it will include the distribution amount.

Early in each calendar year the Fund will notify you of the amount and tax status of distributions paid to you by the Fund for the preceding year.

The above is only a summary of certain federal income tax consequences of investing in the Fund. You should consult your tax adviser to determine the precise effect of an investment in the Fund on your particular tax situation (including possible liability for state and local taxes and, for foreign shareholders, U.S. withholding taxes).

OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FUND

DISTRIBUTION PLANS

The Fund's distributor is Vista Fund Distributors, Inc. ("VFD"). VFD is a subsidiary of The BISYS Group, Inc. and is unaffiliated with Chase. The Trust has adopted Rule 12b-1 distribution plans for Class A and Class B shares, which provide for the payment of distribution fees at annual rates of up to 0.25% and 0.75% annually of the average daily net assets attributable to Class A and Class B shares of the Fund, respectively. Payments under the

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distribution plans shall be used to compensate or reimburse the Fund's distributor and broker-dealers for services provided and expenses incurred in connection with the sale of Class A and Class B shares, and are not tied to the amount of actual expenses incurred. Payments may be used to compensate broker-dealers with trail or maintenance commissions at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of the average daily net asset value of Class A or Class B shares invested in the Fund by customers of these broker-dealers. Trail or maintenance commissions are paid to broker-dealers beginning the 13th month following the purchase of shares by their customers. Promotional activities for the sale of Class A and Class B shares will be conducted generally by the Vista Family of Funds, and activities intended to promote the Fund's Class A or Class B shares may also benefit the Fund's other shares and other Vista funds.

VFD may provide promotional incentives to broker-dealers that meet specified sales targets for one or more Vista funds. These incentives may include gifts of up to \$100 per person annually; an occasional meal, ticket to a sporting event or theater for entertainment for broker-dealers and their guests; and payment or reimbursement for travel expenses, including lodging and meals, in connection with attendance at training and educational meetings within and outside the U.S.

# SHAREHOLDER SERVICING AGENTS

The Trust has entered into shareholder servicing agreements with certain shareholder servicing agents (including Chase) under which the shareholder servicing agents have agreed to provide certain support services to their customers who beneficially own Class A or Class B shares of the Fund. These services include assisting with purchase and redemption transactions, maintaining shareholder accounts and records, furnishing customer statements, transmitting shareholder reports and communications to customers and other similar shareholder liaison services. For performing these services, each shareholder servicing agent receives an annual fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Class A and Class B shares of the Fund held by investors for whom the shareholder servicing agent maintains a servicing relationship. Shareholder servicing agents may subcontract with other parties for the provision of shareholder support services.

Shareholder servicing agents may offer additional services to their customers, such as pre-authorized or systematic purchase and redemption plans. Each shareholder servicing agent may establish its own terms and conditions, including limitations on the amounts of subsequent transactions, with respect to such services. Certain shareholder servicing agents may (although they are not required by the Trust to do so) credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees an amount not exceeding such other fees or the fees for their services as shareholder servicing agents.

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Chase and/or VFD may from time to time, at their own expense out of compensation retained by them from the Fund or other sources available to them, make additional payments to certain selected dealers or other shareholder servicing agents for performing administrative services for their customers. These services include maintaining account records, processing orders to purchase, redeem and exchange Fund shares and responding to certain customer inquiries. The amount of such compensation may be up to an additional 0.10% annually of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to shares of the Fund held by customers of such shareholder servicing agents. Such compensation does not represent an additional expense to the Fund or its shareholders, since it will be paid by Chase and/or VFD.

#### ADMINISTRATOR AND SUB-ADMINISTRATOR

Chase acts as administrator of the Fund and is entitled to receive a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

VFD provides certain sub-administrative services to the Fund pursuant to a distribution and sub-administration agreement and is entitled to receive a fee for these services from the Fund at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of the Fund's average daily net assets. VFD has agreed to use a portion of this fee to pay for certain expenses incurred in connection with organizing new series of the Trust and certain other ongoing expenses of the Trust. VFD is located at 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10178.

# CUSTODIAN

Chase acts as the Fund's custodian and fund accountant and receives compensation under an agreement with the Trust. Fund securities and cash may be held by sub-custodian banks if such arrangements are reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

# EXPENSES

The Fund pays the expenses incurred in its operations, including its pro rata share of expenses of the Trust. These expenses include investment advisory and administrative fees; the compensation of the Trustees; registration fees; interest charges; taxes; expenses connected with the execution, recording and settlement of security transactions; fees and expenses of the Fund's custodian for all services to the Fund, including safekeeping of funds and securities and maintaining required books and accounts; expenses of preparing and mailing reports to investors and to government offices and commissions; expenses of meetings of investors; fees and expenses of independent accountants, of legal counsel and of any transfer agent, registrar or dividend disbursing agent of the Trust; insurance premiums; and expenses of calculating the net asset value of, and the net income on, shares of the Fund. Shareholder servicing and distribution fees are allocated to specific classes of the Fund. In addition, the Fund may allocate transfer agency and certain other expenses by class. Service providers

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to the Fund may, from time to time, voluntarily waive all or a portion of any fees to which they are entitled.

# ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SHARES

The Fund is a portfolio of Mutual Fund Group, an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust in 1987 (the "Trust"). The Trust has reserved the right to create and issue additional series and classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal

proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The shares of each series or class participate equally in the earnings, dividends and assets of the particular series or class. Shares have no preemptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each whole share held, and each fractional share shall be entitled to a proportionate fractional vote, except that Trust shares held in the treasury of the Trust shall not be voted. Shares of each class of the Fund generally vote together except when required under federal securities laws to vote separately on matters that only affect a particular class, such as the approval of distribution plans for a particular class.

The Fund issues multiple classes of shares. This Prospectus relates to Class A and Class B shares of the Fund. The Fund may offer other classes of shares in addition to these classes. The categories of investors that are eligible to purchase shares and minimum investment requirements may differ for each class of Fund shares. In addition, other classes of Fund shares may be subject to differences in sales charge arrangements, ongoing distribution and service fee levels, and levels of certain other expenses, which would affect the relative performance of the different classes. Investors may call 1-800-34-VISTA to obtain additional information about other classes of shares of the Fund that are offered. Any person entitled to receive compensation for selling or servicing shares of the Fund may receive different levels of compensation with respect to one class of shares over another.

The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the general direction and supervision of its Board of Trustees. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders but will hold special meetings of shareholders of all series or classes when in the judgment of the Trustees it is necessary or desirable to submit matters for a shareholder vote. The Trustees will promptly call a meeting of shareholders to remove a trustee(s) when requested to do so in writing by record holders of not less than 10% of all outstanding shares of the Trust.

Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance

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existed and the Trust itself was unable to meet its obligations.

# PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The Fund's investment performance may from time to time be included in advertisements about the Fund. Performance is calculated separately for each class of shares, in the manner described in the SAI. "Yield" for each class of shares is calculated by dividing the annualized net investment income per share during a recent 30-day period by the maximum public offering price per share of such class on the last day of that period.

"Total return" for the one-, five- and ten-year periods (or since inception, if shorter) through the most recent calendar quarter represents the average annual compounded rate of return on an investment of \$1,000 in the Fund invested at the maximum public offering price (in the case of Class A shares) or reflecting the deduction of any applicable contingent deferred sales charge (in the case of Class B shares). Total return may also be presented for other periods or without reflecting sales charges. Any quotation of investment performance not reflecting the maximum initial sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge would be reduced if such sales charges were used

All performance data is based on the Fund's past investment results and does not predict future performance. Investment performance, which will vary, is based on many factors, including market conditions, the composition of the Fund's portfolio, the Fund's operating expenses and which class of shares you purchase. Investment performance also often reflects the risks associated with the Fund's investment objectives and policies. These factors should be considered when comparing the Fund's investment results to those of other mutual funds and other investment vehicles. Quotation of investment performance for any period when a fee waiver or expense limitation was in effect will be greater than if the waiver or limitation had not been in

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MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISTA PRIVILEGES

The following services are available to you as a Vista mutual fund shareholder.

- (bullet) SYSTEMATIC INVESTMENT PLAN--Invest as much as you wish (\$100 or more) in the first or third week of any month. The amount will be automatically transferred from your checking or savings account.
- (bullet) SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL PLAN--Make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more (\$100 or more for Class B accounts) monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan for Class A accounts.
- (bullet) SYSTEMATIC EXCHANGE--Transfer assets automatically from one Vista account to another on a regular, prearranged basis. There is no additional charge for this service.
- (bullet) FREE EXCHANGE PRIVILEGE--Exchange money between Vista funds in the same class of shares without charge. The exchange privilege allows you to adjust your investments as your objectives change.

  Investors may not maintain, within the same fund, simultaneous plans for systematic investment or exchange and systematic withdrawal or exchange.
- (bullet) REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE--Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value next determined subject to written request within 90 calendar days of the redemption, accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption).

Class B shareholders who have redeemed their shares and paid a CDSC with such redemption may purchase Class A shares with no initial sales charge (in an amount not in excess of their redemption proceeds) if the purchase occurs within 90 days of the redemption of the Class B shares.

For more information about any of these services and privileges, call your shareholder servicing agent, investment representative or the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA. These privileges are subject to change or termination

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Vista Family of Mutual Funds & Retirement Products

VISTA INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUNDS Southeast Asian Fund Japan Fund European Fund International Equity Fund

VISTA U.S. EQUITY FUNDS Small Cap Equity Fund The Growth Fund of Washington Capital Growth Fund Growth and Income Fund Large Cap Equity Fund Balanced Fund Equity Income Fund

VISTA FIXED INCOME FUNDS
Bond Fund
U.S. Government Securities Fund
U.S. Treasury Income Fund
Short-Term Bond Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE FUNDS(1)
New York Tax Free Income Fund
California Intermediate Tax Free Fund
Tax Free Income Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(1,2)
New York Tax Free Money Market Fund
Connecticut Daily Tax Free Income Fund Select Shares(3)
New Jersey Daily Municipal Income Fund Select Shares(3)
Tax Free Money Market Fund
California Tax Free Money Market Fund

VISTA TAXABLE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(2)
Cash Management Money Market Fund
Federal Money Market Fund
100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund
U.S. Government Money Market Fund
Treasury Plus Money Market Fund

VISTA RETIREMENT PRODUCTS Vista Capital Advantage Variable Annuity(4) Vista 401(k) Advantage

For complete information on the Vista Mutual Funds or Retirement Products, including information about fees and expenses, call your investment professional or  $1-800-34-{\rm VISTA}$  for a prospectus. Please read it carefully before you invest or send money.

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(1) Some income may be subject to certain state and local taxes. A portion of the income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax for some investors.

 $(2)\,\mathrm{An}$  investment in a Money Market Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Yields will fluctuate, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per chare

(3) Vista Select Shares of these funds are not a part of, or affiliated with, the Vista Family of Mutual Funds. Reich & Tang Distributors L.P. and New England Investment Companies L.P., which are unaffiliated with Chase, are the funds' distributor and investment adviser, respectively.

(4) The variable annuity contract is issued by First SunAmerica Life Insurance Company in New York; in other states, but not necessarily all states, it is issued by Anchor National Life Insurance Company.

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INVESTMENT STRATEGY: CAPITAL GROWTH

February 28, 1997

This Prospectus explains concisely what you should know before investing. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. You can find more detailed information about the Fund in its February 28, 1997 Statement of Additional Information, as amended periodically (the "SAI"). For a free copy of the SAI, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA. The SAI has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference.

The Fund, unlike many other investment companies which directly acquire and manage their own portfolios of securities, seeks its investment objective by investing all of its investable assets in Capital Growth Portfolio (the "Portfolio"), an open-end management investment company with an investment objective identical to those of the Fund. Investors should carefully consider this investment approach. For additional information regarding this investment structure, see "Unique Characteristics of Master/Feeder Fund Structure" on page 25.

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INVESTMENTS IN THE FUND ARE NOT BANK DEPOSITS OR OBLIGATIONS OF, OR GUARANTEED OR ENDORSED BY, THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES AND ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FDIC, THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY. INVESTMENTS IN MUTUAL FUNDS INVOLVE RISK, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE LOSS OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT INVESTED.

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## EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses are one of several factors to consider when investing. The following table summarizes your costs from investing in the Fund based on expenses incurred in the most recent fiscal year. The examples show the cumulative expenses attributable to a hypothetical \$1,000 investment over specified periods.

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	Class A	Class B
	Shares	Shares
<\$>	<c></c>	<c></c>
SHAREHOLDER TRANSACTION EXPENSES		
Maximum Sales Charge Imposed on Purchases		
(as a percentage of offering price)	4.75%	None
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge		
(as a percentage of the lower of original purchase price		
or redemption proceeds) *	None	5.00%
ANNUAL FUND OPERATNG EXPENSES		
(as a percentage of average net assets)		
Investment Advisory Fee	0.40%	0.40%
12b-1 Fee**	0.25%	0.75%
Shareholder Servicing Fee	0.25%	0.25%
Other Expenses	0.45%	0.45%
Total Fund Operating Expenses	1.35%	1.85%
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Your investment of \$1,000 would incur the following expenses, assuming 5% annual return:

assuming 5% annual return:	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
<s> Class A Shares+</s>	<c> \$61</c>	<c> \$88</c>	<c> \$118</c>	<c> \$202</c>
Class B Shares:	501	200	\$110	\$202

Assuming complete redemption at the end of the				
period++ +++	\$70	\$91	\$123	\$204
Assuming no redemptions +++	\$19	\$58	\$100	\$204

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- \*The maximum deferred sales charge on Class B shares applies to redemptions during the first year after purchase; the charge generally declines by 1% annually thereafter (except in the fourth year), reaching zero after six years. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares."
- \*\* Long-term shareholders in mutual funds with 12b-1 fees, such as Class A and Class B shareholders of the Fund, may pay more than the economic equivalent of the maximum front-end sales charge permitted by rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.
  - + Assumes deduction at the time of purchase of the maximum sales charge.
- ++ Assumes deduction at the time of redemption of the maximum applicable deferred sales charge.
- +++ Ten-year figures assume conversion of Class B shares to Class A shares at the beginning of the ninth year after purchase. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares."

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The table is provided to help you understand the expenses of investing in the Fund and your share of the operating expenses that the Fund incurs. The examples should not be considered representations of past or future expenses or returns; actual expenses and returns may be greater or less than shown.

Charges or credits, not reflected in the expense table above, may be incurred directly by customers of financial institutions in connection with an investment in the Fund. The Fund understands that Shareholder Servicing Agents may credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees amounts not exceeding such other fees or the fees received by the Shareholder Servicing Agent from the Fund with respect to those accounts. See "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

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# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The table set forth below provides selected per share data and ratios for both Class A and Class B shares outstanding for each of the periods shown. This information is supplemented by and should be read in conjunction with financial statements and accompanying notes appearing in the Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, which is incorporated by reference into the SAI. Shareholders can obtain a copy of this Annual Report

by contacting the Fund or their Shareholder Servicing Agent. The financial statements and notes, as well as the financial information set forth in the table below for each of the five years in the period ended October 31, 1996, have been audited by Price Waterhouse LLP, independent accountants, whose report thereon is also included in the Annual Report to Shareholders.

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Class A Year ended October 31,

	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992
<s></s>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>
PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period		\$ 32.17	\$ 32.01	\$25.12	\$ 22.02
Income from Investment Operations: Net Investment Income (Loss)		0.189	0.099@	0.064	0.078

Net Gains or (Losses) in Securities (both realized and unrealized)	4.160	0.719	7.173	
Total from Investment Operations		0.818	7.237	
Less Distributions:				
Dividends from Net Investment Income Distributions from Capital Gains	0.676	0.027 0.631	0.257	0.000
Total Distributions.	0.865	0.658	0.350	0.017
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$ 35.65	\$ 32.17	\$32.01	\$ 25.12
Total Return(1)		2.62%		
Ratios/Supplemental Data(2):				
Net Assets, End of Period (000				
omitted)	\$747 <b>,</b> 575	\$549,411	\$225,235	\$39 <b>,</b> 836
Ratio of Expenses to Average	4 540	4.400	4.400	4.400
Net Assets	1.51%	1.49%	1.49%	1.40%
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets	0.54%	0.33%	0 12%	0 220
Ratio of Expenses without waivers and	0.54%	0.33%	0.123	0.328
assumption of expenses to Average				
Net Assets	1.53%	1.50%	1.49%	1.77%
Ratio of Net Investment Income	1.000	1.000	1.130	1
without waivers and assumption of				
expenses to Average Net Assets	0.52%	0.32%	0.12%	(0.05%)
Portfolio Turnover Rate			43%	67%

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	1991	1990	1989	1988	9/8/87* to 10/31/87	Year Ended 10/31/96		
<s></s>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>		<c></c>
PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$ 12.33	\$ 16.23 \$	11.56	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 32.03	\$ 31.38
Income from Investment Operations: Net Investment Income (Loss) Net Gains or (Losses) in Securities	(0.011)	0.436	0.500	0.117	0.000		0.044	0.011@
(both realized and unrealized)	9.805	(3.141)		1.498			4.100	
Total from Investment Operations		(2.705)	5.664	1.615	0.000		4.144	1.307
Less Distributions: Dividends from Net Investment Income Distributions from Capital Gains	0.109	0.592 0.598		0.055	0.000		0.111	
Total Distributions.	0.109	1.190	0.995	0.055	0.000		0.787	0.657
Net Asset Value, End of Period \$	22.02	\$ 12.33 \$	16.23		\$ 10.00		\$ 35.39	\$ 32.03
Total Return(1) Ratios/Supplemental Data(2):	79.96%	(18.11%)					13.34%	
Net Assets, End of Period (000 omitted)	\$9,334	\$ 4,749	\$4,652	\$ 561	\$ 13		\$260,376	\$ 124,223
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets	1.27%	1.04%	0.00%	0.00%	0.009	è#	2.01%	2.00%#
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets Ratio of Expenses without waivers	(0.09%)	2.82%	3.87%	1.55%	0.009	%#	0.02%	(0.09)%)#
and assumption of expenses to Average Net Assets Ratio of Net Investment Income without waivers and assumption	3.44%	2.50%	2.50%	2.00%	2.009	è#	2.02%	2.02%#
of expenses to Average Net Assets	(2.26%)						0.01%	(0.11)%)#
Portfolio Turnover Rate								

 83% | 139% | 189% | 229% | 0.9 | 26 |  |  |<sup>\*</sup>Commencement of operations.

\*\*Commencement of offering of classes of shares.

(2) Ratios include the Fund's share of portfolio income and expenses, as appropriate.

@Calculated based upon average shares outstanding. (1) Total return figures are calculated before taking into account the effect of any front-end sales load on Class A shares or any contingent deferred sales charge on Class B shares.

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#### FUND OBJECTIVE

Vista Capital Growth Fund seeks long-term capital growth. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program, and there is no assurance it will achieve its objective.

#### INVESTMENT POLICIES

#### INVESTMENT APPROACH

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing all of its investable assets in the Portfolio. The Portfolio will invest primarily in a broad portfolio of common stocks. Under normal market conditions, the Portfolio will invest at least 80% of its total assets in common stocks. The Portfolio will seek to invest in stocks of companies with capitalizations of \$750 million to \$4.0 billion. Current income, if any, is a consideration incidental to the Portfolio's objective of long-term capital growth. The Portfolio's advisers intend to utilize both quantitative and fundamental research to identify undervalued stocks with a catalyst for positive change.

The Portfolio is classified as a "non-diversified" fund under federal securities law. The Portfolio's assets may be more concentrated in the securities of any single issuer or group of issuers than if the Portfolio were diversified.

The Portfolio may invest any portion of its assets not invested in common stocks in high quality money market instruments and repurchase agreements. For temporary defensive purposes, the Portfolio may invest without limitation in these instruments. At times when the Fund's advisers deem it advisable to limit the Fund's exposure to the equity markets, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in U.S. Government obligations (exclusive of any investments in money market instruments). To the extent that the Portfolio departs from its investment policies during temporary defensive periods, the Fund's investment objective may not be achieved.

WHO MAY WANT TO INVEST

This Fund may be most suitable for investors who . . .

[BULLET]Are seeking long-term growth of capital

[BULLET]Are investing for goals several years away

[BULLET]Own or plan to own other types of investments for diversification purposes

[BULLET]Can assume above-average market risk

This Fund may NOT be appropriate for investors who are unable to tolerate frequent up and down price changes, are investing for short-term goals or who are in need of current income.

# FUND STRUCTURE

The Portfolio has an objective identical to that of the Fund. The Fund may withdraw its investment from the Portfolio at any time if the Trustees determine that it is in the best interest of the Fund to do so. Upon any such withdrawal, the Trustees would consider what action might be taken, including investing all of the Fund's investable assets in another pooled investment entity having substantially the same objective and policies as the Fund or

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retaining an investment adviser to manage the Fund's assets directly.

## OTHER INVESTMENT PRACTICES

The Portfolio may also engage in the following investment practices, when consistent with the Portfolio's overall objective and policies. These practices, and certain associated risks, are more fully described in the SAI.

The Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its total assets in foreign securities, including Depositary Receipts, which are described below. Since foreign securities are normally denominated and traded in foreign currencies, the values of the Portfolio's foreign investments may be influenced by currency exchange rates and exchange control regulations. There may be less information publicly available about foreign issuers than U.S issuers, and they are not generally subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices comparable to those in the U.S. Foreign securities may be less liquid and more volatile than comparable U.S. securities. Foreign settlement procedures and trade regulations may involve certain expenses and risks. One risk would be the delay in payment or delivery of securities or in the recovery of the Portfolio's assets held abroad. It is possible that nationalization or expropriation of assets, imposition of currency exchange controls, taxation by withholding Fund assets, political or financial instability and diplomatic developments could affect the value of the Portfolio's investments in certain foreign countries. Foreign laws may restrict the ability to invest in certain countries or issuers and special tax considerations will apply to foreign securities. The risks can increase if the Portfolio invests in emerging market securities.

The Portfolio may invest its assets in securities of foreign issuers in the form of American Depositary Receipts, European Depositary Receipts, Global Depositary Receipts or other similar securities representing securities of foreign issuers (collectively, "Depositary Receipts"). The Portfolio treats Depositary Receipts as interests in the underlying securities for purposes of its investment policies. The Portfolio will limit its investment in Depositary Receipts not sponsored by the issuer of the underlying securities to no more than 5% of the value of its net assets (at the time of investment).

 $\hbox{U.s. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS. U.s. Government obligations include obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities.}$ 

MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS. The Portfolio may invest in cash or high-quality, short-term money market instruments. These may include U.S. Government securities, commercial paper of domestic and foreign issuers and obligations of domestic and foreign banks. Investments in foreign money market instruments may involve certain risks associated with foreign investment.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS, SECURITIES LOANS AND FORWARD COMMITMENTS. The Portfolio may enter into agreements to purchase and resell securities at an agreed-upon price and time. The Portfolio also has the ability to lend

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portfolio securities in an amount equal to not more than 30% of its total assets to generate additional income. These transactions must be fully collateralized at all times. The Portfolio may purchase securities for delivery at a future date, which may increase its overall investment exposure and involves a risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date. These transactions involve some risk to the Portfolio if the other party should default on its obligation and the Portfolio is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction.

BORROWING AND REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. The Portfolio may borrow money from banks for temporary or short-term purposes, but will not borrow money to buy additional securities, known as "leveraging." The Portfolio may also sell and simultaneously commit to repurchase a portfolio security at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund may use this practice to generate cash for shareholder redemptions without selling securities in a down market. Whenever the Portfolio enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will establish a segregated account in which it will maintain liquid assets on a daily basis in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest). The Portfolio would be required to pay interest on amounts obtained through reverse repurchase agreements, which are considered borrowing under federal securities laws.

STAND-BY COMMITMENTS. The Portfolio may enter into put transactions, including those sometimes referred to as stand-by commitments, with respect to securities in its portfolio. In these transactions, the Portfolio would acquire the right to sell a security at an agreed upon price within a specified period prior to its maturity date. These transactions involve some risk to the Portfolio if the other party should default on its obligation and the Portfolio is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction. A put transaction will increase the cost of the underlying security and consequently reduce the available yield.

CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES. The Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its net assets in convertible securities, which are securities generally offering fixed interest or dividend yields which may be converted either at a stated price or stated rate for common or preferred stock. Although to a lesser extent than with fixed-income securities generally, the market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase, and increase as interest rates decline. Because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities also tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying common or preferred stock.

OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES. The Portfolio may invest up to 10% of its total assets in shares of other investment companies when consistent with its investment objective and policies, subject to applicable regulatory limitations Additional fees may be

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charged by other investment companies.

STRIPS. The Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its total assets in stripped obligations (i.e., separately traded principal and interest components of securities) where the underlying obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, including instruments known as "STRIPS". The value of these instruments tends to fluctuate more in response to changes in interest rates than the value of ordinary interest-paying debt securities with similar maturities. The risk is greater when the period to maturity is longer.

DERIVATIVES AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS. The Portfolio may invest its assets in derivative and related instruments to hedge various market risks or to increase the Portfolio's income or gain. Some of these instruments will be subject to asset segregation requirements to cover the Portfolio's obligations. The Portfolio may (i) purchase, write and exercise call and put options on securities and securities indexes (including using options in combination with securities, other options or derivative instruments); (ii) enter into swaps, futures contracts and options on futures contracts; (iii) employ forward currency contracts; and (iv) purchase and sell structured products, which are instruments designed to restructure or reflect the characteristics of certain other investments.

There are a number of risks associated with the use of derivatives and related instruments and no assurance can be given that any strategy will succeed. The value of certain derivatives or related instruments in which the Portfolio invests may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing economic conditions and market value. The ability of the Portfolio to successfully utilize these instruments may depend in part upon the ability of its advisers to forecast these factors correctly. Inaccurate forecasts could expose the Portfolio to a risk of loss. There can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in a hedging instrument and in the portfolio assets being hedged. The Portfolio is not required to use any hedging strategies. Hedging strategies, while reducing risk of loss, can also reduce the opportunity for gain. Derivatives transactions not involving hedging may have speculative characteristics, involve leverage and result in losses that may exceed the original investment of the Fund. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Portfolio seeks to close out a derivatives position. Activities of large traders in the futures and securities markets involving arbitrage, "program trading," and other investment strategies may cause price distortions in derivatives markets. In certain instances, particularly those involving over-the-counter transactions or forward contracts, there is a greater potential that a counterparty or broker may default. In the event of a default, the Portfolio may experience a loss. For additional information concerning derivatives, related instruments and the associated risks, see the SAI.

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PORTFOLIO TURNOVER. The frequency of the Portfolio's buy and sell transactions will vary from year to year. The Portfolio's investment policies may lead to frequent changes in investments, particularly in periods of rapidly changing market conditions. High portfolio turnover rates would generally result in higher transaction costs, including brokerage commissions or dealer mark-ups, and would make it more difficult for the Portfolio to qualify as a registered investment company under federal tax law. See "How Distributions are Made; Tax Information."

LIMITING INVESTMENT RISKS

Specific investment restrictions help the Portfolio limit investment risks for the Fund's shareholders. These restrictions prohibit the Portfolio from:
(a) investing more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (which include securities restricted as to resale unless they are determined to be readily marketable in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees of the Portfolio); or (b) investing more than 25% of its total assets in any one industry. A complete description of these and other investment policies is included in the SAI. Except for restriction (b) above and investment policies designated as fundamental in the SAI, the investment policies of the Portfolio and the Fund (including their investment objective) are not fundamental. Shareholder approval is not required to change any non-fundamental investment policy. However, in the event of a change in the Fund's or Portfolio's investment objective, shareholders will be given at least 30 days' prior written notice.

#### RISK FACTORS

The Fund does not constitute a balanced or complete investment program, and the net asset value of its shares will fluctuate based on the value of the securities held by the Portfolio. The Portfolio is subject to the general risks and considerations associated with equity investing, as well as the risks discussed herein.

Because the Portfolio is "non- diversified," the value of the Fund's shares is more susceptible to developments affecting issuers in which the Portfolio invests.

For a discussion of certain other risks associated with the Portfolio's additional investment activities, see "Other Investment Practices" above.

#### MANACEMENT

The Portfolio's Advisers

The Chase Manhattan Bank ("Chase") is the Portfolio's investment adviser under an Investment Advisory Agreement and has overall responsibility for investment decisions of the Portfolio, subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees. Chase is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation, a bank holding company. CHASE AND ITS PREDECESSORS HAVE OVER 100 YEARS OF MONEY MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE.

For its investment advisory services to the Portfolio, Chase is entitled to receive an annual fee computed daily and paid monthly based at an annual rate equal to 0.40% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets. Chase is located at 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

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Chase Asset Management, Inc. ("CAM"), a registered investment adviser, is the Portfolio's sub- investment adviser under a Sub- Investment Advisory Agreement between CAM and Chase. CAM is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Chase. CAM makes investment decisions for the Portfolio on a day-to-daybasis. For these services, CAM is entitled to receive a fee, payable by Chase from its advisory fee, at an annual rate equal to 0.20% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets. CAM was recently formed for the purpose of providing discretionary investment advisory services to institutional clients and to consolidate Chase's investment management function. The same individuals who serve as portfolio managers for Chase also serve as portfolio managers for CAM. CAM is located at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS. David Klassen, Director, U.S. Funds Management and Equity Research of Domestic Equity Management at Chase, is responsible for asset allocation and investment strategy for Chase's domestic equity portfolios. Mr. Klassen joined Chase in March 1992. Prior to joining Chase, Mr. Klassen was a vice president and portfolio manager at Dean Witter Reynolds, responsible for managing several mutual funds and other accounts.

Mr. Klassen, and Tony Gleason, a Vice President of Chase, have been responsible for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio since September 1995. In addition to managing the Vista Capital Growth Portfolio, Mr. Klassen is a manager of the Vista Small Cap Equity Fund and Vista Growth and Income Portfolio. Mr. Gleason is also responsible for managing the Vista Equity Income Fund. Mr. Gleason joined Chase in 1995 with 10 years of investment

experience. Prior to joining Chase, Mr. Gleason spent nine years as a Vice President and Portfolio Manager with Prudential Equity Management.

ABOUT YOUR INVESTMENT

#### CHOOSING A SHARE CLASS

CLASS A SHARES. An investor who purchases Class A shares pays a sales charge at the time of purchase. As a result, Class A shares are not subject to any sales charges when they are redeemed. Certain purchases of Class A shares qualify for reduced sales charges. Class A shares have lower combined 12b-1 and service fees than Class B shares. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares" and "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

CLASS B SHARES. Class B shares are sold without an initial sales charge, but are subject to a contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") if redeemed within a specified period after purchase. Class B shares also have higher combined 12b-1 and service fees than Class A shares.

Class B shares automatically convert into Class A shares, based on relative net asset value, at the beginning of the ninth year after purchase. For more information about the conversion of Class B shares, see the SAI. This discussion will include information about how shares acquired through reinvestment of distributions are treated for

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conversion purposes. Class B shares provide an investor the benefit of putting all of the investor's dollars to work from the time the investment is made. Until conversion, Class B shares will have a higher expense ratio and pay lower dividends than Class A shares because of the higher combined 12b-1 and service fees. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares" and "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

WHICH ARRANGEMENT IS BEST FOR YOU? The decision as to which class of shares provides a more suitable investment for you depends on a number of factors, including the amount and intended length of the investment. If you are making an investment that qualifies for reduced sales charges, you might consider Class A shares. If you prefer not to pay an initial sales charge, you might consider Class B shares. In almost all cases, If you are planning to purchase \$250,000 or more of the Fund's shares you will pay lower aggregate charges and expenses by purchasing Class A shares.

HOW TO BUY, SELL AND EXCHANGE SHARES

How to Buy Shares

You can open a Fund account with as little as \$2,500 for regular accounts or \$1,000 for IRAs, SEP-IRAs and the Systematic Investment Plan. Additional investments can be made at any time with as little as \$100. You can buy Fund shares three ways—through an investment representative, through the Fund's distributor by calling the Vista Service Center, or through the Systematic Investment Plan.

All purchases made by check should be in U.S. dollars and made payable to the Vista Funds. Third party checks, credit cards and cash will not be accepted. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order or cease offering shares for purchase at any time. When purchases are made by check, redemptions will not be allowed until the check clears, which may take 15 calendar days or longer. In addition, the redemption of shares purchased through Automated Clearing House (ACH) will not be allowed until your payment clears, which may take 7 business days or longer.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH THE FUND'S DISTRIBUTOR. Complete and return the enclosed application and your check in the amount you wish to invest to the Vista Service Center.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH SYSTEMATIC INVESTING. You can make regular investments of \$100 or more per transaction through automatic periodic deduction from your bank checking or savings account. Shareholders electing to start this Systematic Investment Plan when opening an account should complete Section 8 of the account application. Current shareholders may begin such a plan at any time by sending a signed letter and a deposit slip or voided check to the Vista Service Center. Call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions.

Shares are purchased at the public offering price, which is based on the net asset value next determined after the Vista Service Center receives your order in proper form. In most cases, in order to receive that day's public

offering price, the Vista Service Center must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange. If you buy shares through your investment representative, the representative must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's public offering price. Orders for shares are accepted by the Fund after funds are converted to federal funds. Orders paid by check and received by 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time will generally be available for the purchase of shares the following business day.

If you are considering redeeming or exchanging shares or transferring shares to another person shortly after purchase, you should pay for those shares with a certified check to avoid any delay in redemption, exchange or transfer. Otherwise the Fund may delay payment until the purchase price of those shares has been collected or, if you redeem by telephone, until 15 calendar days after the purchase date. To eliminate the need for safekeeping, the Fund will not issue certificates for your Class A shares unless you request them. Due to the conversion feature of Class B shares, certificates for Class B shares will not be issued and all Class B shares will be held in book entry form.

#### Class A Shares

The public offering price of Class A shares is the net asset value plus a sales charge that varies depending on the size of your purchase. The Fund receives the net asset value. The sales charge is allocated between your broker-dealer and the Fund's distributor as shown in the following table, except when the Fund's distributor, in its discretion, allocates the entire amount to your broker-dealer.

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Sale charge as a percentage of:

Amount of transaction at offering price (\$)	Offering Price	Net amount invested	Amount of sales charge reallowed to dealers as a percentage of offering price
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Under 100,000	4.75	4.99	4.00
100,000 but under 250,000	3.75	3.90	3.25
250,000 but under 500,000	2.50	2.56	2.25
500,000 but under 1,000,000			

 2.00 | 2.04 | 1.75 |There is no initial sales charge on purchases of Class A shares of \$1 million or more.

The Fund's distributor pays broker-dealers commissions on net sales of Class A shares of \$1 million or more based on an investor's cumulative purchases. Such commissions are paid at the rate of 1.00% of the amount under \$2.5 million, 0.75% of the next \$7.5 million, 0.50% of the next \$40 million and 0.20% thereafter. The Fund's distributor may withhold such payments with respect to short-term investments.

# CLASS B SHARES

Class B shares are sold without an initial sales charge, although a CDSC will be imposed if you redeem shares within a specified period after purchase, as shown  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \left($ 

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in the table below. The following types of shares may be redeemed without charge at any time: (i) shares acquired by reinvestment of distributions and (ii) shares otherwise exempt from the CDSC, as described below. For other shares, the amount of the charge is determined as a percentage of the lesser of the current market value or the purchase price of shares being redeemed.

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+
CDSC	5%	4%	3%	3%	2%	1%	0%	0%

  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |In determining whether a CDSC is payable on any redemption, the Fund will first redeem shares not subject to any charge, and then shares held longest during the CDSC period. When a share that has appreciated in value is redeemed during the CDSC period, a CDSC is assessed only on its initial purchase price. For information on how sales charges are calculated if you exchange your shares, see "How to Exchange Your Shares." The Fund's distributor pays broker-dealers a commission of 4.00% of the offering price on sales of Class B shares, and the distributor receives the entire amount of any CDSC you pay.

#### GENERAL.

You may be eligible to buy Class A shares at reduced sales charges. Consult your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for details about Vista's combined purchase privilege, cumulative quantity discount, statement of intention, group sales plan, employee benefit plans, and other plans. Descriptions are also included in the enclosed application and in the SAI. In addition, sales charges are waived if you are using redemption proceeds received within the prior ninety days from non-Vista mutual funds to buy your shares, and on which you paid a front-end or contingent deferred sales charge.

Some participant-directed employee benefit plans participate in a "multifund" program which offers both Vista and non-Vista mutual funds. With Board of Trustee approval, the money that is invested in Vista Funds may be combined with the other mutual funds in the same program when determining the Plan's eligibility to buy Class A shares without a sales charge. These investments will also be included for purposes of the discount privileges and programs described above.

The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge to the Fund's current and retired Trustees (and their immediate families), current and retired employees (and their immediate families) of Chase, theFund's distributor and transfer agent or any affiliates or subsidiaries thereof, registered representatives and other employees (and their immediate families) of broker-dealers having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor, employees (and their immediate families) of financial institutions having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor (or otherwise having an arrangement with a broker-dealer or financial institution with respect to sales of Vista fund shares), financial institution trust departments investing an aggregate of \$1 million or more in the Vista Family of Funds and clients of certain administrators of tax-qualified plans when proceeds from repayments of loans to participants are invested (or

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reinvested) in the Vista Family of Funds.

No initial sales charge will apply to the purchase of the Fund's Class A shares if you are investing the proceeds of a qualified retirement plan where a portion of the plan was invested in the Vista Family of Funds, any qualified retirement plan with 50 or more participants, or an individual participant in a tax-qualified plan making a tax-free rollover or transfer of assets from the plan in which Chase or an affiliate serves as trustee or custodian of the plan or manages some portion of the plan's assets.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge through an investment adviser or financial planner that charges a fee for its services. Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge (i) by an investment adviser, broker or financial planner, provided arrangements are preapproved and purchases are placed through an omnibus account with the Fund or (ii) by clients of such investment adviser or financial planner who place trades for their own accounts, if such accounts are linked to a master account of such investment adviser or financial planner on the books and records of the broker or agent. Such purchases may also be made for retirement and deferred compensation plans and trusts used to fund those plans.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge in accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which is acting as a fiduciary exercising investment discretion, provided that appropriate notification of such fiduciary relationship is reported at the time of the investment to the Fund, the Fund's distributor or the Vista Service Center.

Shareholders of record of any Vista fund as of November 30, 1990 and certain immediate family members may purchase the Fund's Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own Class A shares of any Vista fund, provided there is no change in account registration. Shareholders of record of any portfolio of The Hanover Funds, Inc. or The Hanover Investment Funds, Inc. as of May 3, 1996 and certain related investors may purchase the Fund's Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own shares of any Vista fund following this date, provided there is no change in account registration.

The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge in connection with the acquisition by the Fund of assets of an investment company or personal holding company. The CDSC will be waived on redemption of Class B shares arising out of death or disability or in connection with certain withdrawals from IRA or other retirement plans. Up to 12% of the value of Class B shares subject to a systematic withdrawal plan may also be redeemed each year without a CDSC, provided that the Class B account had a minimum balance of \$20,000 at the time the systematic withdrawal plan was established. The SAI contains additional information about purchasing the Fund's shares at reduced sales charges.

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The Fund reserves the right to change any of these policies on purchases without an initial sales charge at any time and may reject any such purchase request.

For shareholders that bank with Chase, Chase may aggregate investments in the Vista Funds with balances held in Chase bank accounts for purposes of determining eligibility for certain bank privileges that are based on specified minimum balance requirements, such as reduced or no fees for certain banking services or preferred rates on loans and deposits. Chase and certain broker- dealers and other shareholder servicing agents may, at their own expense, provide gifts, such as computer software packages, guides and books related to investment or additional Fund shares valued up to \$250 to their customers that invest in the Vista Funds.

Shareholders of other Vista funds may be entitled to exchange their shares for, or reinvest distributions from their funds in, shares of the Fund at net asset value.

# HOW TO SELL SHARES

You can sell your Fund shares any day the New York Stock Exchange is open, either directly to the Fund or through your investment representative. The Fund will only forward redemption payments on shares for which it has collected payment of the purchase price.

SELLING SHARES DIRECTLY TO THE FUND. Send a signed letter of instruction to the Vista Service Center, along with any certificates that represent shares you want to sell. The price you will receive is the next net asset value calculated after the Fund receives your request in proper form, less any applicable CDSC. In order to receive that day's net asset value, the Vista Service Center must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

If you sell shares having a net asset value of \$100,000 or more, the signatures of registered owners or their legal representatives must be guaranteed by a bank, broker-dealer or certain other financial institutions. See the SAI for more information about where to obtain a signature guarantee.

If you want your redemption proceeds sent to an address other than your address as it appears on Vista's records, a signature guarantee is required. The Fund may require additional documentation for the sale of shares by a corporation, partnership, agent or fiduciary, or a surviving joint owner.

Contact the Vista Service Center for details.

DELIVERY OF PROCEEDS. The Fund generally sends you payment for your shares the business day after your request is received in proper form, assuming the Fund has collected payment of the purchase price of your shares. Under unusual circumstances, the Fund may suspend redemptions, or postpone payment for more than seven days, as permitted by federal securities law.

TELEPHONE REDEMPTIONS. You may use Vista's Telephone Redemption Privilege to redeem shares from your account unless you have notified the Vista Service Center of an address change within the preceding 30 days. Telephone redemption requests in excess of

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\$25,000 will only be made by wire to a bank account on record with the Fund. Unless an investor indicates otherwise on the account application, the Fund will be authorized to act upon redemption and transfer instructions received by telephone from a shareholder, or any person claiming to act as his or her representative, who can provide the Fund with his or her account registration and address as it appears on the Fund's records.

The Vista Service Center will employ these and other reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine; if it fails to employ reasonable procedures, the Fund may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. An investor agrees, however, that to the extent permitted by applicable law, neither the Fund nor its agents will be liable for any loss, liability, cost or expense arising out of any redemption request, including any fraudulent or unauthorized request. For information, consult the Vista Service Center.

During periods of unusual market changes and shareholder activity, you may experience delays in contacting the Vista Service Center by telephone. In this event, you may wish to submit a written redemption request, as described above, or contact your investment representative. The Telephone Redemption Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. The Telephone Redemption Privilege may be modified or terminated without notice.

SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL. You can make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more (\$100 or more for Class B accounts) monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan for Class A accounts. Call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions

SELLING SHARES THROUGH YOUR INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVE. Your investment representative must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive tha day's net asset value. Your investment representative will be responsible for furnishing all necessary documentation to the Vista Service Center, and may charge you for its services.

INVOLUNTARY REDEMPTION OF ACCOUNTS. The Fund may involuntarily redeem your shares if at such time the aggregate net asset value of the shares in your account is less than \$500 or if you purchase through the Systematic Investment Plan and fail to meet the Fund's investment minimum within a twelve month period. In the event of any such redemption, you will receive at least 60 days notice prior to the redemption. In the event the Fund redeems Class B shares pursuant to this provision, no CDSC will be imposed.

HOW TO EXCHANGE YOUR SHARES

You can exchange your shares for shares of the same class of certain other Vista funds at net asset value beginning 15 days after purchase. Not all Vista funds offer all classes of

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shares. The prospectus of the other Vista fund into which shares are being exchanged should be read carefully and retained for future reference. If you exchange shares subject to a CDSC, the transaction will not be subject to the CDSC. However, when you redeem the shares acquired through the exchange, the redemption may be subject to the CDSC, depending upon when you originally purchased the shares. The CDSC will be computed using the schedule of any fund into or from which you have exchanged your shares that would result in your paying the highest CDSC applicable to your class of shares. In computing the CDSC, the length of time you have owned your shares will be measured from the date of original purchase and will not be affected by any exchange.

EXCHANGING TO MONEY MARKET FUNDS. An exchange of Class B shares into any of the Vista money market funds other than the Class B shares of the Vista Prime Money Market Fund will be treated as a redemption—and therefore subject to the conditions of the CDSC—and a subsequent purchase. Class B shares of any Vista non—money market fund may be exchanged into the Class B shares of the Vista Prime Money Market Fund in order to continue the aging of the initial purchase of such shares.

For federal income tax purposes, an exchange is treated as a sale of shares and generally results in a capital gain or loss.

EXCHANGING BY PHONE. A Telephone Exchange Privilege is currently available. Call the Vista Service Center for procedures for telephone transactions. The Telephone Exchange Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. Ask your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for prospectuses of other Vista funds. Shares of certain Vista funds are not available to residents of all states.

EXCHANGE PARAMETERS. The exchange privilege is not intended as a vehicle for short-term trading. Excessive exchange activity may interfere with portfolio management and have an adverse effect on all shareholders. In order to limit excessive exchange activity and in other circumstances where Vista management or the Trustees believe doing so would be in the best interests of the Fund, the Fund reserves the right to revise or terminate the exchange privilege, limit the amount or number of exchanges or reject any exchange. In addition, any shareholder who makes more than ten exchanges of shares involving the Fund in a year or three in a calendar quarter will be charged a \$5.00 administration fee for each such exchange. Shareholders would be notified of any such action to the extent required by law. Consult the Vista Service Center before requesting an exchange. See the SAI to find out more about the exchange privilege.

REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE. Upon written request, Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value next within 90 calendar days of the redemption. The reinstatement request must be

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accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption), and shares will be purchased at the next determined net asset value. Class B shareholders who have redeemed their shares and paid a CDSC with such redemption may purchase Class A shares with no initial sales charge (in an amount not in excess of their redemption proceeds) if the purchase occurs within 90 days of the redemption of the Class B shares.

HOW THE FUND VALUES ITS SHARES

The net asset value of each class of the Fund's shares is determined once daily based upon prices determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, however, options are priced at 4:15 p.m., Eastern time), on each business day of the Fund, by dividing the net assets of the Fund attributable to that class by the total number of outstanding shares of that class. Values of assets held by the Fund (i.e., the value of its investment in the Portfolio and its other assets) are determined on the basis of their market or other fair value, as described in the SAT

## HOW DISTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE; TAX INFORMATION

The Fund distributes any net investment income at least semi- annually and any net realized capital gains at least annually. Capital gains are distributed after deducting any available capital loss carryovers. Distributions paid by the Fund with respect to Class A shares will generally be greater than those paid with respect to Class B shares because expenses attributable to Class B shares will generally be higher.

DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT OPTION. You can choose from three distribution options: (1) reinvest all distributions in additional Fund shares without a sales charge; (2) receive distributions from net investment income in cash or by ACH to a pre-established bank account while reinvesting capital gains distributions in additional shares without a sales charge; or (3) receive all distributions in cash or by ACH. You can change your distribution option by notifying the Vista Service Center in writing. If you do not select an option when you open your account, all distributions will be reinvested. All distributions not paid in cash or by ACH will be reinvested in shares of the same share class. You will receive a statement confirming reinvestment of distributions in

additional Fund shares promptly following the quarter in which the reinvestment occurs.

If a check representing a Fund distribution is not cashed within a specified period, the Vista Service Center will notify you that you have the option of requesting another check or reinvesting the distribution in the Fund or in another Vista fund without a sales charge. If the Vista Service Center does not receive your election, the distribution will be reinvested in the Fund. Similarly, if the Fund or the Vista Service Center sends you correspondence returned as "undeliverable," distributions will automatically be reinvested in the Fund.

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The Fund intends to qualify as a "regulated investment company" for federal income tax purposes and to meet all other requirements that are necessary for it to be relieved of federal taxes on income and gains it distributes to shareholders. The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gain net income on a current basis. If the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company for any taxable year or does not make such distributions, the Fund will be subject to tax on all of its income and gains.

TAXATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS. Fund distributions other than net long-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions of net long-term capital gains will be taxable as such, regardless of how long you have held the shares. The taxation of your distribution is the same whether received in cash or in shares through the reinvestment of distributions.

You should carefully consider the tax implications of purchasing shares just prior to a distribution. This is because you will be taxed on the entire amount of the distribution received, even though the net asset value per share will be higher on the date of such purchase as it will include the distribution amount.

Early in each calendar year the Fund will notify you of the amount and tax status of distributions paid to you by the Fund for the preceding year.

The above is only a summary of certain federal income tax consequences of investing in the Fund. You should consult your tax adviser to determine the precise effect of an investment in the Fund on your particular tax situation (including possible liability for state and local taxes and, for foreign shareholders, U.S. withholding taxes).

OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FUND

## DISTRIBUTION PLANS

The Fund's distributor is Vista Fund Distributors, Inc. ("VFD"). VFD is a subsidiary of The BISYS Group, Inc. and is unaffiliated with Chase. The Trust has adopted Rule 12b-1 distribution plans for Class A and Class B shares, which provide for the payment of distribution fees at annual rates of up to 0.25% and 0.75% of the average daily net assets attributable to Class A and Class B shares of the Fund, respectively. Payments under the distribution plans shall be used to compensate or reimburse the Fund's distributor and broker-dealers for services provided and expenses incurred in connection with the sale of Class A and Class B shares, and are not tied to the amount of actual expenses incurred. Payments may be used to compensate broker-dealers with trail or maintenance commissions at an annual rate of up to 0.20% of the average daily net asset value of Class A shares, or 0.25% of the average daily net asset value of the Class B shares invested in the Fund by customers of these broker-dealers. Trail or maintenance commissions are paid to broker-dealers beginning the 13th month following the purchase of shares by their customers. Promotional activities for the sale of Class A and Class B shares will be conducted generally

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by the Vista Family of Funds, and activities intended to promote the Fund's Class A or Class B shares may also benefit the Fund's other shares and other Vista funds.

Class A shares are also permitted to pay an additional fee at an annual rate of up to 0.05% of its average daily net asset value in anticipation of, or as reimbursement for, expenses incurred in connection with print or electronic

media advertising in connection with the sale of Fund shares. When such expenses are incurred, the maximum compensation paid by the Class A shares under the Class A distribution plan would be at an annual rate of 0.25% of its average daily net asset value.

VFD may provide promotional incentives to broker-dealers that meet specified sales targets for one or more Vista funds. These incentives may include gifts of up to \$100 per person annually; an occasional meal, ticket to a sporting event or theater for entertainment for broker-dealers and their guests; and payment or reimbursement for travel expenses, including lodging and meals, in connection with attendance at training and educational meetings within and outside the U.S.

#### SHAREHOLDER SERVICING AGENTS

The Trust has entered into shareholder servicing agreements with certain shareholder servicing agents (including Chase) under which the shareholder servicing agents have agreed to provide certain support services to their customers who beneficially own Class A or Class B shares of the Fund. These services include assisting with purchase and redemption transactions, maintaining shareholder accounts and records, furnishing customer statements, transmitting shareholder reports and communications to customers and other similar shareholder liaison services. For performing these services, each shareholder servicing agent receives an annual fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Class A and Class B shares of the Fund held by investors for whom the shareholder servicing agent maintains a servicing relationship. Shareholder servicing agents may subcontract with other parties for the provision of shareholder support services.

Shareholder servicing agents may offer additional services to their customers, such as pre-authorized or systematic purchase and redemption plans. Each shareholder servicing agent may establish its own terms and conditions, including limitations on the amounts of subsequent transactions, with respect to such services. Certain shareholder servicing agents may (although they are not required by the Trust to do so) credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees an amount not exceeding such other fees or the fees for their services as shareholder servicing agents.

Chase and/or VFD may from time to time, at their own expense out of compensation retained by them from the Fund or other sources available to them, make additional payments to certain selected dealers or other shareholder servicing agents for performing administrative services for their customers. These services include maintaining account records,

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processing orders to purchase, redeem and exchange Fund shares and responding to certain customer inquiries. The amount of such compensation may be up to an additional 0.10% annually of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to shares of the Fund held by customers of such shareholder servicing agents. Such compensation does not represent an additional expense to the Fund or its shareholders, since it will be paid by Chase and/or VFD.

# ADMINISTRATOR AND SUB-ADMINISTRATOR

Chase acts as the administrator for the Fund and the Portfolio and is entitled to receive from each of the Fund and the Portfolio a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of their average daily net assets.

VFD provides certain sub-administrative services to the Fund pursuant to a distribution and sub-administration agreement and is entitled to receive a fee for these services from the Fund at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of the Fund's average daily net assets. VFD has agreed to use a portion of this fee to pay for certain expenses incurred in connection with organizing new series of the Trust and certain other ongoing expenses of the Trust. VFD is located at 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10178.

## CUSTODIAN

Chase acts as the Fund's custodian and fund accountant and receives compensation under an agreement with the Trust. Fund securities and cash may be held by sub-custodian banks if such arrangements are reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

EXPENSES

The Fund pays the expenses incurred in its operations, including its pro rata share of expenses of the Trust. These expenses include investment advisory and administrative fees; the compensation of the Trustees; registration fees; interest charges; taxes; expenses connected with the execution, recording and settlement of security transactions; fees and expenses of the Fund's custodian for all services to the Fund, including safekeeping of funds and securities and maintaining required books and accounts; expenses of preparing and mailing reports to investors and to government offices and commissions; expenses of meetings of investors; fees and expenses of independent accountants, of legal counsel and of any transfer agent, registrar or dividend disbursing agent of the Trust; insurance premiums; and expenses of calculating the net asset value of, and the net income on, shares of the Fund. Shareholder servicing and distribution fees are allocated to specific classes of the Fund. In addition, the Fund may allocate transfer agency and certain other expenses by class. Service providers to the Fund may, from time to time, voluntarily waive all or a portion of any fees to which they are entitled.

ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SHARES

The Fund is a portfolio of Mutual Fund Group, an open-end management investment company

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organized as a Massachusetts business trust in 1987 (the "Trust"). The Trust has reserved the right to create and issue additional series and classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The shares of each series or class participate equally in the earnings, dividends and assets of the particular series or class. Shares have no preemptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each whole share held, and each fractional share shall be entitled to a proportionate fractional vote, except that Trust shares held in the treasury of the Trust shall not be voted. Shares of each class of the Fund generally vote together except when required under federal securities laws to vote separately on matters that only affect a particular class, such as the approval of distribution plans for a particular class.

The Fund issues multiple classes of shares. This Prospectus relates only to Class A and Class B shares of the Fund. The Fund offers other classes of shares in addition to these classes. The categories of investors that are eligible to purchase shares and minimum investment requirements may differ for each class of Fund shares. In addition, other classes of Fund shares may be subject to differences in sales charge arrangements, ongoing distribution and service fee levels, and levels of certain other expenses, which will affect the relative performance of the different classes. Investors may call 1-800-34-VISTA to obtain additional information about other classes of shares of the Fund that are offered. Any person entitled to receive compensation for selling or servicing shares of the Fund may receive different levels of compensation with respect to one class of shares over another.

The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the general direction and supervision of its Board of Trustees. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders but will hold special meetings of shareholders of all series or classes when in the judgment of the Trustees it is necessary or desirable to submit matters for a shareholder vote. The Trustees will promptly call a meeting of shareholders to remove a trustee(s) when requested to do so in writing by record holders of not less than 10% of all outstanding shares of the Trust.

Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Trust itself was unable to meet its obligations.

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS
OF MASTER/FEEDER FUND STRUCTURE

Unlike other mutual funds which directly acquire and manage their own portfolio securities, the Fund invests all of its investable assets in the Portfolio, a separate registered investment company. Therefore, a shareholder's interest in the Portfolio's securities is indirect. In

addition to selling a beneficial interest to the Fund, the Portfolio may sell beneficial interests to other mutual funds or institutional investors. Such investors will invest in the Portfolio on the same terms and conditions and will pay a proportionate share of the Portfolio's expenses. However, other investors investing in the Portfolio are not required to sell their shares at the same public offering prices as the Fund, and may bear different levels of ongoing expenses than the Fund. Shareholders of the Fund should be aware that these differences may result in differences in returns experienced in the different funds that invest in the Portfolio. Such differences in returns are also present in other mutual fund structures.

Smaller funds investing in the Portfolio may be materially affected by the actions of larger funds investing in the Portfolio. For example, if a large fund withdraws from the Portfolio, the remaining funds may experience higher pro rata operating expenses, thereby producing lower returns. Additionally, the Portfolio may become less diverse, resulting in increased portfolio risk. However, this possibility also exists for traditionally structured funds which have large or institutional investors. Funds with a greater pro rata ownership in the Portfolio could have effective voting control of the operations of the Portfolio. Whenever the Trust is requested to vote on matters pertaining to the Portfolio, the Trust will hold a meeting of shareholders of the Fund and will cast all of its votes in the same proportion as do the Fund's shareholders. Shares of the Fund for which no voting instructions have been received will be voted in the same proportion as those shares for which voting instructions are received. Certain changes in the Portfolio's objective, policies or restrictions may require the Trust to withdraw the Fund's interest in the Portfolio. Any withdrawal could result in a distribution in kind of portfolio securities (as opposed to a cash distribution from the Portfolio). The Fund could incur brokerage fees or other transaction costs in converting such securities to cash. In addition, a distribution in kind may result in a less diversified portfolio of investments or adversely affect the liquidity of the Fund.

The same individuals who are disinterested Trustees of the Trust serve as Trustees of the Portfolio. The Trustees of the Trust, including a majority of the disinterested Trustees, have adopted procedures they believe are reasonably appropriate to deal with resulting potential conflicts of interest, up to and including creating a separate Board of Trustees.

Investors in the Fund may obtain information about whether an investment in the Portfolio may be available through other funds by calling the Vista Service Center at  $1-800-34-{\rm VISTA}$ .

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## PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The Fund's investment performance may from time to time be included in advertisements about the Fund. Performance is calculated separately for each class of shares, in the manner described in the SAI. "Yield" for each class of shares is calculated by dividing the annualized net investment income per share during a recent 30-day period by the maximum public offering price per share of such class on the last day of that period.

"Total return" for the one-, five- and ten-year periods (or since inception, if shorter) through the most recent calendar quarter represents the average annual compounded rate of return on an investment of \$1,000 in the Fund invested at the maximum public offering price (in the case of Class A shares) or reflecting the deduction of any applicable contingent deferred sales charge (in the case of Class B shares). Total return may also be presented for other periods or without reflecting sales charges. Any quotation of investment performance not reflecting the maximum initial sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge would be reduced if such sales charges were used.

All performance data is based on the Fund's past investment results and does

not predict future performance. Investment performance, which will vary, is based on many factors, including market conditions, the composition of the Fund's portfolio, the Fund's operating expenses and which class of shares you purchase. Investment performance also often reflects the risks associated with the Fund's investment objectives and policies. These factors should be considered when comparing the Fund's investment results to those of other mutual funds and other investment vehicles. Quotation of investment performance for any period when a fee waiver or expense limitation was in effect will be greater than if the waiver or limitation had not been in effect. The Fund's performance may be compared to other mutual funds, relevant indices and rankings prepared by independent services. See the SAI.

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#### MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISTA PRIVILEGES

The following services are available to you as a  $\mbox{\sc Vista}$  mutual fund shareholder.

[BULLET] SYSTEMATIC INVESTMENT PLAN--Invest as much as you wish (\$100 or more) in the first or third week of any month. The amount will be automatically transferred from your checking or savings account.

[BULLET]SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL PLAN--Make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more (\$100 or more for Class B accounts) monthly, quarterly or seminannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan for Class A accounts.

[BULLET] SYSTEMATIC EXCHANGE--Transfer assets automatically from one Vista account to another on a regular, prearranged basis. There is no additional charge for this service.

[BULLET] FREE EXCHANGE PRIVILEGE--Exchange money between Vista funds in the same class of shares without charge. The exchange privilege allows you to adjust your investments as your objectives change. Investors may not maintain, within the same fund, simultaneous plans for systematic investment or exchange and systematic withdrawal or exchange.

[BULLET] REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE--Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value next determined subject to written request within 90 calendar days of the redemption, accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption).

Class B shareholders who have redeemed their shares and paid a CDSC with such redemption may purchase Class A shares with no initial sales charge (in an amount not in excess of their redemption proceeds) if the purchase occurs within 90 days of the redemption of the Class B shares.

For more information about any of these services and privileges, call your shareholder servicing agent, investment representative or the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA. These privileges are subject to change or termination.

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Vista Family of Mutual Funds & Retirement Products

VISTA INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUNDS Southeast Asian Fund Japan Fund European Fund International Equity Fund

VISTA U.S. EQUITY FUNDS Small Cap Equity Fund The Growth Fund of Washington Capital Growth Fund Growth and Income Fund Large Cap Equity Fund Balanced Fund Equity Income Fund

VISTA FIXED INCOME FUNDS Bond Fund U.S. Government Securities Fund U.S. Treasury Income Fund Short-Term Bond Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE FUNDS(1) New York Tax Free Income Fund California Intermediate Tax Free Fund Tax Free Income Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(1,2)
New York Tax Free Money Market Fund
Connecticut Daily Tax Free Income Fund Select Shares(3)
New Jersey Daily Municipal Income Fund Select Shares(3)
Tax Free Money Market Fund
California Tax Free Money Market Fund

VISTA TAXABLE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(2)
Cash Management Money Market Fund
Federal Money Market Fund
100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund
U.S. Government Money Market Fund
Treasury Plus Money Market Fund

VISTA RETIREMENT PRODUCTS
Vista Capital Advantage Variable Annuity(4)
Vista 401(k) Advantage

For complete information on the Vista Mutual Funds or Retirement Products, including information about fees and expenses, call your investment professional or  $1-800-34-{\rm VISTA}$  for a prospectus. Please read it carefully before you invest or send money.

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- (1) Some income may be subject to certain state and local taxes. A portion of the income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax for some investors.
- (2) An investment in a Money Market Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Yields will fluctuate, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per share.
- (3) Vista Select Shares of these funds are not a part of, or affiliated with, the Vista Family of Mutual Funds. Reich & Tang Distributors L.P. and New England Investment Companies L.P., which are unaffiliated with Chase, are the funds' distributor and investment adviser, respectively.
- (4) The variable annuity contract is issued by First SunAmerica Life Insurance Company in New York; in other states, but not necessarily all states, it is issued by Anchor National Life Insurance Company.

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VISTA(SM) SOUTHEAST ASIAN FUND
VISTA(SM) JAPAN FUND
VISTA(SM) EUROPEAN FUND
CLASS A AND B SHARES
INVESTMENT STRATEGY: CAPITAL GROWTH

February 28, 1997

This Prospectus explains concisely what you should know before investing. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. You can find more detailed information about the Funds in their February 28, 1997 Statement of Additional Information, as amended periodically (the "SAI"). For a free copy of the SAI, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA. The SAI has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference.

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INVESTMENTS IN THE FUND ARE NOT BANK DEPOSITS OR OBLIGATIONS OF, OR GUARANTEED OR ENDORSED BY, THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES AND ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FDIC, THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY. INVESTMENTS IN MUTUAL FUNDS INVOLVE RISK, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE LOSS OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT INVESTED.

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#### EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses are one of several factors to consider when investing. The following table summarizes your costs from investing in each of the Funds based on estimated expenses for the current fiscal year. The examples show the cumulative expenses attributable to a hypothetical \$1,000 investment over specified periods.

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	Class A Shares	Class B Shares
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SHAREHOLDER TRANSACTION EXPENSES		
Maximum Sales Charge Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	4.75%	None
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (as a percentage of the lower of	1.750	Ivone
original purchase price or redemption proceeds)* ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES	None	5.00%
(as a percentage of average net assets)		
Investment Advisory Fee (after estimated waivers) **	0.00%	0.00%
12b-1 Fee***	0.25%	0.75%
Shareholder Servicing Fee	None	0.25%
Other Expenses (after estimated waivers and reimbursements)**	1.50%	1.50%
Total Fund Operating Expenses		
(after waivers of fees and expense reimbursements) **	1.75%	2.50%

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EXAMPLES at of \$1 000 would in

Your investment of \$1,000 would incur the following expenses, assuming 5% annual return:	1 Year	3 Years
Class A Shares+	\$64	\$100
Class B Shares: Assuming complete redemption at the end of		
the period++ +++	\$77	\$110
Assuming no redemptions+++	\$25	\$ 78

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- \* The maximum deferred sales charge on Class B shares applies to redemptions during the first year after purchase; the charge generally declines by 1% annually thereafter (except in the fourth year), reaching zero after six years. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares."
- $^{\star\star}$  Reflects current fee waiver and expense reimbursement arrangements to maintain Total Fund Operating Expenses at the levels indicated in the table above. Absent such arrangements, the Investment Advisory Fee and Other Expenses would be 1.00%, and 2.60%, respectively, for Class A and Class B shares, and Total Fund Operating Expenses would be 3.85% and 4.60% for Class A and Class B shares, respectively.
- \*\*\* Long-term shareholders in mutual funds with 12b-1 fees, such as Class A and Class B shareholders of the Funds, may pay more than the economic equivalent of the maximum front-end sales charge permitted by rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

- + Assumes deduction at the time of purchase of the maximum sales charge.
- ++ Assumes deduction at the time of redemption of the maximum applicable deferred sales charge.
- +++ Ten-year figures assume conversion of Class B shares to Class A shares at the beginning of the ninth year after purchase. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares."

The table is provided to help you understand the expenses of investing in the Funds and your share of the operating expenses that a Fund incurs. The

examples should not be considered representations of past or future expenses or returns; actual expenses and returns may be greater or less than shown.

Charges or credits, not reflected in the expense table above, may be incurred directly by customers of financial institutions in connection with investments in the Funds. The Funds understand that Shareholder Servicing Agents may credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees amounts not exceeding such other fees or the fees received by the Shareholder Servicing Agent from the Funds with respect to those accounts. See "Other Information Concerning the Funds."

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The table set forth below provides selected per share data and ratios for both Class A and Class B shares outstanding for each Fund throughout the periods shown. This information is supplemented by financial statements and accompanying notes appearing in the Funds' Annual Report to Shareholders

> VISTA EUROPEAN FUND VISTA SOUTHEAST ASIAN FUND VISTA JAPAN FUND

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> Vista European Fund Class A\* Class B\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ 11/02/95 11/03/95 through through 10/31/96 10/31/96 \_\_\_\_\_\_ <C> <C>

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PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE Net Asset Value, Beginning of

\$10.00 \$9.97

Period

Income From Investment Operations: Net Investment Income Net Gains or (Losses) in Securities (both realized and unrealized) Total from Investment Operations Less Distributions: Dividends from Net Investment Income Distributions from Capital Gains Total Distributions Net Asset Value, End of Period Total Return (1) Ratios/Supplemental Data: Net Assets, End of Period (000 omitted) Ratios to Average Net Assets:# Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets# Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets# Ratio of expenses without waivers and assumption of expenses to average net assets# Ratio of net investment income without waivers and assumptions of expenses to average net assets#

Portfolio Turnover Rate

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for the period from commencement of operations through October 31, 1996. Shareholders may receive a copy of this Annual Report by contacting the Fund or their Shareholder Servicing Agent. The statements and financial notes have not been audited by independent accountants.

Vista Southea	ast Asian Fund	Vista Japan Fund			
Class A*	Class B**	Class A*	Class B**		
11/02/95 through 10/31/96	11/03/95 through 10/31/96	11/02/95 through 10/31/96	11/03/95 through 10/31/96		
\$10.00	\$10.01	\$10.00	\$10.00		
910.00	710.01	710.00	710.00		

- (1) Total return figures do not include the effect of any sales load.
  - \* Commencement of operations.
- \*\* Commencement of offering of class of shares
- # Short periods have been annualized.

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#### FUND OBJECTIVES

Each Fund seeks total return from long-term capital growth. No Fund is intended to be a complete investment program, and there is no assurance that a Fund will achieve its objective.

## INVESTMENT APPROACHES

# VISTA SOUTHEAST ASIAN FUND

The Fund will invest principally in a broad portfolio of equity securities of foreign companies located in countries throughout the Pacific and Far East regions, with the exception of Japan. Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 65% of its total assets in equity securities of Southeast Asian issuers.

The Fund's advisers seek to identify those countries and industries throughout the Pacific and Far East region (other than Japan) where economic and political factors are likely to produce above-average growth rates. The Fund's advisers attempt to identify those companies in such countries and industries that are best positioned and managed to take advantage of these economic and political factors. Emphasis will be placed on companies in Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines and Indonesia, but the Fund will also invest in companies in other countries in the Pacific and Far East region (other than Japan), including Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan and Korea.

## VISTA JAPAN FUND

The Fund will invest principally in equity securities of foreign companies located in countries throughout the Pacific and Far East regions. Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 65% of its total assets in equity securities of Japanese issuers. Investments by the Fund may, from time to time, also be made in securities traded in other securities markets of the Pacific and Far East regions as determined by the Fund's advisers. Under current market conditions, the Fund's advisers anticipate that the major portion of the Fund's assets will be invested in securities traded in the securities markets of Japan.

# VISTA EUROPEAN FUND

The Fund will invest principally in equity securities of companies with principal business activities in countries located throughout Western Europe. Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 65% of its total assets in equity securities of European issuers.

The Fund's advisers seek to identify those Western European countries and industries where economic and political factors are likely to produce above-average growth rates. The Fund's advisers attempt to identify those companies in such countries and industries that are best positioned and managed to take advantage of these economic and political factors. Western European countries in which the Fund may invest include Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom, as well as other Western European countries that the Fund's

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advisers deem to be of investment grade. The Fund's advisers anticipate that the Fund generally will be invested in a number of different Western European countries, although it may at times invest most or all of its assets in a single country.

WHO MAY WANT TO INVEST

Vista Southeast Asian, Vista Japan and Vista European Funds may be most suitable for investors who . . .

(bullet) Are seeking long-term growth of capital

(bullet) Are investing for goals several years away

(bullet) Own or plan to own other types of investments for diversification purposes

(bullet) Can assume market risk and the risk of investing internationally

The Funds may NOT be appropriate for investors who are unable to tolerate frequent up and down price changes and the potential instability of foreign markets; who are investing for short-term goals or who are in need of current income.

# COMMON INVESTMENT POLICIES

Instead of investing directly in underlying securities, each Fund is authorized to seek to achieve its objective by investing all of its investable assets in an investment company having substantially the same investment objective and policies as such Fund.

The equity securities in which the Funds may invest include common stocks, preferred stocks, securities convertible into common stocks and warrants to purchase common stocks. Investments will be selected based on their potential for capital growth.

For purposes of the investment policies described above, a security is deemed to be issued by an issuer of one of the countries or regions indicated above if (i) the principal trading market for the security is in one of those countries or regions, (ii) the issuer is organized under the laws of a jurisdiction of one of those countries or regions or (iii) the issuer derives at least fifty percent of its revenues or profits from those countries or regions or has at least 50 percent of its assets situated in those countries or regions.

The Funds' advisers will allocate each Fund's investments among securities denominated in the U.S. dollar, other major reserve currencies and currencies of countries referred to above in which that Fund is permitted to invest. The advisers may adjust a Fund's exposure to each such currency based on their perception of the most favorable markets and issuers. The percentage of a Fund's assets invested in securities of a particular country or denominated in a particular currency will vary in accordance with the advisers' assessment of the relative yield and appreciation potential of such securities and the current and anticipated relationship of a country's currency to the U.S. dollar. Fundamental economic strength, earnings growth,

quality of management, industry growth, credit quality and interest rate trends are some of the principal factors which may be considered by the Funds' advisers in determining

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whether to increase or decrease the emphasis placed upon a particular type of security, industry sector, country or currency within a Fund's investment portfolio. Securities purchased by a Fund may be denominated in a currency other than that of the country in which the issuer is domiciled. No Fund is limited as to the amount of its assets that may be invested in any one country. However, each Fund will attempt to allocate investments among a wide range of industries and companies. Each Fund will place primary emphasis on equity securities and securities with equity features. However, each Fund may also invest in any type of investment grade debt security and various derivative securities if the advisers believe that doing so may result in capital growth. The Vista Southeast Asian Fund and Vista European Fund will not invest more than 25% of their respective net assets in debt securities denominated in a single currency other than the U.S. dollar, or invest more than 25% of their respective net assets is debt securities issued by a single foreign government or supranational organization.

The Funds' advisers will review economic and political events in the countries in which the Funds are invested on an ongoing basis.

The Funds may invest in securities of companies of various sizes, including smaller companies whose securities may be more volatile and less liquid than securities of larger companies. With respect to certain countries in which capital markets are either less developed or not easily accessed, investments by the Funds may be made through investment in closed-end investment companies that in turn are authorized to invest in the securities of such countries.

Each Fund is classified as a "non-diversified" fund under federal securities law. Each Fund's assets may be more concentrated in the securities of any single issuer or group of issuers than if such Fund were diversified.

Each Fund may, for defensive purposes and in periods in which it is felt that investment returns may be greater or volatility may be less, invest less than 65% of its net assets in the equity securities in which it normally invests by investing in debt securities issued in various currencies by companies, governments and supranational entities located in countries in which the Fund is permitted to invest. For temporary defensive purposes, a Fund's assets may be invested in short-term debt instruments, including high quality money market instruments and securities issued or guaranteed by the government of any member country of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development or its agencies or instrumentalities. At times when its advisers deem it advisable to limit a Fund's exposure to the equity markets, each Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in U.S. Government obligations (exclusive of any investments in money market instruments). To the extent that a Fund departs from its investment policies during such periods, its investment objective may not be achieved.

For a discussion of certain risks associated with an investment in the

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Funds, see "Risk Factors" and "Other Investment Practices" below.

OTHER INVESTMENT PRACTICES

Each Fund may also engage in the following investment practices, when consistent with such Fund's overall objective and policies. These practices, and certain associated risks, are more fully described in the SAI.

U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS. U.S. Government obligations include obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities.

MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS. Each Fund may invest in cash or high-quality, short-term money market instruments. These may include U.S. Government securities, commercial paper of domestic and foreign issuers and obligations of domestic and foreign banks. Investments in foreign money market instruments may involve certain risks associated with foreign investment.

INVESTMENT GRADE DEBT SECURITIES. Investment grade debt securities are securities rated in the category BBB or higher by Standard & Poor's Corporation ("S&P"), or Baa or higher by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or the equivalent by another national rating organization, or, if unrated, determined by the advisers to be of comparable quality.

DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS. Each Fund may invest its assets in securities of foreign issuers in the form of American Depositary Receipts, European Depositary Receipts, Global Depositary Receipts or other similar securities representing securities of foreign issuers (collectively, "Depositary Receipts"). The Funds treat Depositary Receipts as interests in the underlying securities for purposes of their investment policies. Each Fund will limit its investment in Depositary Receipts not sponsored by the issuer of the underlying securities to no more than 5% of the value of its net assets (at the time of investment).

SUPRANATIONAL AND ECU OBLIGATIONS. Each Fund may invest in securities issued by supranational organizations, which include organizations such as The World Bank, the European Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the Asian Development Bank. Vista European Fund may also invest in securities denominated in the ECU, which is a "basket" consisting of specified amounts of the currencies of certain member states of the European Community. These securities are typically issued by European governments and supranational organizations.

INDEXED INVESTMENTS. Each Fund may invest in instruments which are indexed to certain specific foreign currency exchange rates. The terms of such instruments may provide that their pincipal amounts or just their coupon interest rates are adjusted upwards or downwards (but not below zero) at maturity or on established coupon payment dates to reflect changes in the exchange rate between two or more currencies while the obligation is outstanding. Such indexed

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investments entail the risk of loss of principal and/or interest payments from currency movements in addition to principal risk, but offer the potential for realizing gains as a result of changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS, SECURITIES LOANS AND FORWARD COMMITMENTS. Each Fund may enter into agreements to purchase and resell securities at an agreed-upon price and time. Each Fund also has the ability to lend portfolio securities in an amount equal to not more than 30% of its total assets to generate additional income. These transactions must be fully collateralized at all times. Each Fund may purchase securities for delivery at a future date, which may increase its overall investment exposure and involves a risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date. These transactions involve some risk to a Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and such Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction.

BORROWINGS AND REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. Each Fund may borrow money from banks for temporary or short-term purposes, but will not borrow money to buy additional securities, known as "leveraging." The Funds may also sell and simultaneously commit to repurchase a portfolio security at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund may use this practice to generate cash for shareholder redemptions without selling securities in a down market. Whenever a Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will establish a segregated account in which it will maintain liquid assets on a daily basis in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest). A Fund would be required to pay interest on amounts obtained through reverse repurchase agreements, which are considered borrowings under federal securities laws.

STAND-BY COMMITMENTS. Each Fund may enter into put transactions, including those sometimes referred to as stand-by commitments, with respect to securities in its portfolio. In these transactions, a Fund would acquire the right to sell a security at an agreed upon price within a specified period prior to its maturity date. These transactions involve some risk to a Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and such Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction. A put transaction will increase the cost of the underlying security and consequently reduce the available yield.

CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES. Each Fund may invest in convertible securities, which are securities generally offering fixed interest or dividend yields which may be converted either at a stated price or stated rate for common or preferred stock. Although to a lesser extent than with fixed-income securities generally, the market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase, and increase as interest rates decline. Because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities also tends to

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vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying common or preferred stock.

OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES. Each Fund may invest up to 10% of its total assets in shares of other investment companies when consistent with its investment objective and policies, subject to applicable regulatory limitations. Additional fees may be charged by other investment companies.

STRIPS. Each Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in stripped obligations (i.e., separately traded principal and interest components of securities) where the underlying obligation is backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, including instruments known as "STRIPS." The value of these instruments tends to fluctuate more in response to changes in interest rates than the value of ordinary interest-paying debt securities with similar maturities. The risk is greater when the period to maturity is longer.

DERIVATIVES AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS. Each Fund may invest its assets in derivative and related instruments to hedge various market risks or to increase its income or gain. Some of these instruments will be subject to asset segregation requirements to cover a Fund's obligations. Each Fund may (i) purchase, write and exercise call and put options on securities and securities indexes (including using options in combination with securities, other options or derivative instruments); (ii) enter into swaps, futures contracts and options on futures contracts; (iii) employ forward currency and interest rate contracts; and (iv) purchase and sell structured products, which are instruments designed to restructure or reflect the characteristics of certain other investments.

There are a number of risks associated with the use of derivatives and related instruments and no assurance can be given that any strategy will succeed. The value of certain derivatives or related instruments in which a Fund invests may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing economic conditions and market value. The ability of the Funds to successfully utilize these instruments may depend in part upon the ability of its advisers to forecast these factors correctly. Inaccurate forecasts could expose a Fund to a risk of loss. There can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in a hedging instrument and in the portfolio assets being hedged. The Funds are not required to use any hedging strategies. Hedging strategies, while reducing risk of loss, can also reduce the opportunity for gain. Derivatives transactions not involving hedging may have speculative characteristics, involve leverage and result in losses that may exceed the original investment of the Fund. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when a Fund seeks to close out a derivatives position. Activities of large traders in the futures and securities markets involving arbitrage, "program trading," and other investment strategies may cause price distortions in derivatives markets. In certain instances, particularly those involving over-the-counter

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transactions or forward contracts, there is a greater potential that a counterparty or broker may default. In the event of a default, a Fund may experience a loss. For additional information concerning derivatives, related instruments and the associated risks, see the SAI.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER. The frequency of each Fund's buy and sell transactions will vary from year to year. A Fund's investment policies may lead to frequent changes in investments, particularly in periods of rapidly changing market conditions. High portfolio turnover rates would generally result in higher transaction costs, including brokerage commissions or dealer mark-ups, and would make it more difficult for a Fund to qualify as a registered investment company under federal tax law. See "How Distributions are Made;

#### LIMITING INVESTMENT RISKS

Specific investment restrictions help each Fund limit investment risks for its shareholders. These restrictions prohibit each Fund from: (a) investing more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (which include securities restricted as to resale unless they are determined to be readily marketable in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees); or (b) investing more than 25% of its total assets in any one industry. A complete description of these and other investment policies is included in the SAI. Except for each Fund's investment objective, restriction (b) above and investment policies designated as fundamental in the SAI, the Funds' investment policies are not fundamental. The Trustees may change any non-fundamental investment policy without shareholder approval.

#### RISK FACTORS

The net asset value of the shares of each Fund will fluctuate based on the value of the securities in such Fund's portfolio. As each Fund invests primarily in equity securities of companies outside the U.S., an investment in its shares involves a higher degree of risk than an investment in a U.S. equity fund. An investment in any of the Funds should not be considered a complete investment program and may not be appropriate for all investors.

Since foreign securities are normally denominated and traded in foreign currencies, the values of a Fund's foreign investments may be influenced by currency exchange rates and exchange control regulations. There may be less information publicly available about foreign issuers than U.S. issuers, and they are not generally subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices comparable to those in the U.S. Foreign securities may be less liquid and more volatile than comparable U.S. securities.

Foreign settlement procedures and trade regulations may involve certain expenses and risks. One risk would be the delay in payment or delivery of securities or in the recovery of a Fund's assets held abroad. In particular, settlement procedures in Korea are somewhat less developed and reliable than those in the U.S. and in other developed securities markets, and the Vista Southeast Asian Fund may

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experience settlement delays or other material difficulties and be subject to significant delays or limitations on the volume of trading during any particular period as a result of these factors. The foregoing factors could impede the ability of a Fund to effect portfolio transactions on a timely basis and could have an adverse impact on the net asset value of a Fund's shares.

It is possible that nationalization or expropriation of assets, imposition of currency exchange controls, taxation by withholding Fund assets, political or financial instability and diplomatic developments could affect the value of a Fund's investments in certain foreign countries. Foreign laws may restrict the ability to invest in certain countries or issuers and special tax considerations will apply to foreign securities.

Investments in securities of issuers based in developing countries entails certain additional risks, including greater risks of expropriation, taxation by withholding Fund assets, nationalization, and less social, political and economic stability. The small size of markets for securities of issuers based in such countries and the low or non-existent volume of trading may result in a lack of liquidity and in price volatility. Certain national policies may restrict the investment opportunities, including restrictions on investing in issuers or industries deemed sensitive to relevant national interests. There may be an absence of developed legal structures governing private or foreign investment and private property.

In addition, some of the foreign equity securities in which the Funds may invest may be issued by smaller companies. The securities of smaller companies, whether foreign or domestic, often trade less frequently and in lower volume, than securities of larger, more established companies. Consequently, share price changes may be more abrupt or erratic. Such companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, or may depend on a limited management group.

Securities rated in the category Baa by Moody's or BBB by S&P lack certain investment characteristics and may have speculative characteristics.

Because each Fund is "non-diversified," the value of its shares may be more susceptible to developments affecting the specific companies whose securities are owned by a Fund.

For a discussion of certain other risks associated with each Fund's additional investment activities, see "Other Investment Practices" above.

#### MANAGEMENT

THE FUND'S ADVISERS

The Chase Manhattan Bank ("Chase") is the Funds' investment adviser under an Investment Advisory Agreement and has overall responsibility for investment decisions of the Funds, subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees. Chase is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation, a bank holding company. CHASE AND ITS PREDECESSORS HAVE OVER 100 YEARS OF MONEY MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE.

For its investment advisory services to the Funds, Chase is entitled to receive an annual fee computed  $% \left( 1\right) =\left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{$ 

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daily and paid monthly based at an annual rate equal to 1.00% of each Fund's average daily net assets. Chase is located at 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017

Chase Asset Management, Inc. ("CAM"), a registered investment adviser, is the sub-investment adviser to the Vista Southeast Asian Fund and Vista Japan Fund under a Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement between CAM and Chase. CAM is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Chase. CAM makes investment decisions for the Funds on a day-to-day basis. For these services, CAM is entitled to receive a fee, payable by Chase from its advisory fee, at an annual rate equal to 0.50% of each Fund's average daily net assets. CAM was recently formed for the purpose of providing discretionary investment advisory services to institutional clients and to consolidate Chase's investment management function. The same individuals who serve as portfolio managers for Chase also serve as portfolio managers for CAM. CAM is located at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

Chase Asset Management (London) Limited ("CAM London"), a registered investment adviser, is the sub-investment adviser to the Vista European Fund under a Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement between CAM London and Chase. CAM London is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Chase. CAM London makes investment decisions for the Fund on a day-to-day basis. For these services, CAM London is entitled to receive a fee, payable by Chase from its advisory fee, at an annual rate equal to 0.50% of the average daily net assets of the Fund. CAM London was recently formed for the purpose of providing discretionary investment advisory services to institutional clients and to consolidate Chase's investment management function. The same individuals who serve as portfolio managers for Chase with respect to Vista European Fund also serve as portfolio managers of CAM London. CAM London is located at Colvile House, 32 Curzon Street, London WIY 8AL.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS. David Webb, a Vice President of Chase, has been responsible for the day-to-day management of the Vista Southeast Asian Fund and Vista Japan Fund since their inception. Mr. Webb was previously with Hambros Bank Limited based in London and was responsible for the asset allocation and portfolio management of international funds invested in Asia.

Michael Browne, a Vice President of Chase, has been responsible for the day-to-day management of the Vista European Fund since its inception. Mr. Browne is head of Vista European Fund's management and research. Prior to joining Chase, Mr. Browne was Assistant Director of Continental European Equities for BZW Investment Management, the investment arm of Barclays Bank PLC, London, where he was responsible for stock selection for external clients.

ABOUT YOUR INVESTMENT

CHOOSING A SHARE CLASS

CLASS A SHARES. An investor who purchases Class A shares pays a sales

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charge at the time of purchase. As a result, Class A shares are not subject to any sales charges when they are redeemed. Certain purchases of Class A shares qualify for reduced sales charges. Class A shares have lower combined 12b-1 and service fees than Class B shares. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares" and "Other Information Concerning the Funds."

CLASS B SHARES. Class B shares are sold without an initial sales charge, but are subject to a contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") if redeemed within a specified period after purchase. Class B shares also have higher combined 12b-1 and service fees than Class A shares.

Class B shares automatically convert into Class A shares, based on relative net asset value, at the beginning of the ninth year after purchase. For more information about the conversion of Class B shares, see the SAI. This discussion will include information about how shares acquired through reinvestment of distributions are treated for conversion purposes. Class B shares provide an investor the benefit of putting all of the investor's dollars to work from the time the investment is made. Until conversion, Class B shares will have a higher expense ratio and pay lower dividends than Class A shares because of the higher combined 12b-1 and service fees. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares" and "Other Information Concerning the Funds."

WHICH ARRANGEMENT IS BEST FOR YOU? The decision as to which class of shares provides a more suitable investment for you depends on a number of factors, including the amount and intended length of the investment. If you are making an investment that qualifies for reduced sales charges, you might consider Class A shares. If you prefer not to pay an initial sales charge, you might consider Class B shares. In almost all cases, if you are planning to purchase \$250,000 or more of a Fund's shares you will pay lower aggregate charges and expenses by purchasing Class A shares.

HOW TO BUY, SELL AND EXCHANGE SHARES

HOW TO BUY SHARES

You can open a Fund account with as little as \$2,500 for regular accounts or \$1,000 for IRAs, SEP-IRAs and the Systematic Investment Plan. Additional investments can be made at any time with as little as \$100. You can buy Fund shares three ways—through an investment representative, through the Funds' distributor by calling the Vista Service Center, or through the Systematic Investment Plan.

All purchases made by check should be in U.S. dollars and made payable to the Vista Funds. Third party checks, credit cards and cash will not be accepted. The Funds reserve the right to reject any purchase order or cease offering shares for purchase at any time. When purchases are made by check, redemptions will not be allowed until the check clears, which may take 15 calendar days or longer. In addition, the redemption of shares purchased through Automated Clearing House (ACH) will not be

allowed until your payment clears, which may take 7 business days or longer.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH THE FUNDS' DISTRIBUTOR. Complete and return the enclosed application and your check in the amount you wish to invest to the Vista Service Center.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH SYSTEMATIC INVESTING. You can make regular investments of \$100 or more per transaction through automatic periodic deduction from your bank checking or savings account. Shareholders electing to start this Systematic Investment Plan when opening an account should complete Section 8 of the account application. Current shareholders may begin such a plan at any time by sending a signed letter and a deposit slip or voided check to the Vista Service Center. Call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions.

Shares are purchased at the public offering price, which is based on the net asset value next determined after the Vista Service Center receives your order in proper form. In most cases, in order to receive that day's public offering price, the Vista Service Center must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange. If you buy shares through your investment representative, the representative must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's public offering price. Orders for shares are accepted by each Fund after funds are converted to federal funds. Orders paid by check and received by 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time will generally be available for the purchase of shares the following business day.

If you are considering redeeming or exchanging shares or transferring shares to another person shortly after purchase, you should pay for those shares with a certified check to avoid any delay in redemption, exchange or transfer. Otherwise the Fund may delay payment until the purchase price of those shares has been collected or, if you redeem by telephone, until 15 calendar days after the purchase date. To eliminate the need for safekeeping, a Fund will not issue certificates for your Class A shares unless you request them. Due to the conversion feature of Class B shares, certificates for Class B shares will not be issued and all Class B shares will be held in book entry form

#### Class A Shares

The public offering price of Class A shares is the net asset value plus a sales charge that varies depending on the size of your purchase. The Funds receive the net asset value. The sales charge is allocated between your broker-dealer and the Funds' distributor as shown in the following table, except when the Funds' distributor, in its discretion, allocates the entire amount to your broker-dealer.

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Amount of transaction at offering price(\$)	Offering price	Net amount invested	percentage of offering price	
Under 100,000	4.75	4.99	4.00	
100,000 but under 250,000	3.75	3.90	3.25	
250,000 but under 500,000	2.50	2.56	2.25	
500,000 but under 1,000,000	2.00	2.04	1.75	

There is no initial sales charge on purchases of Class A shares of \$1 million or more.

The Funds' distributor pays broker-dealers commissions on net sales of Class A shares of \$1 million or more based on an investor's cumulative purchases of shares of a Fund. Such commissions are paid at the rate of 1.00% of the amount under \$2.5 million, 0.75% of the next \$7.5 million, 0.50% of the next \$40 million and 0.20% thereafter. The Funds' distributor may withhold such payments with respect to short-term investments.

Class B shares are sold without an initial sales charge, although a CDSC will be imposed if you redeem shares within a specified period after purchase, as shown in the table below. The following types of shares may be redeemed without charge at any time: (i) shares acquired by reinvestment of distributions and (ii) shares otherwise exempt from the CDSC, as described below. For other shares, the amount of the charge is determined as a percentage of the lesser of the current market value or the purchase price of shares being redeemed.

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CDSC	5%	4 4 8	3%	3%	2%	1%	0%	0%

In determining whether a CDSC is payable on any redemption, each Fund will first redeem shares not subject to any charge, and then shares held longest during the CDSC period. When a share that has appreciated in value is redeemed during the CDSC period, a CDSC is assessed only on its initial purchase price. For information on how sales charges are calculated if you exchange your shares, see "How to Exchange Your Shares." The Funds' distributor pays broker-dealers a commission of 4.00% of the offering price on sales of Class B shares, and the disributor receives the entire amount of any CDSC you pay.

#### GENERAL

You may be eligible to buy Class A shares at reduced sales charges. Consult your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for details about Vista's combined purchase privilege, cumulative quantity discount, statement of intention, group sales plan, employee benefit plans, and other plans. Descriptions are also included in the enclosed application and in the SAI. In addition, sales charges are waived if you are using redemption proceeds received

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within the prior ninety days from non-Vista mutual funds to buy your shares, and on which you paid a front-end or contingent deferred sales charge.

Some participant-directed employee benefit plans participate in a "multi-fund" program which offers both Vista and non-Vista mutual funds. With Board of Trustee approval, the money that is invested in Vista Funds may be combined with the other mutual funds in the same program when determining the Plan's eligibility to buy Class A shares without a sales charge. These investments will also be included for purposes of the discount privileges and programs described above.

The Funds may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge to the current Funds' and retired Trustees (and their immediate families), current and retired employees (and their immediate families) of Chase, the Funds' distributor and transfer agent or any affiliates or subsidiaries thereof, registered representatives and other employees (and their immediate families) of broker-dealers having selected dealer agreements with the Funds' distributor, employees (and their immediate families) of financial institutions having selected dealer agreements with the Funds' distributor (or otherwise having an arrangement with a broker-dealer or financial institution with respect to sales of Vista fund shares), financial institution trust departments investing an aggregate of \$1 million or more in the Vista Family of Funds and clients of certain administrators of tax-qualified plans when proceeds from repayments of loans to participants are invested (or reinvested) in the Vista Family of Funds.

No initial sales charge will apply to the purchase of the Funds' Class A shares if you are investing the proceeds of a qualified retirement plan, where a portion of the plan was invested in the Vista Family of Funds, any qualified retirement plan with 50 or more participants, or an individual participant in a tax-qualified plan making a tax-free rollover or transfer of assets from the plan in which Chase or an affiliate serves as trustee or custodian of the plan or manages some portion of the plan's assets.

Purchases of the Funds' Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge through an investment adviser or financial planner that charges a fee for its services. Purchases of the Funds' Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge (i) by an investment adviser, broker or financial planner, provided arrangements are preapproved and purchases are placed through an omnibus account with the Funds or (ii) by clients of such investment adviser or financial planner who place trades for their own accounts, if such accounts are linked to a master account of such investment adviser or financial planner on the books and records of the broker or agent. Such purchases may also be made for retirement and deferred compensation plans and trusts used to fund those plans.

Purchases of the Funds' Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge in accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which is acting as a fiduciary exercising investment discretion, provided that appropriate notification

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of such fiduciary relationship is reported at the time of the investment to the particular Funds, the Funds' distributor or the Vista Service Center.

Shareholders of record of any Vista fund as of November 30, 1990 and certain immediate family members may purchase the Funds' Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own Class A shares of any Vista fund, provided there is no change in account registration. Shareholders of record of any portfolio of The Hanover Funds, Inc. or The Hanover Investment Funds, Inc. as of May 3, 1996 and certain related investors may purchase the Funds' Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own shares of any Vista fund following this date, provided there is no change in account registration.

The Funds may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge in connection with the acquisition by the Funds of assets of an investment company or personal holding company. The CDSC will be waived on redemption of Class B shares arising out of death or disability or in connection with certain withdrawals from IRA or other retirement plans. Up to 12% of the value of Class B shares subject to a systematic withdrawal plan may also be redeemed each year without a CDSC, provided that the Class B account had a minimum balance of \$20,000 with respect to the applicable Fund at the time the systematic withdrawal plan was established. The SAI contains additional information about purchasing the Funds' shares at reduced sales charges.

The Funds reserve the right to change any of these policies on purchases without an initial sales charge at any time and may reject any such purchase request.

For shareholders that bank with Chase, Chase may aggregate investments in the Vista Funds with balances held in Chase bank accounts for purposes of determining eligibility for certain bank privileges that are based on specified minimum balance requirements, such as reduced or no fees for certain banking services or preferred rates on loans and deposits. Chase and certain broker-dealers and other shareholder servicing agents may, at their own expense, provide gifts, such as computer software packages, guides and books related to investment or additional Fund shares valued up to \$250 to their customers that invest in the Vista Funds.

Shareholders of other Vista funds may be entitled to exchange their shares for, or reinvest distributions from their funds in, shares of the Funds at net asset value.

HOW TO SELL SHARES

You can sell your Fund shares any day the New York Stock Exchange is open, either directly to a Fund or through your investment representative. A Fund will only forward redemption payments on shares for which it has collected payment of the purchase price.

SELLING SHARES DIRECTLY TO A FUND. Send a signed letter of instruction to the Vista Service Center, along with any certificates that represent shares you want to sell. The price you will receive is the next net asset value calculated after

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the particular Fund receives your request in proper form, less any applicable CDSC. In order to receive that day's net asset value, the Vista Service Center

must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

SIGNATURE GUARANTEES. If you sell shares having a net asset value of \$100,000 or more, the signatures of registered owners or their legal representatives must be guaranteed by a bank, broker-dealer or certain other financial institutions. See the SAI for more information about where to obtain a signature guarantee.

If you want your redemption proceeds sent to an address other than your address as it appears on Vista's records, a signature guarantee is required. A Fund may require additional documentation for the sale of shares by a corporation, partnership, agent or fiduciary, or a surviving joint owner. Contact the Vista Service Center for details.

DELIVERY OF PROCEEDS. A Fund generally sends you payment for your shares the business day after your request is received in proper form, assuming the Fund has collected payment of the purchase price of your shares. Under unusual circumstances, the Funds may suspend redemptions, or postpone payment for more than seven days, as permitted by federal securities law.

TELEPHONE REDEMPTIONS. You may use Vista's Telephone Redemption Privilege to redeem shares from your account unless you have notified the Vista Service Center of an address change within the preceding 30 days. Telephone redemption requests in excess of \$25,000 will only be made by wire to a bank account on record with the Funds. Unless an investor indicates otherwise on the account application, the Funds will be authorized to act upon redemption and transfer instructions received by telephone from a shareholder, or any person claiming to act as his or her representative, who can provide the Funds with his or her account registration and address as it appears on the Funds' records.

The Vista Service Center will employ these and other reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine; if it fails to employ reasonable procedures, a Fund may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. An investor agrees, however, that to the extent permitted by applicable law, neither a Fund nor its agents will be liable for any loss, liability, cost or expense arising out of any redemption request, including any fraudulent or unauthorized request. For information, consult the Vista Service Center.

During periods of unusual market changes and shareholder activity, you may experience delays in contacting the Vista Service Center by telephone. In this event, you may wish to submit a written redemption request, as described above, or contact your investment representative. The Telephone Redemption Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. The Telephone Redemption Privilege may be

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modified or terminated without notice.

SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL. You can make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more (\$100 or more for Class B accounts) monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan for Class A accounts. Call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions.

SELLING SHARES THROUGH YOUR INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVE. Your investment representative must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's net asset value. Your investment representative will be responsible for furnishing all necessary documentation to the Vista Service Center, and may charge you for its services.

INVOLUNTARY REDEMPTION OF ACCOUNTS. Each Fund may involuntarily redeem your shares if at such time the aggregate net asset value of the shares in your account is less than \$500 or if you purchase through the Systematic Investment Plan and fail to meet that Fund's investment minimum within a twelve month period. In the event of any such redemption, you will receive at least 60 days notice prior to the redemption. In the event a Fund redeems Class B shares pursuant to this provision, no CDSC will be imposed.

HOW TO EXCHANGE YOUR SHARES

You can exchange your shares for shares of the same class of certain other Vista funds at net asset value beginning 15 days after purchase. Not all

Vista funds offer all classes of shares. The prospectus of the other Vista fund into which shares are being exchanged should be read carefully and retained for future reference. If you exchange shares subject to a CDSC, the transaction will not be subject to the CDSC. However, when you redeem the shares acquired through the exchange, the redemption may be subject to the CDSC, depending upon when you originally purchased the shares. The CDSC will be computed using the schedule of any fund into or from which you have exchanged your shares that would result in your paying the highest CDSC applicable to your class of shares. In computing the CDSC, the length of time you have owned your shares will be measured from the date of original purchase and will not be affected by any exchange.

EXCHANGING TO MONEY MARKET FUNDS. An exchange of Class B shares into any of the Vista money market funds other than the Class B shares of the Vista Prime Money Market Fund will be treated as a redemption—and therefore subject to the conditions of the CDSC—and a subsequent purchase. Class B shares of any Vista non—money market fund may be exchanged into the Class B shares of the Vista Prime Money Market Fund in order to continue the aging of the initial purchase of such shares.

For federal income tax purposes, an exchange is treated as a sale of shares and generally results in a capital gain or loss.

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EXCHANGING BY PHONE. A Telephone Exchange Privilege is currently available. Call the Vista Service Center for procedures for telephone transactions. The Telephone Exchange Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. Ask your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for prospectuses of other Vista funds. Shares of certain Vista funds are not available to residents of all states.

EXCHANGE PARAMETERS. The exchange privilege is not intended as a vehicle for short-term trading. Excessive exchange activity may interfere with portfolio management and have an adverse effect on all shareholders. In order to limit excessive exchange activity and in other circumstances where Vista management or the Trustees believe doing so would be in the best interests of the Funds, the Funds reserve the right to revise or terminate the exchange privilege, limit the amount or number of exchanges or reject any exchange. In addition, any shareholder who makes more than ten exchanges of shares involving a Fund in a year or three in a calendar quarter will be charged a \$5.00 administration fee for each such exchange. Shareholders would be notified of any such action to the extent required by law. Consult the Vista Service Center before requesting an exchange. See the SAI to find out more about the exchange privilege.

REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE. Upon written request, Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in a Fund at net asset value within 90 calendar days of the redemption. The reinstatement request must be accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption), and shares will be purchased at the next determined net asset value. Class B shareholders who have redeemed their shares and paid a CDSC with such redemption may purchase Class A shares with no initial sales charge (in an amount not in excess of their redemption proceeds) if the purchase occurs within 90 days of the redemption of the Class B shares.

# HOW THE FUNDS VALUE THEIR SHARES

The net asset value of each class of each Fund's shares is determined once daily based upon prices determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, however, options are priced at 4:15 p.m., Eastern time), on each business day of the Funds, by dividing the net assets of the particular Fund attributable to that class by the total number of outstanding shares of that class. Values of assets held by the Funds are determined on the basis of their market or other fair value, as described in the SAI.

HOW DISTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE; TAX INFORMATION

Each Fund distributes any net investment income at least semi-annually and any net realized capital gains at least annually. Capital gains are distributed after deducting any available capital loss carryovers. Distributions paid by the Funds

with respect to Class A shares will generally be greater than those paid with respect to Class B shares because expenses attributable to Class B shares will generally be higher.

DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT OPTION. You can choose from three distribution options: (1) reinvest all distributions in additional Fund shares without a sales charge; (2) receive distributions from net investment income in cash or by ACH to a pre-established bank account while reinvesting capital gains distributions in additional shares without a sales charge; or (3) receive all distributions in cash or by ACH. You can change your distribution option by notifying the Vista Service Center in writing. If you do not select an option when you open your account, all distributions will be reinvested. All distributions not paid in cash or by ACH will be reinvested in shares of the same share class. You will receive a statement confirming reinvestment of distributions in additional Fund shares promptly following the quarter in which the reinvestment occurs.

If a check representing a Fund distribution is not cashed within a specified period, the Vista Service Center will notify you that you have the option of requesting another check or reinvesting the distribution in the applicable Fund or in another Vista fund without a sales charge. If the Vista Service Center does not receive your election, the distribution will be reinvested in the particular Fund. Similarly, if a Fund or the Vista Service Center sends you correspondence returned as "undeliverable," distributions will automatically be reinvested in such Fund.

Each Fund intends to qualify as a "regulated investment company" for federal income tax purposes and to meet all other requirements that are necessary for it to be relieved of federal taxes on income and gains it distributes to shareholders. Each Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gain net income on a current basis. If a Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company for any taxable year or does not make such distributions, the Fund will be subject to tax on all of its income and gains.

TAXATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS. Distributions by the Funds other than net long-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions of net long-term capital gains will be taxable as such, regardless of how long you have held the shares. The taxation of your distributions is the same whether received in cash or in shares through the reinvestment of distributions.

Investment income received by the Funds from sources within foreign countries may be subject to foreign taxes withheld at the source. Since more than 50% of the value of the total assets of each Fund at the close of the Fund's taxable year is anticipated to be stock or securities of foreign corporations, each Fund may elect to "pass through" to its shareholders the amount of foreign taxes paid by such Fund.

You should carefully consider the tax implications of purchasing shares just prior to a distribution.

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This is because you will be taxed on the entire amount of the distribution received, even though the net asset value per share will be higher on the date of such purchase as it will include the distribution amount.

Early in each calendar year each Fund will notify you of the amount and tax status of distributions paid to you by the Fund for the preceding year.

The above is only a summary of certain federal income tax consequences of investing in a Fund. You should consult your tax adviser to determine the precise effect of an investment in a Fund on your particular tax situation (including possible liability for state and local taxes and, for foreign

OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FUNDS

#### DISTRIBUTION PLANS

The Funds' distributor is Vista Fund Distributors, Inc. ("VFD"). VFD is a subsidiary of The BISYS Group, Inc. and is unaffiliated with Chase. The Trust has adopted Rule 12b-1 distribution plans for Class A and Class B shares, which provide for the payment of distribution fees at annual rates of up to 0.25% and 0.75% of the average daily net assets attributable to Class A and Class B shares of each Fund, respectively. Payments under the distribution plans shall be used to compensate or reimburse the Funds' distributor and broker-dealers for services provided and expenses incurred in connection with the sale of Class A and Class B shares, and are not tied to the amount of actual expenses incurred. Payments may be used to compensate broker-dealers with trail or maintenance commissions at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of the average daily net asset value of Class A or Class B shares invested in a Fund by customers of these broker-dealers. Trail or maintenance commissions are paid to broker-dealers beginning the 13th month following the purchase of shares by their customers. Promotional activities for the sale of Class A and Class B shares will be conducted generally by the Vista Family of Funds, and activities intended to promote a Fund's Class A or Class B shares may also benefit the Fund's other shares and other Vista funds.

VFD may provide promotional incentives to broker-dealers that meet specified sales targets for one or more Vista funds. These incentives may include gifts of up to \$100 per person annually; an occasional meal, ticket to a sporting event or theater for entertainment for broker-dealers and their guests; and payment or reimbursement for travel expenses, including lodging and meals, in connection with attendance at training and educational meetings within and outside the U.S.

#### SHAREHOLDER SERVICING AGENTS

The Trust has entered into shareholder servicing agreements with certain shareholder servicing agents (including Chase) under which the shareholder servicing agents have agreed to provide certain support services to their customers who beneficially own Class B shares of the Funds. These services include assisting with

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purchase and redemption transactions, maintaining shareholder accounts and records, furnishing customer statements, transmitting shareholder reports and communications to customers and other similar shareholder liaison services. For performing these services, each shareholder servicing agent receives an annual fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Class B shares of each Fund held by investors for whom the shareholder servicing agent maintains a servicing relationship. Shareholder servicing agents may subcontract with other parties for the provision of shareholder support services.

Shareholder servicing agents may offer additional services to their customers, such as pre-authorized or systematic purchase and redemption plans. Each shareholder servicing agent may establish its own terms and conditions, including limitations on the amounts of subsequent transactions, with respect to such services. Certain shareholder servicing agents may (although they are not required by the Trust to do so) credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees an amount not exceeding such other fees or the fees for their services as shareholder servicing agents.

Chase and/or VFD may from time to time, at their own expense out of compensation retained by them from the Fund or other sources available to them, make additional payments to certain selected dealers or other shareholder servicing agents for performing administrative services for their customers. These services include maintaining account records, processing orders to purchase, redeem and exchange Fund shares and responding to certain customer inquiries. The amount of such compensation may be up to an additional 0.10% annually of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to shares of the Fund held by customers of such shareholder servicing agents. Such compensation does not represent an additional expense to the Fund or its shareholders, since it will be paid by Chase and/or VFD.

### ADMINISTRATOR AND SUB-ADMINISTRATOR

Chase acts as the Funds' administrator and is entitled to receive a fee

computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.10% of each Fund's average daily net assets.

VFD provides certain sub-administrative services to the Funds' pursuant to a distribution and sub-administration agreement and is entitled to receive a fee for these services from each Fund at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of each Funds' average daily net assets. VFD has agreed to use a portion of this fee to pay for certain expenses incurred in connection with organizing new series of the Trust and certain other ongoing expenses of the Trust. VFD is located at 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10178.

#### CUSTODIAN

Chase acts as the Funds' custodian and fund accountant and receives compensation under an agreement

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with the Trust. Fund securities and cash may be held by sub-custodian banks if such arrangements are reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

#### EXPENSES

Each Fund pays the expenses incurred in its operations, including each Fund's pro rata share of expenses of the Trust. These expenses include investment advisory and administrative fees; the compensation of the Trustees; registration fees; interest charges; taxes; expenses connected with the execution, recording and settlement of security transactions; fees and expenses of the Fund's custodian for all services to the Funds, including safekeeping of funds and securities and maintaining required books and accounts; expenses of preparing and mailing reports to investors and to government offices and commissions; expenses of meetings of investors; fees and expenses of independent accountants, of legal counsel and of any transfer agent, registrar or dividend disbursing agent of the Trust; insurance premiums; and expenses of calculating the net asset value of, and the net income on, shares of the Funds. Shareholder servicing and distribution fees are allocated to specific classes of each of the Funds. In addition, the Funds may allocate transfer agency and certain other expenses by class. Service providers to a Fund may, from time to time, voluntarily waive all or a portion of any fees to which they are entitled.

## ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SHARES

Each Fund is a portfolio of Mutual Fund Group, an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust in 1987 (the "Trust"). The Trust has reserved the right to create and issue additional series and classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The shares of each series or class participate equally in the earnings, dividends and assets of the particular series or class. Shares have no preemptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each whole share held, and each fractional share shall be entitled to a proportionate fractional vote, except that Trust shares held in the treasury of the Trust shall not be voted. Shares of each class of a Fund generally vote together except when required under federal securities laws to vote separately on matters that only affect a particular class, such as the approval of distribution plans for a particular class.

Each Fund issues multiple classes of shares. This Prospectus relates to Class A and Class B shares of each Fund. The Funds may offer other classes of shares in addition to these classes. The categories of investors that are eligible to purchase shares and minimum investment requirements may differ for each class of each Fund's shares. In addition, other classes of Fund shares may be subject to differences in sales charge arrangements, ongoing distribution and service fee

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levels, and levels of certain other expenses, which would affect the relative performance of the different classes. Investors may call 1-800-34-VISTA to obtain additional information about other classes of shares of the Funds that are offered. Any person entitled to receive compensation for selling or servicing shares of a Fund may receive different levels of compensation with

The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the general direction and supervision of its Board of Trustees. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders but will hold special meetings of shareholders of all series or classes when in the judgment of the Trustees it is necessary or desirable to submit matters for a shareholder vote. The Trustees will promptly call a meeting of shareholders to remove a trustee(s) when requested to do so in writing by record holders of not less than 10% of all outstanding shares of the Trust.

Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Trust itself was unable to meet its obligations.

#### PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

Each Fund's investment performance may from time to time be included in advertisements about the Funds. Performance is calculated separately for each class of shares, in the manner described in the SAI. "Yield" for each class of shares is calculated by dividing the annualized net investment income per share during a recent 30-day period by the maximum public offering price per share of such class on the last day of that period.

"Total return" for the one-, five- and ten-year periods (or since inception, if shorter) through the most recent calendar quarter represents the average annual compounded rate of return on an investment of \$1,000 in a Fund invested at the maximum public offering price (in the case of Class A shares) or reflecting the deduction of any applicable contingent deferred sales charge (in the case of Class B shares). Total return may also be presented for other periods or without reflecting sales charges. Any quotation of investment performance not reflecting the maximum initial sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge would be reduced if such sales charges were used.

All performance data is based on each Fund's past investment results and does not predict future performance. Investment performance, which will vary, is based on many factors, including market conditions, the composition of each Fund's portfolio, each Fund's operating expenses and which class of shares you purchase. Investment performance also often reflects the risks associated with the Funds' investment objectives and policies. These factors should be considered when comparing each Fund's investment results to those of other mutual funds and other

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investment vehicles. Quotation of investment performance for any period when a fee waiver or expense limitation was in effect will be greater than if the waiver or limitation had not been in effect. Each Fund's performance may be compared to other mutual funds, relevant indices and rankings prepared by independent services. See the SAI.

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# MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISTA PRIVILEGES

The following services are available to you as a Vista mutual fund shareholder.

- (bullet) SYSTEMATIC INVESTMENT PLAN--Invest as much as you wish (\$100 or more) in the first or third week of any month. The amount will be automatically transferred from your checking or savings account.
- (bullet) SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL PLAN--Make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more (\$100 or more for Class B accounts) monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to

establish a systematic withdrawal plan for Class A accounts.

- (bullet) SYSTEMATIC EXCHANGE--Transfer assets automatically from one Vista account to another on a regular, prearranged basis. There is no additional charge for this service.
- (bullet) FREE EXCHANGE PRIVILEGE--Exchange money between Vista funds in the same class of shares without charge. The exchange privilege allows you to adjust your investments as your objectives change. Investors may not maintain, within the same fund, simultaneous plans for systematic investment or exchange and systematic withdrawal or exchange.
- (bullet) REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE--Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in their Fund at net asset value next determined subject to written request within 90 calendar days of the redemption, accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption).

Class B shareholders of a Fund who have redeemed their shares and paid a CDSC with such redemption may purchase Class A shares of that Fund with no initial sales charge (in an amount not in excess of their redemption proceeds) if the purchase occurs within 90 days of the redemption of the Class B shares.

For more information about any of these services and privileges, call your shareholder servicing agent, investment representative or the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA. These privileges are subject to change or termination

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Vista Family of Mutual Funds & Retirement Products

VISTA INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUNDS Southeast Asian Fund Japan Fund European Fund International Equity Fund

VISTA U.S. EQUITY FUNDS
Small Cap Equity Fund
The Growth Fund of Washington
Capital Growth Fund
Growth and Income Fund
Large Cap Equity Fund
Balanced Fund
Equity Income Fund

VISTA FIXED INCOME FUNDS Bond Fund U.S. Government Securities Fund U.S. Treasury Income Fund Short-Term Bond Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE FUNDS(1)
New York Tax Free Income Fund
California Intermediate Tax Free Fund
Tax Free Income Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE MONEY MARKET FUNDS (1,2)

New York Tax Free Money Market Fund Connecticut Daily Tax Free Income Fund Select Shares(3) New Jersey Daily Municipal Income Fund Select Shares(3) Tax Free Money Market Fund California Tax Free Money Market Fund

VISTA TAXABLE MONEY MARKET FUNDS (2)

Cash Management Money Market Fund Federal Money Market Fund 100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund U.S. Government Money Market Fund Treasury Plus Money Market Fund

VISTA RETIREMENT PRODUCTS

Vista Capital Advantage Variable Annuity(4) Vista 401(k) Advantage

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(1) Some income may be subject to certain state and local taxes. A portion of the income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax for some investors.

(2) An investment in a Money Market Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Yields will fluctuate, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per share.

(3) Vista Select Shares of these funds are not a part of, or affiliated with, the Vista Family of Mutual Funds. Reich & Tang Distributors L.P. and New England Investment Companies L.P., which are unaffiliated with Chase, are the funds' distributor and investment adviser, respectively.

(4) The variable annuity contract is issued by First SunAmerica Life Insurance Company in New York; in other states, but not necessarily all states, it is issued by Anchor National Life Insurance Company.

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# PROSPECTUS VISTA(SM) LARGE CAP EQUITY FUND INSTITUTIONAL SHARES

#### INVESTMENT STRATEGY: CAPITAL GROWTH

#### February 28, 1997

This Prospectus explains concisely what you should know before investing. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. You can find more detailed information about the Fund in its February 28, 1997 Statement of Additional Information, as amended periodically (the "SAI"). For a free copy of the SAI, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-622-4273. The SAI has been filled with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION, NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

INVESTMENTS IN THE FUND ARE NOT BANK DEPOSITS OR OBLIGATIONS OF, OR GUARANTEED OR ENDORSED BY, THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES AND ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FDIC, THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY. INVESTMENTS IN MUTUAL FUNDS INVOLVE RISK, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE LOSS OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT INVESTED.

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#### EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses are one of several factors to consider when investing. The following table summarizes your costs from investing in the Fund based on expenses incurred in the most recent fiscal year. The example shows the cumulative expenses attributable to a hypothetical \$1,000 investment over specified periods.

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ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES

(as a percentage of average
net assets)

Investment Advisory Fee (after estimated waiver)\*

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0.00% None

Shareholder Servicing Fee Other Expenses	0.25% 0.35%
Total Fund Operating Expenses (after waiver of fee)*	0.60%
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<TABLE> <CAPTION> EXAMPLE

Your investment of \$1,000 would incur the following expenses,

assuming 5% annual return:	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
<pre><s> Institutional Shares </s></pre>				

  |  |  |  ||  | \$6 | \$19 | \$33 | \$75 |
\*Reflects current waiver arrangement to maintain Total Fund Operating Expenses at the level indicated in the table above. Absent such waiver, the Investment Advisory Fee would be 0.40% and Total Fund Operating Expenses would be 1.00%. Chase has agreed voluntarily to waive fees payable to it and/or reimburse expenses for a period of at least one year to the extent necessary to prevent Total Fund Operating Expenses of Institutional Shares of the Fund for such period from exceeding the amount indicated in the table.

The table is provided to help you understand the expenses of investing in the Fund and your share of the operating expenses that the Fund incurs. The example should not be considered a representation of past or future expenses or returns; actual expenses and returns may be greater or less than shown.

Charges or credits, not reflected in the expense table above, may be incurred directly by customers of financial institutions in connection with an investment in the Fund. The Fund understands that Shareholder Servicing Agents may credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees amounts not exceeding such other fees or the fees received by the Shareholder Servicing Agent from the Fund with respect to those accounts. See "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following information on selected per share data and ratios with respect to each of the four fiscal periods commencing after June 30, 1992, and the related financial statements, have been audited by Price Waterhouse LLP, independent accountants, whose report expressed an unqualified opinion thereon. The information on selected per share data and ratios with respect to the fiscal year ended June 30, 1992 and the period November 30, 1990 to June 30, 1991, have been audited by other independent accountants, whose report expressed an unqualified opinion thereon. The following information should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto appearing in the Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, which is incorporated by reference into the SAI.

# VISTA LARGE CAP EQUITY FUND

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	rear ended 10/31/96	ended 10/31/95
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PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE		
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period		\$13.16
Income From Investment Operations:		
Net Investment Income		0.277
Net Gain in Securities		
(both realized and unrealized)		1.744
Total from Investment Operations		2.021
Less Distributions:		
Dividends from Net Investment Income		0.282
Distributions from Capital Gains		2.659
Total Distributions:		2.941
Net Asset Value, End of Period		\$12.24
TOTAL RETURNS		20.41%
Ratios/Supplemental Data:		
Net Assets, End of Period (000 omitted)		\$55,417
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets # Ratio of Net Investment Income to		0.31%

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Average Net Assets # 2.41%
Ratio of Expenses without waivers and assumption of expenses to Average Net Assets # 0.90%
Ratio of Net Investment Income without waivers and assumption of expenses to Average Net Assets # 1.82%
Portfolio turnover rate 45%
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	Year ended 10/31/94	10/31/93	7/1/92** through 10/31/92	6/30/92	
<\$>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>
PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE					
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$13.65	\$ 12.56	\$ 12.50	\$ 11.43	\$ 10.00
Income From Investment Operations:					
Net Investment Income	0.298	0.302	0.080	0.240	0.170
Net Gain in Securities					
(both realized and unrealized)	0.263	1.153	0.500	1.230	1.350
Total from Investment Operations	0.561	1.455	0.580	1.470	1.520
Less Distributions:					
Dividends from Net Investment Income	0.290	0.304	0.140	0.290	0.090
Distributions from Capital Gains	0.761	0.062	0.380	0.110	0.000
Total Distributions:	1.051	0.366	0.520	0.400	0.090
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$13.16	\$ 13.65	\$ 12.56	\$ 12.50	\$ 11.43
TOTAL RETURNS	4.37%	11.73%	4.78%	12.99%	15.25%
Ratios/Supplemental Data:					
Net Assets, End of Period (000 omitted)	\$67,818	\$120,635	\$106,088	\$92,261	\$95,440
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets #	0.31%	0.31%	0.30%	0.30%	0.28%
Ratio of Net Investment Income to					
Average Net Assets #	2.30%	2.30%	1.96%	2.29%	2.81%
Ratio of Expenses without waivers and assumption of					
expenses to Average Net Assets #	0.95%	0.88%	0.80%	1.02%	1.13%
Ratio of Net Investment Income without waivers and					
assumption of expenses to Average Net Assets #	1.66%	1.73%	1.46%	1.57%	1.96%
Portfolio turnover rate	53%	33%	5%	14%	19%

  |  |  |  |  |<sup>\*</sup>Commencement of operations.

#Short periods have been annualized.

\*\*In 1992, the Fund's fiscal year-end was changed from June 30 to October 31.

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# FUND OBJECTIVE

Vista Large Cap Equity Fund seeks long-term capital growth. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program, and there is no assurance it will achieve its objective.

INVESTMENT POLICIES

### INVESTMENT APPROACH

Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its total assets in equity securities and at least 65% of its total assets in equity securities of established companies with market capitalizations in excess of \$1 billion. Such companies typically have a large number of publicly held shares and high trading volume, resulting in a high degree of liquidity.

The Fund's advisers intend to utilize both quantitative and fundamental research to identify undervalued stocks with a catalyst for positive change. The Fund's advisers will evaluate companies by assessing the strongest sectors of the market over the economic cycle, identifying those companies with favorable earnings prospects, and then selecting the most attractive values. The Fund's advisers will consider industry diversification as an important factor and will try to maintain representation in a variety of market sectors, although sector emphasis will shift as a result of changes in the outlook for earnings among market sectors.

The Fund may invest any portion of its assets not invested in equity securities in high quality money market instruments and repurchase agreements. For temporary defensive purposes, the Fund may invest without

limitation in these instruments. At times when the Fund's advisers deem it advisable to limit the Fund's exposure to the equity markets, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in U.S. Government obligations (exclusive of any investments in money market instruments). To the extent that the Fund departs from its investment policies during temporary defensive periods, its investment objective may not be achieved.

The Fund is classified as a "diversified" fund under federal securities law.

Instead of investing directly in underlying securities, the Fund is authorized to seek to achieve its objective by investing all of its investable assets in an investment company having substantially the same investment objective and policies as the Fund.

WHO MAY WANT TO INVEST

This Fund may be most suitable for investors who...

[BULLET]Are seeking long-term growth of capital [BULLET]Are investing for goals several years away [BULLET]Own or plan to own other types of investments for diversification purposes [BULLET]Can assume above-average market risk

This Fund may NOT be appropriate for investors who are unable to tolerate frequent up and down price changes, are investing for short-term goals or who are in need of current income.

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#### OTHER INVESTMENT PRACTICES

The Fund may also engage in the following investment practices, when consistent with the Fund's overall objective and policies. These practices, and certain associated risks, are more fully described in the SAI. Foreign Securities.

The Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in foreign securities, including Depositary Receipts, which are described below. Since foreign securities are normally denominated and traded in foreign currencies, the values of the Fund's foreign investments may be influenced by currency exchange rates and exchange control regulations. There may be less information publicly available about foreign issuers than U.S. issuers, and they are not generally subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices comparable to those in the U.S. Foreign securities may be less liquid and more volatile than comparable U.S. securities. Foreign settlement procedures and trade regulations may involve certain expenses and risks. One risk would be the delay in payment or delivery of securities or in the recovery of the Fund's assets held abroad. It is possible that nationalization or expropriation of assets, imposition of currency exchange controls, taxation by withholding Fund assets, political or financial instability and diplomatic developments could affect the value of the Fund's investments in certain foreign countries. Foreign laws may restrict the ability to invest in certain countries or issuers and special tax considerations will apply to foreign securities. The risks can increase if the Fund invests in emerging market securities.

The Fund may invest its assets in securities of foreign issuers in the form of American Depositary Receipts, European Depositary Receipts, Global Depositary Receipts or other similar securities representing securities of foreign issuers (collectively, "Depositary Receipts"). The Fund treats Depositary Receipts as interests in the underlying securities for purposes of its investment policies. The Fund will limit its investment in Depositary Receipts not sponsored by the issuer of the underlying securities to no more than 5% of the value of its net assets (at the time of investment).

U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS. U.S. Government obligations include obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities.

MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest in cash or high-quality,

short-term money market instruments. These instruments may include U.S. Government securities, commercial paper of domestic and foreign issuers and obligations of domestic and foreign banks. Investments in foreign money market instruments may involve certain risks associated with foreign investment.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS, SECURITIES LOANS AND FORWARD COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into agreements to purchase and resell securities at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund also has the ability to lend portfolio securities in an amount equal to not more than 30% of its total assets to generate additional income. These transactions must be

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fully collateralized at all times. The Fund may purchase securities for delivery at a future date, which may increase its overall investment exposure and involves a risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction.

BORROWINGS AND REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. The Fund may borrow money from banks for temporary or short-term purposes, but will not borrow money to buy additional securities, known as "leveraging." The Fund may also sell and simultaneously commit to repurchase a portfolio security at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund may use this practice to generate cash for shareholder redemptions without selling securities in a down market. Whenever the Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will establish a segregated account in which it will maintain liquid assets on a daily basis in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest). The Fund would be required to pay interest on amounts obtained through reverse repurchase agreements, which are considered borrowings under federal securities laws.

STAND-BY COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into put transactions, including those sometimes referred to as stand-by commitments, with respect to securities in its portfolio. In these transactions, the Fund would acquire the right to sell a security at an agreed upon price within a specified period prior to its maturity date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction. Put transactions will increase the cost of the underlying security and consequently reduce the available yield.

CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in convertible securities, which are securities generally offering fixed interest or dividend yields which may be converted either at a stated price or stated rate for common or preferred stock. Although to a lesser extent than with fixed-income securities generally, the market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase, and increase as interest rates decline. Because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities also tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying common or preferred stock.

OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its total assets in shares of other investment companies when consistent with its investment objective and policies, subject to applicable regulatory limitations. Additional fees may be charged by other investment companies.

STRIPS. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in stripped obligations (i.e., separately traded

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principal and interest components of securities) where the underlying obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, including instruments known as "STRIPS". The value of these instruments tends to fluctuate more in response to changes in interest rates than the value of ordinary interest-paying debt securities with similar maturities. The risk is greater when the period to maturity is longer.

DERIVATIVES AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest its assets in derivative and related instruments to hedge various market risks or to increase the Fund's income or gain. Some of these instruments will be subject to asset segregation requirements to cover the Fund's obligations. The Fund may (i)

purchase, write and exercise call and put options on securities and securities indexes (including using options in combination with securities, other options or derivative instruments); (ii) enter into swaps, futures contracts and options on futures contracts; (iii) employ forward currency contracts; and (iv) purchase and sell structured products, which are instruments designed to restructure or reflect the characteristics of certain other investments.

There are a number of risks associated with the use of derivatives and related instruments and no assurance can be given that any strategy will succeed. The value of certain derivatives or related instruments in which the Fund invests may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing economic conditions and market value. The ability of the Fund to successfully utilize these instruments may depend in part upon the ability of its advisers to forecast these factors correctly. Inaccurate forecasts could expose the Fund to a risk of loss. There can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in a hedging instrument and in the portfolio assets being hedged. The Fund is not required to use any hedging strategies. Hedging strategies, while reducing risk of loss, can also reduce the opportunity for gain. Derivatives transactions not involving hedging may have speculative characteristics, involve leverage and result in losses that may exceed the original investment of the Fund. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Fund seeks to close out a derivatives position. Activities of large traders in the futures and securities markets involving arbitrage, "program trading," and other investment strategies may cause price distortions in derivatives markets. In certain instances, particularly those involving over-the-counter transactions or forward contracts, there is a greater potential that a counterparty or broker may default. In the event of a default, the Fund may experience a loss. For additional information concerning derivatives, related instruments and the associated risks, see the SAI.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER. The frequency of the Fund's buy and sell transactions will vary from year to year. The Fund's investment policies may lead to frequent changes in investments, particularly in periods of rapidly changing market conditions.

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High portoflio turnover rates would generally result in higher transaction costs, including brokerage commissions or dealer mark-ups, and would make it more difficult for the Fund to qualify as a registered investment company under federal tax law. See "How Distributions are Made; Tax Information."

#### LIMITING INVESTMENT RISKS

Specific investment restrictions help the Fund limit investment risks for its shareholders. These restrictions prohibit the Fund from: (a) with respect to 75% of its total assets, holding more than 10% of the voting securities of any issuer or investing more than 5% of its total assets in the securities of any one issuer (other than U.S. Government obligations); (b) investing more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (which include securities restricted as to resale unless they are determined to be readily marketable in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees); or (c) investing more than 25% of its total assets in any one industry. A complete description of these and other investment policies is included in the SAI. Except for restriction (c) above and investment policies designated as fundamental in the SAI, the Fund's investment policies (including its investment objective) are not fundamental. The Trustees may change any nonfundamental investment policy without shareholder approval.

# RISK FACTORS

The Fund does not constitute a balanced or complete investment program, and the net asset value of its shares will fluctuate based on the value of the securities in the Fund's portfolio. The Fund is subject to the general risks and considerations associated with equity investing.

For a discussion of certain other risks associated with the Fund's additional investment activities, see "Other Investment Practices" above.

#### MANAGEMENT

The Fund's Advisers

The Chase Manhattan Bank ("Chase") is the Fund's investment adviser under an

Investment Advisory Agreement and has overall responsibility for investment decisions of the Fund, subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees. Chase is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation, a bank holding company. CHASE AND ITS PREDECESSORS HAVE OVER 100 YEARS OF MONEY MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE.

For its investment advisory services to the Fund, Chase is entitled to receive an annual fee computed daily and paid monthly based at an annual rate equal to 0.40% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Chase is located at 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Chase Asset Management, Inc. ("CAM"), a registered investment adviser, is the Fund's sub-investment adviser under a Sub- Investment Advisory Agreement between CAM and Chase. CAM is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Chase. CAM makes investment decisions for the Fund on a day-to-day basis. For these services, CAM is entitled to receive a fee, payable by

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Chase from its advisory fee, at annual rate equal to 0.20% of the Fund's average daily net assets. CAM was recently formed for the purpose of providing discretionary investment advisory services to institutional clients and to consolidate Chase's investment management function. The same individuals who serve as portfolio managers for Chase also serve as portfolio managers for CAM. CAM is located at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

PORTFOLIO MANAGER. David Klassen, Director, U.S. Funds Management and Equity Research of Domestic Equity Management at Chase, is responsible for asset allocation and investment strategy for Chase's domestic equity portfolios. Mr. Klassen joined Chase in March 1992. Prior to joining Chase, Mr. Klassen was a vice president and portfolio manager at Dean Witter Reynolds, responsible for managing several mutual funds and other accounts.

Greg Adams, a Senior Portfolio Manager at Chase, has been primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund since February 1994. Mr. Adams joined Chase in 1987 and is also a manager of the Vista Growth and Income Fund and Vista Balanced Fund. In addition, Mr. Adams has been responsible for overseeing the proprietary computer model program used in the U.S. equity selection process. Tracy Hutt, an Associate Portfolio Manager at Chase, participates in the management of the Fund. Prior to joining Chase in 1995, Ms. Hutt spent two years at the Bank of New York analyzing consumer and health care companies. Prior to joining Bank of New York, Ms. Hutt spent four years at ABN-AMRO Bank as a U.S. equity generalist and portfolio manager.

HOW TO PURCHASE, REDEEM AND EXCHANGE SHARES

How to Purchase Shares

Institutional Shares may be purchased through selected financial service firms, such as broker-dealer firms and banks ("Dealers") who have entered into a selected dealer agreement with the Fund's distributor on each business day during which the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading ("Fund Business Day"). Qualified investors are defined as institutions, trusts, partnerships, corporations, qualified and other retirement plans and fiduciary accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which exercises investment authority over such accounts. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order or cease offering shares for purchase at any time.

Institutional Shares are purchased at their public offering price, which is their next determined net asset value. Orders received by Dealers in proper form prior to the New York Stock Exchange closing time are confirmed at that day's net asset value, provided the order is received by the Vista Service Center prior to its close of business. Dealers are responsible for forwarding orders for the purchase of shares on a timely basis. Institutional Shares will be maintained in book entry form and share certificates will not be issued. Management reserves the

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right to refuse to sell shares of the Fund to any institution.

Federal regulations require that each investor provide a certified Taxpayer Identification Number upon opening an account.

#### MINIMUM INVESTMENTS

The Fund has established a minimum initial investment amount of \$1,000,000 for the purchase of Institutional Shares. There is no minimum for subsequent investments. Purchases of Institutional Shares offered by other non-money market Vista funds may be aggregated with purchases of Institutional Shares of the Fund to meet the \$1,000,000 minimum initial investment amount requirement.

#### HOW TO REDEEM SHARES

You may redeem all or any portion of the shares in your account at any time at the net asset value next determined after a redemption request in proper form is furnished by you to your Dealer and transmitted to and received by the Vista Service Center. A wire redemption may be requested by telephone to the Vista Service Center. For telephone redemptions, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-622-4273.

In making redemption requests, the names of the registered shareholders on your account and your account number must be supplied, along with any certificates that represent shares you want to sell. The price you will receive is the next net asset value calculated after the Fund receives your request in proper form. In order to receive that day's net asset value, the Vista Service Center must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

DELIVERY OF PROCEEDS. The Fund generally sends you payment for your shares by wire in federal funds on the business day after your request is received in proper form. Under unusual circumstances, the Fund may suspend redemptions, or postpone payment for more than seven days, as permitted by federal securities law.

TELEPHONE REDEMPTIONS. You may use Vista's Telephone Redemption Privilege to redeem shares from your account unless you have notified the Vista Service Center of an address change within the preceding 30 days. Telephone redemption requests in excess of \$25,000 will only be made by wire to a bank account on record with the Fund. Unless an investor indicates otherwise on the account application, the Fund will be authorized to act upon redemption and transfer instructions received by telephone from a shareholder, or any person claiming to act as his or her representative, who can provide the Fund with his or her account registration and address as it appears on the Fund's records.

The Vista Service Center will employ these and other reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine; if it fails to employ reasonable procedures, the Fund may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. An investor agrees, however, that to the extent permitted by applicable law, neither the Fund nor its agents will be liable

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for any loss, liability, cost or expense arising out of any redemption request, including any fraudulent or unauthorized request. For information, consult the Vista Service Center.

During periods of unusual market changes and shareholder activity, you may experience delays in contacting the Vista Service Center by telephone. In this event, you may wish to submit a written redemption request or contact your Dealer. The Telephone Redemption Privilege may be modified or terminated without notice.

SELLING SHARES THROUGH YOUR DEALER. Your Dealer must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's net asset value. Your Dealer will be responsible for furnishing all necessary documentation to the Vista Service Center, and may charge you for its services.

INVOLUNTARY REDEMPTION OF ACCOUNTS. The Fund may involuntarily redeem your shares if at such time the aggregate net asset value of the shares in your account is less than \$1,000,000. In the event of any such redemption, you will receive at least 60 days notice prior to the redemption.

# HOW TO EXCHANGE YOUR SHARES

You can exchange your shares for Institutional Shares of certain other Vista funds at net asset value beginning  $15~\mathrm{days}$  after purchase. Not all Vista

funds offer Institutional Shares. The prospectus of the other Vista fund into which shares are being exchanged should be read carefully prior to any exchange and retained for future reference.

For federal income tax purposes, an exchange is treated as a sale of shares and generally results in a capital gain or loss.

EXCHANGING BY PHONE. A Telephone Exchange Privilege is currently available. Call the Vista Service Center for procedures for telephone transactions. Ask your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for prospectuses of other Vista funds. Shares of certain Vista funds are not available to residents of all states

EXCHANGE PARAMETERS. The exchange privilege is not intended as a vehicle for short-term trading. Excessive exchange activity may interfere with portfolio management and have an adverse effect on all shareholders. In order to limit excessive exchange activity and in other circumstances where Vista management or the Trustees believe doing so would be in the best interests of the Fund, the Fund reserves the right to revise or terminate the exchange privilege, limit the amount or number of exchanges or reject any exchange. In addition, any shareholder who makes more than ten exchanges of shares involving the Fund in a year or three in a calendar quarter will be charged a \$5.00 administration fee for each such exchange. Shareholders would be notified of any such action to the extent required by law. Consult the Vista Service Center before requesting an exchange. The exchange privilege is subject to change or termination. See the SAI to find out more about the exchange privilege.

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#### HOW THE FUND VALUES ITS SHARES

The net asset value of each class of the Fund's shares is determined once daily based upon prices determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, however, options are priced at 4:15 p.m., Eastern time), on each Fund Business Day, by dividing the net assets of the Fund attributable to that class by the total number of outstanding shares of that class. Values of assets held by the Fund are determined on the basis of their market or other fair value, as described in the SAT

HOW DISTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE; TAX INFORMATION

The Fund distributes any net investment income at least quarterly and any net realized capital gains at least annually. Capital gains are distributed after deducting any available capital loss carryovers.

DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT OPTION. You can choose from three distribution options: (1) reinvest all distributions in additional Fund shares; (2) receive distributions from net investment income in cash or by Automated Clearing House (ACH) to a pre-established bank account while reinvesting capital gains distributions in additional shares; or (3) receive all distributions in cash or by ACH. You can change your distribution option by notifying the Vista Service Center in writing. If you do not select an option when you open your account, all distributions will be reinvested. All distributions not paid in cash or by ACH will be reinvested in shares of the same share class. You will receive a statement confirming reinvestment of distributions in additional Fund shares promptly following the quarter in which the reinvestment occurs.

If a check representing a Fund distribution is not cashed within a specified period, the Vista Service Center will notify you that you have the option of requesting another check or reinvesting the distribution in the Fund or in another Vista fund without a sales charge. If the Vista Service Center does not receive your election, the distribution will be reinvested in the Fund. Similarly, if the Fund or the Vista Service Center sends you correspondence returned as "undeliverable," distributions will automatically be reinvested in the Fund

The Fund intends to qualify as a "regulated investment company" for federal income tax purposes and to meet all other requirements that are necessary for it to be relieved of federal taxes on income and gains it distributes to shareholders. The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gain net income on a current basis. If the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company for any taxable year or does not make such distributions, the Fund will be subject to tax on all of its income and gains.

TAXATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS. Fund distributions other than net long-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions of net long-term capital gains will be taxable as such, regardless of how long you have held the shares. The taxation of your

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distribution is the same whether received in cash or in shares through the reinvestment of distributions.

A portion of the ordinary income dividends paid by the Fund may qualify for the 70% dividends- received deduction for corporate shareholders.

You should carefully consider the tax implications of purchasing shares just prior to a distribution. This is because you will be taxed on the entire amount of the distribution received, even though the net asset value per share will be higher on the date of such purchase as it will include the distribution amount.

Early in each calendar year the Fund will notify you of the amount and tax status of distributions paid to you by the Fund for the preceding year.

The above is only a summary of certain federal income tax consequences of investing in the Fund. You should consult your tax adviser to determine the precise effect of an investment in the Fund on your particular tax situation (including possible liability for state and local taxes and, for foreign shareholders, U.S. withholding taxes).

OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FUND

#### SHAREHOLDER SERVICING AGENTS

The Trust has entered into shareholder servicing agreements with certain shareholder servicing agents (including Chase) under which the shareholder servicing agents have agreed to provide certain support services to their customers who beneficially own Institutional Shares of the Fund. These services include assisting with purchase and redemption transactions, maintaining shareholder accounts and records, furnishing customer statements, transmitting shareholder reports and communications to customers and other similar shareholder liaison services. For performing these services, each shareholder servicing agent receives an annual fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Institutional Shares of the Fund held by investors for whom the shareholder servicing agent maintains a servicing relationship. Shareholder servicing agents may subcontract with other parties for the provision of shareholder support services.

Shareholder servicing agents may offer additional services to their customers, such as pre-authorized or systematic purchase and redemption plans. Each shareholder servicing agent may establish its own terms and conditions, including limitations on the amounts of subsequent transactions, with respect to such services. Certain shareholder servicing agents may (although they are not required by the Trust to do so) credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees an amount not exceeding such other fees or the fees for their services as shareholder servicing agents.

Chase and/or VFD may from time to time, at their own expense out of compensation retained by them from the Fund or other sources available to them, make additional payments to certain selected dealers or other shareholder servicing agents for performing administrative services for their customers. These services

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include maintaining account records, processing orders to purchase, redeem and exchange Fund shares and responding to certain customer inquiries. The amount of such compensation may be up to an additional 0.10% annually of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to shares of the Fund held by customers of such shareholder servicing agents. Such compensation does not represent an additional expense to the Fund or its shareholders, since it

will be paid by Chase and/or VFD.

#### ADMINISTRATOR

Chase acts as administrator of the Fund and is entitled to receive a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

SUB-ADMINISTRATOR AND DISTRIBUTOR

Vista Fund Distributors, Inc. ("VFD") acts as the Fund's sub-administrator and distributor. VFD is a subsidiary of The BISYS Group, Inc. and is unaffiliated with Chase. For the sub-administrative services it performs, VFD is entitled to receive a fee from the Fund at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of the Fund's average daily net assets. VFD has agreed to use a portion of this fee to pay for certain expenses incurred in connection with organizing new series of the Trust and certain other ongoing expenses of the Trust. VFD is located at 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10178.

#### CUSTODIAN

Chase acts as the Fund's custodian and fund accountant and receives compensation under an agreement with the Trust. Fund securities and cash may be held by sub-custodian banks if such arrangements are reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

#### EXPENSES

The Fund pays the expenses incurred in its operations, including its pro rata share of expenses of the Trust. These expenses include investment advisory and administrative fees; the compensation of the Trustees; registration fees; interest charges; taxes; expenses connected with the execution, recording and settlement of security transactions; fees and expenses of the Fund's custodian for all services to the Fund, including safekeeping of funds and securities and maintaining required books and accounts; expenses of preparing and mailing reports to investors and to government offices and commissions; expenses of meetings of investors; fees and expenses of independent accountants, of legal counsel and of any transfer agent, registrar or dividend disbursing agent of the Trust; insurance premiums; and expenses of calculating the net asset value of, and the net income on, shares of the Fund. Shareholder servicing and distribution fees are allocated to specific classes of the Fund. In addition, the Fund may allocate transfer agency and certain other expenses by class. Service providers to the Fund may, from time to time, voluntarily waive all or a portion of any fees to which they are entitled.

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# ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SHARES

The Fund is a portfolio of Mutual Fund Group, an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust in 1987 (the "Trust"). Prior to May 6, 1996, the Fund was known as the Vista Equity Fund. The Trust has reserved the right to create and issue additional series and classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The shares of each series or class participate equally in the earnings, dividends and assets of the particular series or class. Shares have no pre-emptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each whole share held, and each fractional share shall be entitled to a proportionate fractional vote, except that Trust shares held in the treasury of the Trust shall not be voted. Shares of each class of the Fund generally vote together except when required under federal securities laws to vote separately on matters that only affect a particular class, such as the approval of distribution plans for a particular class.

The Fund issues multiple classes of shares. This Prospectus relates only to Institutional Shares of the Fund, one class of shares offered by the Fund. Institutional Shares may be purchased only by qualified investors that make an initial investment of \$1,000,000 or more. "Qualified investors" are defined as institutions, trusts, partnerships, corporations, qualified and other retirement plans and fiduciary accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which exercises investment authority over such accounts. The Fund offers other classes of shares in addition to these classes. The categories of investors that are eligible to purchase shares may differ for each class of Fund shares. In addition, other classes of Fund shares may be subject to differences in sales charge arrangements, ongoing

distribution and service fee levels, and levels of certain other expenses, which will affect the relative performance of the different classes. Investors may call 1-800-622-4273 to obtain additional information about other classes of shares of the Fund that are offered. Any person entitled to receive compensation for selling or servicing shares of the Fund may receive different levels of compensation with respect to one class of shares over another

The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the general direction and supervision of its Board of Trustees. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders but will hold special meetings of shareholders of all series or classes when in the judgment of the Trustees it is necessary or desirable to submit matters for a shareholder vote. The Trustees will promptly call a meeting of shareholders to remove a trustee(s) when requested to do so in writing by record holders of not less than 10% of all outstanding shares of the Trust.

Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the risk

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of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Trust itself was unable to meet its obligations.

Unique Characteristics of Master/Feeder Fund Structure

Unlike other mutual funds which directly acquire and manage their own portfolio securities, the Fund is permitted to invest all of its investable assets in a separate registered investment company (a "Portfolio"). In that event, a shareholder's interest in the Fund's underlying investment securities would be indirect. In addition to selling a beneficial interest to the Fund, a Portfolio could also sell beneficial interests to other mutual funds or institutional investors. Such investors would invest in such Portfolio on the same terms and conditions and would pay a proportionate share of such Portfolio's expenses. However, other investors in a Portfolio would not be required to sell their shares at the same public offering price as the Fund, and might bear different levels of ongoing expenses than the Fund. Shareholders of the Fund should be aware that these differences may result in differences in returns experienced in the different funds that invest in a Portfolio. Such differences in return are also present in other mutual fund structures.

Smaller funds investing in a Portfolio could be materially affected by the actions of larger funds investing in the Portfolio. For example, if a large fund were to withdraw from a Portfolio, the remaining funds might experience higher pro rata operating expenses, thereby producing lower returns. Additionally, the Portfolio could become less diverse, resulting in increased portfolio risk. However, this possibility also exists for traditionally structured funds which have large or institutional investors. Funds with a greater pro rata ownership in a Portfolio could have effective voting control of such Portfolio. Under this master/feeder investment approach, whenever the Trust was requested to vote on matters pertaining to a Portfolio, the Trust would hold a meeting of shareholders of the Fund and would cast all of its votes in the same proportion as did the Fund's shareholders. Shares of the Fund for which no voting instructions had been received would be voted in the same proportion as those shares for which voting instructions had been received. Certain changes in a Portfolio's objective, policies or restrictions might require the Trust to withdraw the Fund's interest in such Portfolio. Any such withdrawal could result in a distribution in kind of portfolio securities (as opposed to a cash distribution from such Portfolio). The Fund could incur brokerage fees or other transaction costs in converting such securities to cash. In addition, a distribution in kind could result in a less diversified portfolio of investments or adversely affect the liquidity of the Fund.

The same individuals who are disinterested Trustees of the Trust serve as Trustees of the Portfolio. The Trustees of the Trust, including a majority of the disinterested Trustees, have adopted procedures they believe are reasonably

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appropriate to deal with resulting potential conflicts of interest, up to and including creating a separate Board of Trustees.

If the Fund invests all of its investable assets in a Portfolio, investors in the Fund will be able to obtain information about whether investment in the Portfolio might be available through other funds by contacting the Fund at 1-800-622-4273. In the event the Fund adopts a master/feeder structure and invests all of its investable assets in a Portfolio, shareholders of the Fund will be given at least 30 days' prior written notice.

#### PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The Fund's investment performance may from time to time be included in advertisements about the Fund. Performance is calculated separately for each class of shares, in the manner described in the SAI. "Yield" for each class of shares is calculated by dividing the annualized net investment income per share during a recent 30-day period by the maximum public offering price per share of such class on the last day of that period.

"Total return" for the one-, five- and ten-year periods (or since inception, if shorter) through the most recent calendar quarter represents the average annual compounded rate of return on an investment of \$1,000 in the Fund invested at the public offering price. Total return may also be presented for other periods.

All performance data is based on the Fund's past investment results and does not predict future performance. Investment performance, which will vary, is based on many factors, including market conditions, the composition of the Fund's portfolio, the Fund's operating expenses and which class of shares you purchase. Investment performance also often reflects the risks associated with the Fund's investment objectives and policies.

These factors should be considered when comparing the Fund's investment results to those of other mutual funds and other investment vehicles. Quotation of investment performance for any period when a fee waiver or expense limitation was in effect will be greater than if the waiver or limitation had not been in effect. The Fund's performance may be compared to other mutual funds, relevant indices and rankings prepared by independent services. See the SAI.

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Vista Family of Mutual Funds & Retirement Products

VISTA INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUNDS Southeast Asian Fund Japan Fund European Fund International Equity Fund

VISTA U.S. EQUITY FUNDS
Small Cap Equity Fund
The Growth Fund of Washington
Capital Growth Fund
Growth and Income Fund
Large Cap Equity Fund
Balanced Fund
Equity Income Fund

VISTA FIXED INCOME FUNDS Bond Fund U.S. Government Securities Fund U.S. Treasury Income Fund Short-Term Bond Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE FUNDS(1)
New York Tax Free Income Fund
California Intermediate Tax Free Fund
Tax Free Income Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(1,2)
New York Tax Free Money Market Fund
Connecticut Daily Tax Free Income Fund Select Shares(3)
New Jersey Daily Municipal Income Fund Select Shares(3)
Tax Free Money Market Fund California Tax Free Money Market Fund

VISTA TAXABLE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(2)
Cash Management Money Market Fund
Federal Money Market Fund
100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund
U.S. Government Money Market Fund
Treasury Plus Money Market Fund

VISTA RETIREMENT PRODUCTS
Vista Capital Advantage Variable Annuity(4)
Vista 401(k) Advantage

For complete information on the Vista Mutual Funds or Retirement Products, including information about fees and expenses, call your investment professional or  $1-800-34-{\rm VISTA}$  for a prospectus. Please read it carefully before you invest or send money.

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- (1) Some income may be subject to certain state and local taxes. A portion of the income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax for some investors.
- (2) An investment in a Money Market Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Yields will fluctuate, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per share.
- (3) Vista Select Shares of these funds are not a part of, or affiliated with, the Vista Family of Mutual Funds. Reich & Tang Distributors L.P. and New England Investment Companies L.P., which are unaffiliated with Chase, are the funds' distributor and investment adviser, respectively.
- (4) The variable annuity contract is issued by First SunAmerica Life Insurance Company in New York; in other states, but not necessarily all states, it is issued by Anchor National Life Insurance Company.

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PROSPECTUS

## VISTA(sm) SHORT-TERM BOND FUND Class A Shares Investment Strategy: Income

## February 28, 1997

This Prospectus explains concisely what you should know before investing. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. You can find more detailed information about the Fund in its February 28, 1997 Statement of Additional Information, as amended periodically (the "SAI"). For a free copy of the SAI, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA. The SAI has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION, NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

INVESTMENTS IN THE FUND ARE NOT BANK DEPOSITS OR OBLIGATIONS OF, OR GUARANTEED OR ENDORSED BY, THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES AND ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FDIC, THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY. INVESTMENTS IN MUTUAL FUNDS INVOLVE RISK, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE LOSS OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT INVESTED.

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# EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses are one of several factors to consider when investing. The following table summarizes your costs from investing in the Fund based on expenses incurred in the most recent fiscal year. The example shows the cumulative expenses attributable to a hypothetical \$1,000 investment over specified periods.

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<CAPTION> <S> <C> SHAREHOLDER TRANSACTION EXPENSES Maximum Sales Charge Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price) 1.50% Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (as a percentage of the lower of original purchase price or redemption proceeds) None ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES (as a percentage of average net assets) Investment Advisory Fee (after estimated waiver) \* 0.00% 12b-1 Fee (after estimated waiver) \* \*\* 0.08% Shareholder Servicing Fee 0.25% Other Expenses (after estimated waiver) \* 0.42% Total Fund Operating Expenses (after waivers of fees) \* 0.75%

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EXAMPLE

Your investment of \$1,000 would incur the following expenses,

assuming 5% annual return:	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
<s></s>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>
Class A Shares+				

 \$23 | \$39 | \$56 | \$107 |

- \* Reflects current waiver arrangements to maintain Total Fund Operating Expenses at the level indicated in the table above. Absent such waivers, the Investment Advisory Fee, 12b-1 Fee, and Other Expenses would be 0.25%, 0.25% and 0.50%, respectively, and Total Fund Operating Expenses would be 1.25%. Chase has agreed voluntarily to waive fees payable to it and/or reimburse expenses for a period of at least one year to the extent necessary to prevent Total Fund Operating Expenses of Class A shares of the Fund for such period from exceeding the amount indicated in the table.
- \*\* Long-term shareholders in mutual funds with 12b-1 fees, such as Class A shareholders of the Fund, may pay more than the economic equivalent of the maximum front-end sales charge permitted by rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.
- + Assumes deduction at the time of purchase of the maximum sales charge.

The table is provided to help you understand the expenses of investing in the Fund and your share of the operating expenses that the Fund incurs. The example should not be considered a representation of past or future expenses or returns; actual expenses and returns may be greater or less than shown.

Charges or credits, not reflected in the expense table above, may be incurred directly by customers of financial institutions in connection with an investment in the Fund. The Fund understands that Shareholder Servicing Agents may credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees amounts not exceeding such other fees or the fees received by the Shareholder Servicing Agent from the Fund with respect to those accounts. See "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

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#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The table set forth below provides selected per share data and ratios for one Class A Share outstanding throughout the period shown. This information is supplemented by financial statements and accompanying notes appearing in the Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, which is incorporated by reference into the SAI. Shareholders may obtain a copy of this annual report by contacting the Fund or their Shareholder Servicing Agent. The financial statements and notes, as well as the financial information set forth in the table below, has been audited by Price Waterhouse, independent accountants, whose report thereon is also included in the Annual Report to Shareholders.

VISTA SHORT-TERM BOND FUND

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PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period
Income From Investment Operations
Net Investment Income
Total from Investment Operations
Less dividends from net investment income
Net Asset Value, End of Period

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Total Return (1)
Ratios/Supplemental Data
Net Assets, End of Period (000 omitted)
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets#
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets#
Ratio of expenses without waivers and assumption of expenses
to average net assets#
Ratio of net investment income without waivers and assumption of expenses to average net assets#

# Annualized.

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\* Commencement of offering shares.

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#### FUND OBJECTIVE

Vista Short Term Bond Fund seeks a high level of current income, consistent with preservation of capital. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program, and there is no assurance it will achieve its objective.

INVESTMENT POLICIES

INVESTMENT APPROACH

The Fund will invest at least 65% of its total assets in bonds which have a maturity of three years or less, and the dollar weighted average maturity of its portfolio will not exceed three years. The Fund normally will invest substantially all of its assets in investment-grade fixed-income securities of all types. The maturity of securities with put features will be measured based on the next put date, and the maturity of mortgage- and asset-backed securities will be measured based upon their weighted average lives. Investment-grade fixed-income securities are securities rated in the category Baa or higher by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), or BBB or higher by Standard & Poor's Corporation ("S&P") or the equivalent by another national rating organization, and unrated securities determined by the Fund's advisers to be of comparable quality.

In making investment decisions for the Fund, its advisers consider many factors in addition to current yield, including preservation of capital, maturity and yield to maturity. They will adjust the Fund's investments in particular securities or types of securities based upon their appraisal of changing economic conditions and trends. The Fund's advisers may sell one security and purchase another security of comparable quality and maturity to take advantage of what they believe to be short-term differentials in market values or yield disparities.

Fixed-income securities in the Fund's portfolio may include, in any proportion, bonds, notes, mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities, government and government agency and instrumentality obligations, zero coupon securities, convertible securities and money market instruments, as discussed below.

The Fund is classified as a "diversified" fund under federal securities law.

Instead of investing directly in underlying securities, the Fund is authorized to seek to achieve its objective by investing all of its investable assets in an investment company having substantially the same investment objective and policies as the Fund.

WHO MAY WANT TO INVEST

This Fund may be most suitable for investors who . . .

- (bullet) Are seeking current income
- (bullet) Are investing for relatively short- term goals
- (bullet) Own or plan to own other types of investments for diversification purposes  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1$
- (bullet) Can assume a moderate degree of bond market risk

This Fund may NOT be appropriate for investors who are unable to tolerate any up and down price changes or who are in need of capital growth potential.

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#### OTHER INVESTMENT PRACTICES

The Fund may also engage in the following investment practices, when consistent with the Fund's overall objective and policies. These practices, and certain associated risks, are more fully described in the SAI.

MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest in cash or high-quality, short-term money market instruments. These may include U.S. Government securities, commercial paper of domestic and foreign issuers and obligations of domestic and foreign banks. Investments in foreign money market instruments may involve certain risks associated with foreign investment.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS, SECURITIES LOANS AND FORWARD COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into agreements to purchase and resell securities at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund also has the ability to lend portfolio securities in an amount equal to not more than 30% of its total assets to generate additional income. These transactions must be fully collateralized at all times. The Fund may purchase securities for delivery at a future date, which may increase its overall investment exposure and involves a risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction.

BORROWINGS AND REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. The Fund may borrow money from banks for temporary or short-term purposes, but will not borrow money to buy additional securities, known as "leveraging." The Fund may also sell and simultaneously commit to repurchase a portfolio security at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund may use this practice to generate cash for shareholder redemptions without selling securities in a down market. Whenever the Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will establish a segregated account in which it will maintain liquid assets on a daily basis in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest). The Fund would be required to pay interest on amounts obtained through reverse repurchase agreements, which are considered borrowings under federal securities laws.

STAND-BY COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into put transactions, including those sometimes referred to as stand-by commitments, with respect to securities in its portfolio. In these transactions, the Fund would acquire the right to sell a security at an agreed upon price within a specified period prior to its maturity date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction. A put transaction will increase the cost of the underlying security and consequently reduce the available yield.

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ZERO COUPON SECURITIES, PAYMENT-IN-KIND OBLIGATIONS AND STRIPPED OBLIGATIONS. The Fund may invest in zero coupon securities issued by governmental and private issuers. Zero coupon securities are debt securities that do not pay regular interest payments, and instead are sold at substantial discounts from their value at maturity. Payment-in- kind obligations are obligations on which the interest is payable in additional securities rather than cash. The Fund may also invest in stripped obligations, which are separately traded

principal and interest components of an underlying obligation. The value of these instruments tends to fluctuate more in response to changes in interest rates than the value of ordinary interest- paying debt securities with similar maturities. The risk is greater when the period to maturity is longer.

FLOATING AND VARIABLE RATE SECURITIES; PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES. The Fund may invest in floating rate securities, whose interest rates adjust automatically whenever a specified interest rate changes, and variable rate securities, whose interest rates are periodically adjusted. Certain of these instruments permit the holder to demand payment of principal and accrued interest upon a specified number of days' notice from either the issuer or a third party. The securities in which the Fund may invest include participation certificates and certificates of indebtedness or safekeeping. Participation certificates are pro rata interests in securities held by others; certificates of indebtedness or safekeeping are documentary receipts for such original securities held in custody by others. As a result of the floating or variable rate nature of these investments, the Fund's yield may decline and it may forego the opportunity for capital appreciation during periods when interest rates decline; however, during periods when interest rates increase, the Fund's yield may increase and it may have reduced risk of capital depreciation. Demand features on certain floating or variable rate securities may obligate the Fund to pay a "tender fee" to a third party. Demand features provided by foreign banks involve certain risks associated with foreign investments.

INVERSE FLOATERS AND INTEREST RATE CAPS. The Fund may invest in inverse floaters and in securities with interest rate caps. Inverse floaters are instruments whose interest rates bear an inverse relationship to the interest rate on another security or the value of an index. The market value of an inverse floater will vary inversely with changes in market interest rates, and will be more volatile in response to interest rates changes than that of a fixed-rate obligation. Interest rate caps are financial instruments under which payments occur if an interest rate index exceeds a certain predetermined interest rate level, known as the cap rate, which is tied to a specific index. These financial products will be more volatile in price than securities which do not include such a structure.

MORTGAGE-RELATED SECURITIES. The Fund may invest in mortgage-related securities. Mortgage pass-through securities are securities representing interests

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in "pools" of mortgages in which payments of both interest and principal on the securities are made monthly, in effect "passing through" monthly payments made by the individual borrowers on the residential mortgage loans which underlie the securities. Early repayment of principal on mortgage pass-through securities held by the Fund (due to prepayments of principal on the underlying mortgage loans) may result in a lower rate of return when the Fund reinvests such principal. In addition, as with callable fixed-income securities generally, if the Fund purchased the securities at a premium, sustained early repayment would limit the value of the premium. Like other fixed-income securities, when interest rates rise the value of a mortgage-related security generally will decline; however, when interest rates decline, the value of mortgage- related securities with prepayment features may not increase as much as other fixed-income, fixed-maturity securities which have no prepayment or call features.

Payment of principal and interest on some mortgage pass-through securities (but not the market value of the securities themselves) may be guaranteed by the U.S. Government, or by agencies or instrumentalities of the U.S. Government (which guarantees are supported only by the discretionary authority of the U.S. Government to purchase the agency's obligations). Certain mortgage pass-through securities created by nongovernmental issuers may be supported by various forms of insurance or guarantees, while other such securities may be backed only by the underlying mortgage collateral.

The Fund may also invest in investment grade Collateralized Mortgage Obligations ("CMOs"), which are hybrid instruments with characteristics of both mortgage-backed bonds and mortgage pass-through securities. Similar to a bond, interest and prepaid principal on a CMO are paid, in most cases, monthly. CMOs may be collateralized by whole residential or commercial mortgage loans but are more typically collateralized by portfolios of mortgage pass-through securities guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities. CMOs are structured into multiple classes,

with each class having a different expected average life and/or stated maturity. Monthly payments of principal, including prepayments, are allocated to different classes in accordance with the terms of the instruments, and changes in prepayment rates or assumptions may significantly affect the expected average life and value of a particular class.

The Fund may invest in principal-only or interest-only stripped mortgage-backed securities. Stripped mortgage-backed securities have greater volatility than other types of mortgage-related securities. Stripped mortgage-backed securities which are purchased at a substantial premium or discount generally are extremely sensitive not only to changes in prevailing interest rates but also to the rate of principal payments (including prepayments) on the related underlying mortgage assets, and a rapid rate of principal payments may have a material

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adverse effect on such securities' yield to maturity. In addition, stripped mortgage securities may be illiquid.

The Fund expects that governmental, government-related or private entities may create other mortgage-related securities in addition to those described above. As new types of mortgage-related securities are developed and offered to investors, the Fund will consider making investments in such securities.

DOLLAR ROLLS. The Fund may enter into mortgage "dollar rolls" in which the Fund sells mortgage-backed securities for delivery in the current month and simultaneously contracts to repurchase substantially similar (same type, coupon and maturity) securities on a specified future date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from completing the transaction.

ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES. The Fund may invest in asset-backed securities, which represent a participation in, or are secured by and payable from, a stream of payments generated by particular assets, most often a pool of assets similar to one another, such as motor vehicle receivables or credit card receivables.

OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its total assets in shares of other investment companies when consistent with its investment objective and policies, subject to applicable regulatory limitations. Additional fees may be charged by other investment companies.

DERIVATIVES AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest its assets in derivative and related instruments to hedge various market risks or to increase the Fund's income or gain. Some of these instruments will be subject to asset segregation requirements to cover the Fund's obligations. The Fund may (i) purchase, write and exercise call and put options on securities and securities indexes (including using options in combination with securities, other options or derivative instruments); (ii) enter into swaps, futures contracts and options on futures contracts; (iii) employ forward interest rate contracts; (iv) purchase and sell mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities; and (v) purchase and sell structured products, which are instruments designed to restructure or reflect the characteristics of certain other investments.

There are a number of risks associated with the use of derivatives and related instruments and no assurance can be given that any strategy will succeed. The value of certain derivatives or related instruments in which the Fund invests may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing economic conditions and market value. The ability of the Fund to successfully utilize these instruments may depend in part upon the ability of its advisers to forecast these factors correctly. Inaccurate forecasts could expose the Fund to a risk of loss. There can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in a hedging

instrument and in the portfolio assets being hedged. The Fund is not required to use any hedging strategies. Hedging strategies, while reducing risk of loss, can also reduce the opportunity for gain. Derivatives transactions not involving hedging may have speculative characteristics, involve leverage and result in losses that may exceed the original investment of the Fund. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Fund seeks to close out a derivatives position. Activities of large traders in the futures and securities markets involving arbitrage, "program trading," and other investment strategies may cause price distortions in derivatives markets. In certain instances, particularly those involving over-the-counter transactions or forward contracts, there is a greater potential that a counterparty or broker may default. In the event of a default, the Fund may experience a loss. For additional information concerning derivatives, related instruments and the associated risks, see the SAI.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVEr. The frequency of the Fund's buy and sell transactions will vary from year to year. The Fund's investment policies may lead to frequent changes in investments, particularly in periods of rapidly changing market conditions. High portfolio turnover rates would generally result in higher transaction costs, including dealer mark-ups, and would make it more difficult for the Fund to qualify as a registered investment company under federal tax law. See "How Distributions are Made; Tax Information."

#### LIMITING INVESTMENT RISKS

Specific investment restrictions help the Fund limit investment risks for its shareholders. These restrictions prohibit the Fund from: (a) with respect to 75% of its total assets, holding more than 10% of the voting securities of any issuer or investing more than 5% of its total assets in the securities of any one issuer (other than U.S. Government obligations); (b) investing more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (which include securities restricted as to resale unless they are determined to be readily marketable in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees); or (c) investing more than 25% of its total assets in any one industry. A complete description of these and other investment policies is included in the SAI. Except for the Fund's investment objective, restriction (c) above and investment policies designated as fundamental in the SAI, the Fund's investment policies are not fundamental. The Trustees may change any nonfundamental investment policy without shareholder approval.

## RISK FACTORS

The Fund does not constitute a balanced or complete investment program, and the net asset value of its shares will fluctuate based on the value of the securities in the Fund's portfolio. The Fund is subject to the general risks and considerations associated with the types of investments it may make, as described above, as well as the risks discussed herein.

The performance of the Fund depends in part on interest rate changes. As interest rates increase,

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the value of the fixed income securities held by the Fund tends to decrease. This effect will be more pronounced with respect to investments by the Fund in mortgage-related securities, the value of which are more sensitive to interest rate changes. Although the Fund invests at least 65% of its assets in bonds which have a maturity of less than three years, to the extent the Fund invests in securities with longer maturities, the volatility of the Fund in response to changes in interest rates can be expected to be greater than if the Fund had invested in comparable securities with shorter maturities. The performance of the Fund will also depend on the quality of its investments. While U.S. Government securities generally are of high quality, government securities that are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury may be affected by changes in the creditworthiness of the agency that issued them and the non-U.S. Government securities held by the Fund, while of investment-grade quality, may be of lesser credit quality. Securities rated in the category Baa by Moody's or BBB by S&P lack certain investment characteristics and may have speculative characteristics.

For a discussion of certain other risks associated with the Fund's additional investment activities, see "Other Investment Practices" above.

THE FUND'S ADVISERS

The Chase Manhattan Bank ("Chase") is the Fund's investment adviser under an Investment Advisory Agreement and has overall responsibility for investment decisions of the Fund, subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees. Chase is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation, a bank holding company. CHASE AND ITS PREDECESSORS HAVE OVER 100 YEARS OF MONEY MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE.

For its investment advisory services to the Fund, Chase is entitled to receive an annual fee computed daily and paid monthly based at an annual rate equal to 0.25% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Chase is located at 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Chase Asset Management, Inc. ("CAM"), a registered investment adviser, is the Fund's sub-investment adviser under a Sub- Investment Advisory Agreement between CAM and Chase. CAM is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Chase. CAM makes investment decisions for the Fund on a day-to-day basis. For these services, CAM is entitled to receive a fee, payable by Chase from its advisory fee, at an annual rate equal to 0.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets. CAM was recently formed for the purpose of providing discretionary investment advisory services to institutional clients and to consolidate Chase's investment management function. The same individuals who serve as portfolio managers for Chase also serve as portfolio managers for CAM. CAM is located at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS. Susan Huang, a Vice President and the Director of U.S. Fixed Income Management of Chase, has been

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responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund's portfolio since June 1996 Ms. Huang, is responsible for developing the allocation and risk management strategy for U.S. fixed income portfolios, and managing the institutional U.S. fixed income assets under management. Prior to joining Chase in June of 1995, Ms. Huang was Director of the Insurance Asset Management Group at Hyperion Capital Management Inc. Prior to joining Hyperion, Ms. Huang was a senior portfolio manager with CS First Boston. Prior to joining CS First Boston in 1992, Ms. Huang spent 14 years at The Equitable, where she worked in the pension consulting group and the U.S. Fixed Income Management Group. Ms. Huang is also a manager of the Vista Balanced Fund, Vista Bond Fund, Vista U.S. Government Securities Fund and Vista U.S. Treasury Income Fund. Andrew Russell, a Second Vice President of Chase, participates in the management of the Short-Term Bond Fund. Since joining Chase in 1990, Mr. Russell has held several positions within the U.S. Fixed Income area, including taxable fixed-income trader, assistant trader and portfolio analyst. Mr. Russell is a member of the U.S. Fixed Income area's quantitative research team where he specializes in the analysis of asset-backed securities.

HOW TO BUY, SELL, AND EXCHANGE SHARES

HOW TO BUY SHARES

You can open a Fund account with as little as \$2,500 for regular accounts or \$1,000 for IRAs, SEP-IRAs and the Systematic Investment Plan. Additional investments can be made at any time with as little as \$100. You can buy Fund shares three ways—through an investment representative, through the Fund's distributor, or through the Systematic Investment Plan.

All purchases made by check should be in U.S. dollars and made payable to the Vista Funds. Third party checks, credit cards and cash will not be accepted. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order or cease offering shares for purchase at any time. When purchases are made by check, redemptions will not be allowed until the check clears, which may take 15 calendar days or longer. In addition, the redemption of shares purchased through Automated Clearing House (ACH) will not be allowed until your payment

clears, which may take 7 business days or longer.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH THE FUND'S DISTRIBUTOR. Complete and return the enclosed application and your check in the amount you wish to invest to the Vista Service Center.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH SYSTEMATIC INVESTING. You can make regular investments of \$100 or more per transaction through automatic periodic deduction from your bank checking or savings account. Shareholders electing to start this Systematic Investment Plan when opening an account should complete Section 8 of the account application. Current shareholders may begin such a plan at any time by sending a signed letter and a deposit slip or voided check to the Vista Service Center. Call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions.

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Shares are purchased at the public offering price, which is based on the net asset value next determined after the Vista Service Center receives your order in proper form. In most cases, in order to receive that day's public offering price, the Vista Service Center must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange. If you buy shares through your investment representative, the representative must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's public offering price. Orders for shares are accepted by the Fund after funds are converted to federal funds. Orders paid by check and received by 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time will generally be available for the purchase of shares the following business day.

If you are considering redeeming or exchanging shares or transferring shares to another person shortly after purchase, you should pay for those shares with a certified check to avoid any delay in redemption, exchange or transfer. Otherwise the Fund may delay payment until the purchase price of those shares has been collected or, if you redeem by telephone, until 15 calendar days after the purchase date. To eliminate the need for safekeeping, the Fund will not issue certificates for your shares unless you request them.

## OFFERING PRICE

The public offering price of Class A shares is the net asset value plus a sales charge that varies depending on the size of your purchase. The Fund receives the net asset value. The sales charge is allocated between your broker-dealer and the Fund's distributor as shown in the following table, except when the Fund's distributor, in its discretion, allocates the entire amount to your broker-dealer.

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There is no initial sales charge on purchases of Class A shares of \$1 million or more.

# GENERAL

You may be eligible to buy Class A shares at reduced sales charges. Consult your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for details about Vista's combined purchase privilege, cumulative quantity discount, statement of intention, group sales plan, employee benefit plans, and other plans. Descriptions are also included in the enclosed application and in the SAI. In addition, sales charges are waived if you are using redemption proceeds received within the prior ninety days from non-Vista mutual funds to buy your shares, and on which you paid a front-end or contingent deferred sales charge.

Some participant-directed employee benefit plans participate in a "multi-fund" program which offers both Vista and non-Vista mutual funds. With Board of Trustee approval, the money that is invested in Vista Funds may be combined with the other mutual funds in the same program when determining the plan's eligibility to buy Class A shares without a sales charge. These investments will also be included for purposes of the discount privileges and programs described above.

The Fund may sell Class A at net asset value without an initial sales charge to the current and retired Trustees (and their immediate families), current and retired employees (and their immediate families) of Chase, the Fund's distributor and transfer agent or any affiliates or subsidiaries thereof, registered representatives and other employees (and their immediate families) of broker-dealers having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor, employees (and their immediate families) of financial institutions having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor (or otherwise having an arrangement with a broker-dealer or financial institution with respect to sales of Vista fund shares), financial institution trust departments investing an aggregate of \$1 million or more in the Vista Family of Funds and clients of certain administrators of tax-qualified plans when proceeds from repayments of loans to participants are invested (or reinvested) in the Vista Family of Funds.

No initial sales charge will apply to the purchase of the Fund's Class A shares if you are investing the proceeds of a qualified retirement plan where a portion of the plan was invested in the Vista Family of Funds, any qualified retirement plan with 50 or more participants, or an individual participant in a tax-qualified plan making a tax-free rollover or transfer of assets from the plan in which Chase or an affiliate serves as trustee or custodian of the plan or manages some portion of the plan's assets.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge through an investment adviser or financial planner that charges a fee for its services. Purchases of Class A shares of the Fund may be made with no initial sales charge (i) by an investment adviser, broker or financial planner, provided arrangements are preapproved and purchases are placed through an omnibus account with the Fund or (ii) by clients of such investment adviser or financial planner who place trades for their own accounts, if such accounts are linked to a master account of such investment adviser or financial planner on the books and records of the broker or agent. Such purchases may also be made for retirement and deferred compensation plans and trusts used to fund those plans.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge in accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which is acting as a fiduciary exercising investment discretion, provided that appropriate notification of such fiduciary relationship is reported at the time of the investment to the Fund, the Fund's distributor or the Vista Service Center.

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Shareholders of record of any Vista fund as of November 30, 1990 and certain immediate family members may purchase the Fund's Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own Class A shares of any Vista fund, provided there is no change in account registration. Shareholders of record of any portfolio of The Hanover Funds, Inc. or The Hanover Investment Funds, Inc. as of May 3, 1996 and certain related investors may purchase the Fund's Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own shares of any Vista fund following this date, provided there is no change in account registration.

The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge in connection with the acquisition by the Fund of assets of an investment company or personal holding company. The SAI contains additional information about purchasing the Fund's shares at reduced sales charges.

The Fund reserves the right to change any of these policies on purchases without an initial sales charge at any time and may reject any such purchase request.

For shareholders that bank with Chase, Chase may aggregate investments in the Vista Funds with balances held in Chase bank accounts for purposes of determining eligibility for certain bank privileges that are based on specified minimum balance requirements, such as reduced or no fees for certain banking services or preferred rates on loans and deposits. Chase and certain broker- dealers and other shareholder servicing agents may, at their own expense, provide gifts, such as computer software packages, guides and books related to investment or additional Fund shares valued up to \$250 to their customers that invest in the Vista Funds.

Shareholders of other Vista funds may be entitled to exchange their shares for, or reinvest distributions from their funds in, shares of the Fund at net asset value.

#### HOW TO SELL SHARES

You can sell your Fund shares any day the New York Stock Exchange is open, either directly to the Fund or through your investment representative. The Fund will only forward redemption payments on shares for which it has collected payment of the purchase price.

SELLING SHARES DIRECTLY TO THE FUND. Send a signed letter of instruction to the Vista Service Center, along with any certificates that represent shares you want to sell. The price you will receive is the next net asset value calculated after the Fund receives your request in proper form. In order to receive that day's net asset value, the Vista Service Center must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

If you sell shares having a net asset value of \$100,000 or more, the signatures of registered owners or their legal representatives must be guaranteed by a bank, broker-dealer or certain other financial institutions. See the SAI for more information about where to obtain a signature guarantee.

If you want your redemption proceeds sent to an address other

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than your address as it appears on Vista's records, a signature guarantee is required. The Fund may require additional documentation for the sale of shares by a corporation, partnership, agent or fiduciary, or a surviving joint owner. Contact the Vista Service Center for details.

DELIVERY OF PROCEEDS. The Fund generally sends you payment for your shares the business day after your request is received in proper form, assuming the Fund has collected payment of the purchase price of your shares. Under unusual circumstances, the Fund may suspend redemptions, or postpone payment for more than seven days, as permitted by federal securities law.

TELEPHONE REDEMPTIONS. You may use Vista's Telephone Redemption Privilege to redeem shares from your account unless you have notified the Vista Service Center of an address change within the preceding 30 days. Telephone redemption requests in excess of \$25,000 will only be made by wire to a bank account on record with the Fund. Unless an investor indicates otherwise on the account application, the Fund will be authorized to act upon redemption and transfer instructions received by telephone from a shareholder, or any person claiming to act as his or her representative, who can provide the Fund with his or her account registration and address as it appears on the Fund's records.

The Vista Service Center will employ these and other reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine; if it fails to employ reasonable procedures, the Fund may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. An investor agrees, however, that to the extent permitted by applicable law, neither the Fund nor its agents will be liable for any loss, liability, cost or expense arising out of any redemption request, including any fraudulent or unauthorized request. For information, consult the Vista Service Center.

During periods of unusual market changes and shareholder activity, you may experience delays in contacting the Vista Service Center by telephone. In this event, you may wish to submit a written redemption request, as described

above, or contact your investment representative. The Telephone Redemption Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. The Telephone Redemption Privilege may be modified or terminated without notice.

SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL. You can make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan. Call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions.

SELLING SHARES THROUGH YOUR INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVE. Your investment representative must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's net asset value. Your investment representative will be responsible for

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furnishing all necessary documentation to the Vista Service Center, and may charge you for its services.

INVOLUNTARY REDEMPTION OF ACCOUNTS. The Fund may involuntarily redeem your shares if at such time the aggregate net asset value of the shares in your account is less than \$500 or if you purchase through the Systematic Investment Plan and fail to meet the Fund's investment minimum within a twelve month period. In the event of any such redemption, you will receive at least 60 days notice prior to the redemption.

HOW TO EXCHANGE YOUR SHARES

You can exchange your shares for shares of the same class of certain other Vista funds at net asset value beginning 15 days after purchase. Not all Vista funds offer all classes of shares. The prospectus of the other Vista fund into which shares are being exchanged should be read carefully and retained for future reference.

For federal income tax purposes, an exchange is treated as a sale of shares and generally results in a capital gain or loss.

EXCHANGING BY PHONE. A Telephone Exchange Privilege is currently available. Call the Vista Service Center for procedures for telephone transactions. The Telephone Exchange Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. Ask your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for prospectuses of other Vista funds. Shares of certain Vista funds are not available to residents of all states.

EXCHANGE PARAMETERS. The exchange privilege is not intended as a vehicle for short-term trading. Excessive exchange activity may interfere with portfolio management and have an adverse effect on all shareholders. In order to limit excessive exchange activity and in other circumstances where Vista management or the Trustees believe doing so would be in the best interests of the Fund, the Fund reserves the right to revise or terminate the exchange privilege, limit the amount or number of exchanges or reject any exchange. In addition, any shareholder who makes more than ten exchanges of shares involving the Fund in a year or three in a calendar quarter will be charged a \$5.00 administration fee for each such exchange. Shareholders would be notified of any such action to the extent required by law. Consult the Vista Service Center before requesting an exchange. See the SAI to find out more about the exchange privilege.

REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE. Upon written request, Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value within 90 calendar days of the redemption. The reinstatement request must be accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption), and shares will be purchased at the next determined net asset value.

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HOW THE FUND VALUES ITS SHARES

The net asset value of each class of the Fund's shares is determined once daily based upon prices determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, however, options

are priced at 4:15 p.m., Eastern time), on each business day of the Fund, by dividing the net assets of the Fund attributable to that class by the total number of outstanding shares of that class. Values of assets held by the Fund are determined on the basis of their market or other fair value, as described in the SAI.

HOW DISTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE; TAX INFORMATION

The Fund declares dividends daily and distributes any net investment income at least monthly. The Fund distributes any net realized capital gains at least annually. Capital gains are distributed after deducting any available capital loss carryover.

DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT OPTION. You can choose fro three distribution options: (1) reinvest all distributions in additional Fund shares without a sales charge; (2) receive distributions from net investment income in cash or by ACH to a pre-established bank account while reinvesting capital gains distributions in additional shares without a sales charge; or (3) receive all distributions in cash or by ACH. You can change your distribution option by notifying the Vista Service Center in writing. If you do not select an option when you open your account, all distributions will be reinvested. All distributions not paid in cash or by ACH will be reinvested in shares of the same share class. You will receive a statement confirming reinvestment of distributions in additional Fund shares promptly following the quarter in which the reinvestment occurs.

If a check representing a Fund distribution is not cashed within a specified period, the Vista Service Center will notify you that you have the option of requesting another check or reinvesting the distribution in the Fund or in another Vista fund without a sales charge. If the Vista Service Center does not receive your election, the distribution will be reinvested in the Fund. Similarly, if the Fund or the Vista Service Center sends you corespondence returned as "undeliverable," distributions will automatically be reinvested in the Fund.

The Fund intends to qualify as a "regulated investment company" for federal income tax purposes and to meet all other requirements that are necessary for it to be relieved of federal taxes on income and gains it distributes to shareholders. The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gain net income on a current basis. If the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company for any taxable year or does not make such distributions, the Fund will be subject to tax on all of its income and gains.

TAXATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS. Fund distributions other than net long-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions of net long-term capital gains will be taxable as such,

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regardless of how long you have held the shares. The taxation of your distribution is the same whether received in cash or in shares through the reinvestment of distributions.

You should carefully consider the tax implications of purchasing shares just prior to a distribution. This is because you will be taxed on the entire amount of the distribution received, even though the net asset value per share will be higher on the date of such purchase as it will include the distribution amount

Early in each calendar year the Fund will notify you of the amount and tax status of distributions paid to you by the Fund for the preceding year.

The above is only a summary of certain federal income tax consequences of investing in the Fund. You should consult your tax adviser to determine the precise effect of an investment in the Fund on your particular tax situation (including possible liability for state and local taxes and, for foreign shareholders, U.S. withholding taxes).

#### DISTRIBUTION PLAN

The Fund's distributor is Vista Fund Distributors, Inc. ("VFD"). VFD is a subsidiary of The BISYS Group, Inc. and is unaffiliated with Chase. The Trust has adopted Rule 12b-1 distribution plan for Class A shares, which provides for the payment of distribution fees at annual rates of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets attributable to Class A shares of the Fund. Payments under the distribution plans shall be used to compensate or reimburse the Fund's distributor and broker-dealers for services provided and expenses incurred in connection with the sale of Class A shares, and are not tied to the amount of actual expenses incurred. Payments may be used to compensate broker-dealers with trail or maintenance commissions at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of the average daily net asset value of Class A shares invested in the Fund by customers of these broker-dealers. Trail or maintenance commissions are paid to broker-dealers beginning the 13th month following the purchase of shares by their customers. Promotional activities intended for sale of Class A shares will be conducted generally by the Vista Family of Funds, and activities intended to promote the Fund's Class A shares may also benefit the Fund's other shares and other Vista funds.

VFD may provide promotional incentives to broker-dealers that meet specified sales targets for one or more Vista funds. These incentives may include gifts of up to \$100 per person annually; an occasional meal, ticket to a sporting event or theater for entertainment for broker-dealers and their guests; and payment or reimbursement for travel expenses, including lodging and meals, in connection with attendance at training and educational meetings within and outside the U.S.

#### SHAREHOLDER SERVICING AGENTS

The Trust has entered into shareholder servicing agreements with certain shareholder servicing agents (including Chase) under which the shareholder servicing agents have agreed to provide certain

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support services to their customers who beneficially own Class A shares of the Fund. These services include assisting with purchase and redemption transactions, maintaining shareholder accounts and records, furnishing customer statements, transmitting shareholder reports and communications to customers and other similar shareholder liaison services. For performing these services, each shareholder servicing agent receives an annual fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Class A shares of the Fund held by investors for whom the shareholder servicing agent maintains a servicing relationship. Shareholder servicing agents may subcontract with other parties for the provision of shareholder support services.

Shareholder servicing agents may offer additional services to their customers, such as pre-authorized or systematic purchase and redemption plans. Each shareholder servicing agent may establish its own terms and conditions, including limitations on the amounts of subsequent transactions, with respect to such services. Certain shareholder servicing agents may (although they are not required by the Trust to do so) credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees an amount not exceeding such other fees or the fees for their services as shareholder servicing agents.

Chase and/or VFD may from time to time, at their own expense out of compensation retained by them from the Fund or other sources available to them, make additional payments to certain selected dealers or other shareholder servicing agents for performing administrative services for their customers. These services include maintaining account records, processing orders to purchase, redeem and exchange Fund shares and responding to certain customer inquiries. The amount of such compensation may be up to an additional 0.10% annually of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to shares of the Fund held by customers of such shareholder servicing agents. Such compensation does not represent an additional expense to the Fund or its shareholders, since it will be paid by Chase and/or VFD.

# ADMINISTRATOR AND SUB-ADMINISTRATOR

Chase acts as administrator of the Fund and is entitled to receive a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

VFD provides certain sub-administrative services to the Fund pursuant to a distribution and sub-administration agreement and is entitled to receive a fee for these services from the Fund at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of the Fund's average daily net assets. VFD has agreed to use a portion of this fee to pay for certain expenses incurred in connection with organizing new series of the Trust and certain other ongoing expenses of the Trust. VFD is located at 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10178.

#### CUSTODIAN

Chase acts as the Fund's custodian and fund accountant and receives compensation under an agreement with the Trust. Fund securities and

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cash may be held by sub-custodian banks if such arrangements are reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

#### EXPENSES

The Fund pays the expenses incurred in its operations, including its pro rata share of expenses of the Trust. These expenses include investment advisory and administrative fees; the compensation of the Trustees; registration fees; interest charges; taxes; expenses connected with the execution, recording and settlement of security transactions; fees and expenses of the Fund's custodian for all services to the Fund, including safekeeping of funds and securities and maintaining required books and accounts; expenses of preparing and mailing reports to investors and to government offices and commissions; expenses of meetings of investors; fees and expenses of independent accountants, of legal counsel and of any transfer agent, registrar or dividend disbursing agent of the Trust; insurance premiums; and expenses of calculating the net asset value of, and the net income on, shares of the Fund. Shareholder servicing and distribution fees are allocated to specific classes of the Fund. In addition, the Fund may allocate transfer agency and certain other expenses by class. Service providers to the Fund may, from time to time, voluntarily waive all or a portion of any fees to which they are entitled.

# ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SHARES

The Fund is a portfolio of Mutual Fund Group, an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust in 1987 (the "Trust"). The Trust has reserved the right to create and issue additional series and classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The shares of each series or class participate equally in the earnings, dividends and assets of the particular series or class. Shares have no preemptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each whole share held, and each fractional share shall be entitled to a proportionate fractional vote, except that Trust shares held in the treasury of the Trust shall not be voted. Shares of each class of the Fund generally vote together except when required under federal securities laws to vote separately on matters that only affect a particular class, such as the approval of distribution plans for a particular class.

The Fund issues multiple classes of shares. This Prospectus relates only to Class A and Class B shares of the Fund. The Fund offers other classes of shares in addition to this class. The categories of investors that are eligible to purchase shares and minimum investment requirements may differ for each class of Fund shares. In addition, other classes of Fund shares may be subject to differences in sales charge arrangements, ongoing distribution and service fee levels, and levels of certain other expenses, which will affect the relative performance of the different classes. Investors may call 1-800-34-VISTA to obtain additional information about other

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classes of shares of the Fund that are offered. Any person entitled to receive compensation for selling or servicing shares of the Fund may receive different levels of compensation with respect to one class of shares over another

The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the general direction and supervision of its Board of Trustees. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders but will hold special meetings of shareholders of all series or classes when in the judgment of the Trustees it is necessary or desirable to submit matters for a shareholder vote. The

Trustees will promptly call a meeting of shareholders to remove a trustee(s) when requested to do so in writing by record holders of not less than 10% of all outstanding shares of the Trust.

Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Trust itself was unable to meet its obligations.

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF MASTER/FEEDER FUND STRUCTURE

Unlike other mutual funds which directly acquire and manage their own portfolio securities, the Fund is permitted to invest all of its investable assets in a separate registered investment company (a "Portfolio"). In that event, a shareholder's interest in the Fund's underlying investment securities would be indirect. In addition to selling a beneficial interest to the Fund, a Portfolio could also sell beneficial interests to other mutual funds or institutional investors. Such investors would invest in such Portfolio on the same terms and conditions and would pay a proportionate share of such Portfolio's expenses. However, other investors in a Portfolio would not be required to sell their shares at the same public offering price as the Fund, and might bear different levels of ongoing expenses than the Fund. Shareholders of the Fund should be aware that these differences may result in differences in returns experienced in the different funds that invest in a Portfolio. Such differences in return are also present in other mutual fund structures.

Smaller funds investing in a Portfolio could be materially affected by the actions of larger funds investing the Portfolio. For example, if a large fund were to withdraw from a Portfolio, the remaining funds might experience higher pro rata operating expenses, thereby producing lower returns. Additionally, the Portfolio could become less diverse, resulting in increased portfolio risk. However, this possibility also exists for traditionally structured funds which have large or institutional investors. Funds with a greater pro rata ownership in a Portfolio could have effective voting control of such Portfolio. Under this master/feeder investment approach, whenever the Trust was requested to vote on matters pertaining to a Portfolio, the Trust would hold a meeting of shareholders of the Fund and would cast all of its votes in the same

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proportion as did the Fund's shareholders. Shares of the Fund for which no voting instructions had been received would be voted in the same proportion as those shares for which voting instructions had been received. Certain changes in a Portfolio's objective, policies or restrictions might require the Trust to withdraw the Fund's interest in such Portfolio. Any such withdrawal could result in a distribution in kind of portfolio securities (as opposed to a cash distribution from such Portfolio). The Fund could incur brokerage fees or other transaction costs in converting such securities to cash. In addition, a distribution in kind could result in a less diversified portfolio of investments or adversely affect the liquidity of the Fund.

The same individuals who are disinterested Trustees of the Trust serve as Trustees of the Portfolio. The Trustees of the Trust, including a majority of the disinterested Trustees, have adopted procedures they believe are reasonably appropriate to deal with resulting potential conflicts of interest, up to and including creating a separate Board of Trustees.

If the Fund invests all of its investable assets in a Portfolio, investors in the Fund will be able to obtain information about whether investment in the Portfolio might be available through other funds by contacting the Fund at 1-800-622-4273. In the event the Fund adopts a master/feeder structure and invests all of its investable assets in a Portfolio, shareholders of the Fund will be given at least 30 days' prior written notice.

The Fund's investment performance may from time to time be included in advertisements about the Fund. Performance is calculated separately for each class of shares, in the manner described in the SAI. "Yield" for each class of shares is calculated by dividing the annualized net investment income per share during a recent 30- day period by the maximum public offering price per share of such class on the last day of that period.

"Total return" for the one-, five- and ten-year periods (or since inception, if shorter) through the most recent calendar quarter represents the average annual compounded rate of return on an investment of \$1,000 in the Fund invested at the maximum public offering price (in the case of Class A shares) or reflecting the deduction of any applicable contingent deferred sales charge (in the case of Class B shares). Total return may also be presented for other periods or without reflecting sales charges. Any quotation of investment performance not reflecting the maximum initial sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge would be reduced if such sales charges were used.

All performance data is based on the Fund's past investment results and does not predict future performance. Investment performance, which will vary, is based on many factors, including market conditions, the composition of the Fund's portfolio, the Fund's operating expenses and which class of shares you purchase. Investment performance also often reflects the risks associated with the

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Fund's investment objectives and policies. These factors should be considered when comparing the Fund's investment results to those of other mutual funds and other investment vehicles. Quotation of investment performance for any period when a fee waiver or expense limitation was in effect will be greater than if the waiver or limitation had not been in effect. The Fund's performance may be compared to other mutual funds, relevant indices and rankings prepared by independent services. See the SAI.

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### MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISTA PRIVILEGES

The following services are available to you as a Vista mutual fund shareholder.

- (bullet) SYSTEMATIC INVESTMENT PLAN--Invest as much as you wish (\$100 or more) in the first or third week of any month. The amount will be automatically transferred from your checking or savings account.
- (bullet) SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL PLAN--Make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan.
- (bullet) SYSTEMATIC EXCHANGE--Transfer assets automatically from one Vista account to another on a regular, prearranged basis. There is no additional charge for this service.
- (bullet) FREE EXCHANGE PRIVILEGE--Exchange money between Vista funds in the same class of shares without charge. The exchange privilege allows you to adjust your investments as your objectives change. Investors may not maintain, within the same fund, simultaneous plans for systematic investment or exchange and systematic withdrawal or exchange.
- (bullet) REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE--Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value next determined subject to written request within 90 calendar days of the redemption, accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption).

For more information about any of these services and privileges, call your shareholder servicing agent, investment representative or the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA. These privileges are subject to change or termination.

Vista Family of Mutual Funds & Retirement Products

VISTA INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUNDS Southeast Asian Fund Japan Fund European Fund International Equity Fund

VISTA U.S. EQUITY FUNDS Small Cap Equity Fund The Growth Fund of Washington Capital Growth Fund Growth and Income Fund Large Cap Equity Fund Balanced Fund Equity Income Fund

VISTA FIXED INCOME FUNDS Bond Fund U.S. Government Securities Fund U.S. Treasury Income Fund Short-Term Bond Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE FUNDS(1)
New York Tax Free Income Fund
California Intermediate Tax Free Fund
Tax Free Income Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(1,2)
New York Tax Free Money Market Fund
Connecticut Daily Tax Free Income Fund Select Shares(3)
New Jersey Daily Municipal Income Fund Select Shares(3)
Tax Free Money Market Fund
California Tax Free Money Market Fund

VISTA TAXABLE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(2)
Cash Management Money Market Fund
Federal Money Market Fund
100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund
U.S. Government Money Market Fund
Treasury Plus Money Market Fund

VISTA RETIREMENT PRODUCTS
Vista Capital Advantage Variable Annuity(4)
Vista 401(k) Advantage

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- (1) Some income may be subject to certain state and local taxes. A portion of the income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax for some investors.
- $(2)\,\mathrm{An}$  investment in a Money Market Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Yields will fluctuate, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per share.
- (3) Vista Select Shares of these funds are not a part of, or affiliated with, the Vista Family of Mutual Funds. Reich & Tang Distributors L.P. and New England Investment Companies L.P., which are unaffiliated with Chase, are the funds' distributor and investment adviser, respectively.
- (4) The variable annuity contract is issued by First SunAmerica Life Insurance Company in New York; in other states, but not necessarily all states, it is issued by Anchor National Life Insurance Company.

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[VISTA LOGO] PROSPECTUS VISTA(SM) U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES FUND CLASS A SHARES

INVESTMENT STRATEGY: TOTAL RETURN

February 28, 1997

This Prospectus explains concisely what you should know before investing. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. You can find more detailed information about the Fund in its February 28, 1997 Statement of Additional Information, as amended periodically (the "SAI"). For a free copy of the SAI, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA. The SAI has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION, NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

Investments in the Fund are not bank deposits or obligations of, or guaranteed or endorsed by, The Chase Manhattan Bank or any of its affiliates and are not insured by the FDIC, the Federal Reserve Board or any other government agency. Investments in mutual funds involve risk, including the possible loss of the principal amount invested.

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## EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses are one of several factors to consider when investing. The following table summarizes your costs from investing in the Fund based on estimated expenses for the current fiscal year. The example shows the cumulative expenses attributable to a hypothetical \$1,000 investment over specified periods.

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Total Fund Operating Expenses(after waiver of fee)**	1.05% ====
EXAMPLE Your investment of \$1,000 would incur the following expenses,	

Shareholder Servicing Fee (after estimated waiver) \*\* .....

Other Expenses .....

assuming 5% annual return:

1 Year

- \* Long-term shareholders in mutual funds with 12b-1 fees, such as Class A shareholders of the Fund, may pay more than the economic equivalent of the maximum front-end sales charge permitted by rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.
- \*\* Reflects current waiver arrangement to maintain Total Fund Operating Expenses at the level indicated in the table above. Absent such waiver, the Shareholder Servicing Fee would be 0.25% and Total Fund Operating Expenses would be 1.15%
- + Assumes deduction at the time of purchase of the maximum sales charge.

The table is provided to help you understand the expenses of investing in the Fund and your share of the operating expenses that the Fund incurs. The example should not be considered a representation of past or future expenses or returns; actual expenses and returns may be greater or less than shown.

Charges or credits, not reflected in the expense table above, may be incurred directly by customers of financial institutions in connection with an investment in the Fund. The Fund understands that Shareholder Servicing Agents may credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other

0.15% 0.35%

3 Years

fees amounts not exceeding such other fees or the fees received by the Shareholder Servicing Agent from the Fund with respect to those accounts. See "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

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# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The table set forth below provides selected per share data and ratios for one Class A Share outstanding throughout the period shown. This information is supplemented by financial statements and accompanying notes appearing in the Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, which is incorporated by reference into the SAI. Shareholders may obtain a copy of this annual report by contacting the Fund or their Shareholder Servicing Agent. The financial statements and notes, as well as the financial information set forth in the table below, has been audited by Price Waterhouse, independent accountants, whose report thereon is also included in the Annual Report to Shareholders.

### VISTA U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES FUND

Class A ------5/6/96\* through 10/31/96

PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period
Income From Investment Operations
Net Investment Income
Total from Investment Operations
Less dividends from net investment income
Net Asset Value, End of Period

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Total Return (1)
Ratios/Supplemental Data
Net Assets, End of Period (000 omitted)
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets#
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets#
Ratio of expenses without waivers and assumption of expenses
to average net assets#
Ratio of net investment income without waivers and assumption of
expenses to average net assets#

- # Annualized.
- \* Commencement of offering shares.

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### FUND OBJECTIVE

Vista U.S. Government Securities Fund seeks as high a level of total return as is consistent with the preservation of capital. Total return consists of income and capital appreciation. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program, and there is no assurance it will achieve its objective.

INVESTMENT POLICIES
----INVESTMENT APPROACH

Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 65% of its total assets in securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities, and related repurchase agreements. There is no restriction on the maturity of the Fund's portfolio or any individual portfolio security, and the Fund's advisers are free to take advantage of the entire range of maturities of securities eligible for the Fund's portfolio. The Fund may invest extensively in mortgage-backed securities issued or guaranteed by certain agencies of the U.S. Government, as described below.

The Fund's advisers may adjust the average maturity of the Fund's portfolio based upon their assessment of the relative yields available on securities of different maturities and their expectations of future changes in interest rates. Since the Fund invests extensively in U.S. Government securities, certain of which have less credit risk than that associated with other securities, the level of income achieved by the Fund may not be as high as that of other funds

which invest in lower quality securities.

The Fund may invest the portion of its assets not invested in U.S. Government securities and related repurchase agreements in nonconvertible corporate debt securities of domestic and foreign issuers, such as bonds and debentures. These securities must be rated, at the time of investment, at least in the category A or the equivalent by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., or Standard & Poor's Corporation, or Fitch Investor's Service Inc., or another national rating organization, or if unrated, of comparable quality as determined by the Fund's advisers.

The Fund may invest any portion of its assets not invested as described above in high quality money market instruments and repurchase agreements. For temporary defensive purposes, the Fund may invest without limitation in these instruments. To the extent that the Fund departs from its investment policies during temporary defensive periods, its investment objective may not be achieved.

The Fund is classified as a "diversified" fund under federal securities law.

Instead of investing directly in underlying securities, the Fund is authorized to seek to achieve its objective by investing all of its investable assets in an investment company having substantially the same investment objective and policies as the Fund.

WHO MAY WANT TO INVEST

This Fund may be most suitable for investors who . . .

o Are seeking current income as well as some growth potential

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- o Are investing for mid- to long-term investment goals Own or plan to own other types of investments for diversification purposes Can assume a moderate degree of bond market (i.e., interest rate) risk
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This Fund may NOT be appropriate for investors who are unable to tolerate any up and down price changes, are investing for very short-term goals or who are in need of higher growth potential.

### OTHER INVESTMENT PRACTICES

The Fund may also engage in the following investment practices, when consistent with the Fund's overall objective and policies. These practices, and certain associated risks, are more fully described in the SAI.

U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES. The Fund may invest in U.S. Treasury obligations, which are bills, notes and bonds backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government as to payment of principal and interest which generally differ only in their interest rates and maturities. The Fund also may invest in securities issued or guaranteed by U.S. Government agencies and instrumentalities, including obligations that are supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury, the limited authority of the issuer or guarantor to borrow from the U.S. Treasury, or only the credit of the issuer or guarantor. In the case of obligations not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury, the agency issuing or guaranteeing the obligation is principally responsible for ultimate repayment.

FOREIGN SECURITIES. The Fund may invest in foreign obligations issued or guaranteed by foreign governments and supranational entities, and in non-convertible corporate debt securities of foreign issuers. Supranational entities include organizations such as The World Bank, the European Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the Asian Development Bank. Since foreign securities are normally denominated and traded in foreign currencies, the values of the Fund's foreign investments may be influenced by currency exchange rates and exchange control regulations. There may be less information publicly available about foreign issuers than U.S. issuers, and they are not generally subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices comparable to those in the U.S. Foreign securities may be less liquid and more volatile than comparable U.S. securities. Foreign settlement procedures and trade regulations may involve certain expenses and risks One risk would be delay in payment or delivery of securities or in the recovery of the Fund's assets held abroad. It is possible that nationalization or expropriation of assets, imposition of currency exchange controls, taxation by withholding Fund assets, political or financial instability and diplomatic developments could affect the value of the Fund's investments in certain foreign countries. Foreign laws may restrict the ability to invest in certain countries or issuers and

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considerations will apply to foreign securities. The risks can increase if the Fund invests in emerging market securities.

MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest in cash or high-quality, short-term money market instruments. These instruments may include U.S. Government securities, commercial paper of domestic and foreign issuers and obligations of domestic and foreign banks. Investments in foreign money market instruments may involve certain risks associated with foreign

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS, SECURITIES LOANS AND FORWARD COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into agreements to purchase and resell securities at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund also has the ability to lend portfolio securities in an amount equal to not more than 30% of its total assets to generate additional income. These transactions must be fully collateralized at all times. The Fund may purchase securities for delivery at a future date, which may increase its overall investment exposure and involves a risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction.

BORROWINGS AND REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. The Fund may borrow money from banks for temporary or short-term purposes, but will not borrow money to buy additional securities, known as "leveraging." The Fund may also sell and simultaneously commit to repurchase a portfolio security at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund may use this practice to generate cash for shareholder redemptions without selling securities in a down market. Whenever the Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will establish a segregated account in which it will maintain liquid assets on a daily basis in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest). The Fund would be required to pay interest on amounts obtained through reverse repurchase agreements, which are considered borrowings under federal securities laws.

STAND-BY COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into put transactions, including those sometimes referred to as stand-by commitments, with respect to securities in its portfolio. In these transactions, the Fund would acquire the right to sell a security at an agreed upon price within a specified period prior to its maturity date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction. A put transaction will increase the cost of the underlying security and consequently reduce the available yield.

ZERO COUPON SECURITIES, PAYMENT-IN-KIND OBLIGATIONS AND STRIPPED OBLIGATIONS. The Fund may invest in zero coupon securities issued by governmental and private issuers. Zero coupon securities are

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debt securities that do not pay regular interest payments, and instead are sold at substantial discounts from their value at maturity. Payment-in-kind obligations are obligations on which the interest is payable in additional securities rather than cash. The Fund may also invest in stripped obligations, which are separately traded principal and interest components of an underlying obligation. The value of these instruments tends to fluctuate more in response to changes in interest rates than the value of ordinary interest-paying debt securities with similar maturities. The risk is greater when the period to maturity is longer.

FLOATING AND VARIABLE RATE SECURITIES; PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES. The Fund may invest in floating rate securities, whose interest rates adjust automatically whenever a specified interest rate changes, and variable rate securities, whose interest rates are periodically adjusted. Certain of these instruments permit the holder to demand payment of principal and accrued interest upon a specified number of days' notice from either the issuer or a third party. The securities in which the Fund may invest include participation certificates and certificates of indebtedness or safekeeping. Participation certificates are pro rata interests in securities held by others; certificates of indebtedness or safekeeping are documentary receipts for such original securities held in custody by others. As a result of the floating or variable rate nature of these investments, the Fund's yield may decline and it may forego the opportunity for capital appreciation during periods when interest rates decline; however, during periods when interest rates increase, the Fund's yield may increase and it may have reduced risk of capital depreciation. Demand features on certain floating or variable rate securities may obligate the Fund to pay a "tender fee" to a third party. Demand features provided by foreign banks involve certain risks

INVERSE FLOATERS AND INTEREST RATE CAPS. The Fund may invest in inverse floaters and in securities with interest rate caps. Inverse floaters are instruments whose interest rates bear an inverse relationship to the interest rate on another security or the value of an index. The market value of an inverse floater will vary inversely with changes in market interest rates, and will be more volatile in response to interest rates changes than that of a fixed-rate obligation. Interest rate caps are financial instruments under which payments occur if an interest rate index exceeds a certain predetermined interest rate level, known as the cap rate, which is tied to a specific index. These financial products will be more volatile in price than securities which do not include such a structure.

MORTGAGE-RELATED SECURITIES. The Fund may invest extensively in mortgage-related securities issued or guaranteed by certain agencies of the U.S. Government. Mortgage pass-through securities are securities representing interests in "pools" of mortgages in which payments of

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both interest and principal on the securities are made monthly, in effect "passing through" monthly payments made by the individual borrowers on the residential mortgage loans which underlie the securities. Early repayment of principal on mortgage pass-through securities held by the Fund (due to prepayments of principal on the underlying mortgage loans) may result in a lower rate of return when the Fund reinvests such principal. In addition, as with callable fixed-income securities generally if the Fund purchased the securities at a premium, sustained early repayment would limit the value of the premium. Like other fixed-income securities, when interest rates rise the value of a mortgage-related security generally will decline; however, when interest rates decline, the value of mortgage-related securities with prepayment features may not increase as much as other fixed-income, fixed-maturity securities which have no prepayment or call features.

Payment of principal and interest on some mortgage pass-through securities (but not the market value of the securities themselves) may be guaranteed by the U.S. Government, or by agencies or instrumentalities of the U.S. Government (which guarantees are supported only by the discretionary authority of the U.S. Government to purchase the agency's obligations). Certain mortgage pass-through securities created by nongovernmental issuers may be supported by various forms of insurance or guarantees, while other such securities may be backed only by the underlying mortgage collateral.

The Fund may also invest in investment grade Collateralized Mortgage Obligations ("CMOs"), which are hybrid instruments with characteristics of both mortgage-backed bonds and mortgage pass- through securities. Similar to a bond, interest and prepaid principal on a CMO are paid, in most cases, monthly. CMOs may be collateralized by whole residential or commercial mortgage loans but are more typically collateralized by portfolios of mortgage pass-through securities guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities. CMOs are structured into multiple classes, with each class having a different expected average life and/or stated maturity. Monthly payments of principal, including prepayments, are allocated to different classes in accordance with the terms of the instruments, and changes in prepayment rates or assumptions may significantly affect the expected average life and value of a particular class.

The Fund may also invest in principal-only or interest-only stripped mortgage-backed securities. Stripped mortgage-backed securities have greater volatility than other types of mortgage-related securities. Stripped mortgage-backed securities which are purchased at a substantial premium or discount generally are extremely sensitive not only to changes in prevailing interest rates but also to the rate of principal payments (including prepayments) on the related underlying mortgage assets, and a rapid rate of principal payments may have a material adverse effect on such securities' yield to maturity. In addition,

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stripped mortgage securities may be illiquid.

The Fund expects that governmental, government-related or private entities may create other mortgage-related securities in addition to those described above. As new types of mortgage-related securities are developed and offered to investors, the Fund will consider making investments in such securities.

DOLLAR ROLLS. The Fund may enter into mortgage "dollar rolls" in which the Fund sells mortgage-backed securities for delivery in the current month and

simultaneously contracts to repurchase substantially similar (same type, coupon and maturity) securities on a specified future date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from completing the transaction.

ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES. The Fund may invest in asset-backed securities, which represent a participation in, or are secured by and payable from, a stream of payments generated by particular assets, most often a pool of assets similar to one another, such as motor vehicle receivables or credit card receivables.

OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its total assets in shares of other investment companies when consistent with its investment objective and policies, subject to applicable regulatory limitations. Additional fees may be charged by other investment companies.

DERIVATIVES AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest its assets in derivative and related instruments to hedge various market risks or to increase the Fund's income or gain. Some of these instruments will be subject to asset segregation requirements to cover the Fund's obligations. The Fund may (i) purchase, write and exercise call and put options on securities and securities indexes (including using options in combination with securities, other options or derivative instruments); (ii) enter into swaps, futures contracts and options on futures contracts; (iii) employ forward currency and interest rate contracts; (iv) purchase and sell mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities; and (v) purchase and sell structured products, which are instruments designed to restructure or reflect the characteristics of certain other investments.

There are a number of risks associated with the use of derivatives and related instruments and no assurance can be given that any strategy will succeed. The value of certain derivatives or related instruments in which the Fund invests may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing economic conditions and market value. The ability of the Fund to successfully utilize these instruments may depend in part upon the ability of its advisers to forecast these factors correctly. Inaccurate forecasts could expose the Fund to a risk of loss. There can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in a hedging instrument and in the portfolio assets being hedged. The Fund is not required to use any hedging

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strategies. Hedging strategies, while reducing risk of loss, can also reduce the opportunity for gain. Derivatives transactions not involving hedging may have speculative characteristics, involve leverage and result in losses that may exceed the original investment of the Fund. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Fund seeks to close out a derivatives position. Activities of large traders in the futures and securities markets involving arbitrage, "program trading," and other investment strategies may cause price distortions in derivatives markets. In certain instances, particularly those involving over-the-counter transactions or forward contracts, there is a greater potential that a counterparty or broker may default. In the event of a default, the Fund may experience a loss. For additional information concerning derivatives, related instruments and the associated risks, see the SAI.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER. The frequency of the Fund's buy and sell transactions will vary from year to year. The Fund's investment policies may lead to frequent changes in investments, particularly in periods of rapidly changing market conditions. High portfolio turnover rates would generally result in higher transaction costs, including dealer mark-ups, and would make it more difficult for the Fund to qualify as a registered investment company under federal tax law. See "How Distributions are Made; Tax Information."

## LIMITING INVESTMENT RISKS

Specific investment restrictions help the Fund limit investment risks for its shareholders. These restrictions prohibit the Fund from: (a) with respect to 75% of its assets, holding more than 10% of the voting securities of any issuer or investing more than 5% of its net assets in the securities of any one issuer (other than U.S. Government obligations); (b) investing more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (which include securities restricted as to resale unless they are determined to be readily marketable in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees); or (c) investing more than 25% of its total assets in any one industry. A complete description of these and other investment policies is included in the SAI. Except for the Fund's investment objective, restriction (c) above and investment policies designated as fundamental in the SAI, the Fund's investment policies are not fundamental. The Trustees may change any non-fundamental investment policy without shareholder approval.

The Fund does not constitute a balanced or complete investment program, and the net asset value of its shares will fluctuate based on the value of the securities in the Fund's portfolio. The Fund is subject to the general risks and considerations associated with the types of investments it may make, as described above, as well as the risks discussed herein.

The performance of the Fund depends in part on interest rate changes. As interest rates increase, the  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{I}}$ 

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value of the fixed income securities held by the Fund tends to decrease. This effect will be more pronounced with respect to investments by the Fund in mortgage-related securities, the value of which are more sensitive to interest rate changes. There is no restriction on the maturity of the Fund's portfolio or any individual portfolio security, and to the extent the Fund invests in securities with longer maturities, the volatility of the Fund in response to changes in interest rates can be expected to be greater than if the Fund had invested in comparable securities with shorter maturities. The performance of the Fund will also depend on the quality of its investments. While U.S. Government securities generally are of high quality, government securities that are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury may be affected by changes in the creditworthiness of the agency that issued them. Guarantees of principal and interest on obligations that may be purchased by the Fund are not guarantees of the market value of such obligations, nor do they extend to the value of shares of the Fund. Other fixed-income securities in which the Fund may invest, while of investment-grade quality, may be of lesser credit quality than U.S. Government securities.

For a discussion of certain other risks associated with the Fund's additional investment activities, see "Other Investment Practices" above.

MANAGEMENT

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THE FUND'S ADVISERS

The Chase Manhattan Bank ("Chase") is the Fund's investment adviser under an Investment Advisory Agreement and has overall responsibility for investment decisions of the Fund, subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees. Chase is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation, a bank holding company. CHASE AND ITS PREDECESSORS HAVE OVER 100 YEARS OF MONEY MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE.

For its investment advisory services to the Fund, Chase is entitled to receive an annual fee computed daily and paid monthly based at an annual rate equal to 0.30% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Chase is located at 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Chase Asset Management, Inc. ("CAM"), a registered investment adviser, is the Fund's sub-investment adviser under a Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement between CAM and Chase. CAM is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Chase. CAM makes investment decisions for the Fund on a day-to-day basis. For these services, CAM is entitled to receive a fee, payable by Chase from its advisory fee, at an annual rate equal to 0.15% of the Fund's average daily net assets. CAM was recently formed for the purpose of providing discretionary investment advisory services to institutional clients and to consolidate Chase's investment management function. The same individuals who serve as portfolio managers for Chase also serve as portfolio managers for CAM. CAM is located at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS. Susan Huang, a Vice President and the Director of Fixed Income

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Management of Chase, has been responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund's portfolio since June 1996. Ms. Huang, is responsible for developing the allocation and risk management strategy for U.S. fixed income portfolios, and managing the institutional U.S. fixed income assets under management. Prior to joining Chase in June of 1995, Ms. Huang was Director of the Insurance Asset Management Group at Hyperion Capital Management Inc. Prior to joining Hyperion, Ms. Huang was a senior portfolio manager with CS First Boston. Prior to joining CS First Boston in 1992, Ms. Huang spent 14 years at The Equitable, where she worked in the pension consulting group and

the U.S. Fixed Income Management Group. Ms. Huang is also a manager of the Vista Balanced Fund, Vista Bond Fund, Vista Short-Term Bond Fund and Vista U.S. Treasury Income Fund.

Michael Bennis, a Vice President of Chase, also participates in the management of the Fund. Prior to joining Chase in 1996, Mr. Bennis was a senior analyst/trader at Union Bank of Switzerland Asset Management. Prior to joining Union Bank of Switzerland, Mr. Bennis was a fixed income analyst at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette.

HOW TO BUY, SELL AND EXCHANGE SHARES

HOW TO BUY SHARES

You can open a Fund account with as little as \$2,500 for regular accounts or \$1,000 for IRAs, SEP-IRAs and the Systematic Investment Plan. Additional investments can be made at any time with as little as \$100. You can buy Fund shares three ways--through an investment representative, through the Fund's distributor by calling the Vista Service Center, or through the Systematic Investment Plan.

All purchases made by check should be in U.S. dollars and made payable to the Vista Funds. Third party checks, credit cards and cash will not be accepted. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order or cease offering shares for purchase at any time. When purchases are made by check, redemptions will not be allowed until the purchase check clears, which may take 15 calendar days or longer. In addition, the redemption of shares purchased through Automated Clearing House (ACH) will not be allowed until your payment clears, which may take 7 business days or longer.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH THE FUND'S DISTRIBUTOR. Complete and return the enclosed application and your check in the amount you wish to invest to the Vista Service Center.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH SYSTEMATIC INVESTING. You can make regular investments of \$100 or more per transaction through automatic periodic deduction from your bank checking or savings account. Shareholders electing to start this Systematic Investment Plan when opening an account should complete Section 8 of the account application. Current shareholders may begin such a plan at any time by sending a signed letter and a deposit slip or voided check to the Vista Service Center. Call the Vista Service Center at

1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions.

Shares are purchased at the public offering price, which is based on the net asset value next determined after the Vista Service Center receives your order in proper form. In most cases, in order to receive that day's public offering price, the Vista Service Center must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange. If you buy shares through your investment representative, the representative must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's public offering price. Orders for shares are accepted by the Fund after funds are converted to federal funds. Orders paid by check and received by 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time will generally be available for the purchase of shares the following business day.

If you are considering redeeming or exchanging shares or transferring shares to another person shortly after purchase, you should pay for those shares with a certified check to avoid any delay in redemption, exchange or transfer. Otherwise the Fund may delay payment until the purchase price of those shares has been collected or, if you redeem by telephone, until 15 calendar days after the purchase date. To eliminate the need for safekeeping, the Fund will not issue certificates for your shares unless you request them.

## OFFERING PRICE

The public offering price of Class A shares is the net asset value plus a sales charge that varies depending on the size of your purchase. The Fund receives the net asset value. The sales charge is allocated between your broker-dealer and the Fund's distributor as shown in the following table, except when the Fund's distributor, in its discretion, allocates the entire amount to your broker-dealer.

> Sales charge as a sales charge percentage of: -----Offering Net amount percentage of

Amount of reallowed to dealers as a

Amount of transaction at

offering price	Price	invested	offering price	
Under 100,000	4.50	4.71	4.00	
100,000 but under 250,000	3.75	3.90	3.25	
250,000 but under 500,000	2.5	2.56	2.25	
500,000 but under 1,000,000	2.00	2.04	1.75	

There is no initial sales charge on purchases of Class A shares of \$1 million or more.

The Fund's distributor pays broker-dealers commissions on net sales of Class A shares of \$1 million or more based on an investor's cumulative purchases. Such commissions are paid at the rate of 0.75% of the amount under \$2.5 million, 0.5% of the next \$40 million and 0.15% thereafter. The Fund's distributor may withhold such payments with respect to short-term investments.

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### GENERAL

You may be eligible to buy Class A shares at reduced sales charges. Consult your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for details about Vista's combined purchase privilege, cumulative quantity discount, statement of intention, group sales plan, employee benefit plans, and other plans. Descriptions are also included in the enclosed application and in the SAI. In addition, sales charges are waived if you are using redemption proceeds received within the prior ninety days from non-Vista mutual funds to buy your shares, and on which you paid a front-end or contingent deferred sales charge.

Some participant-directed employee benefit plans participate in a "multi-fund" program which offers both Vista and non-Vista mutual funds. With Board of Trustee approval, the money that is invested in Vista funds may be combined with the other mutual funds in the same program when determining the plan's eligibility to buy Class A shares without a sales charge. These investments will also be included for purposes of the discount privileges and programs described above.

The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge to the current and retired Trustees (and their families), current and retired employees (and their families) of Chase, the Fund's distributor and transfer agent or any affiliates or subsidiaries thereof, registered representatives and other employees (and their families) of broker-dealers having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor, employees (and their families) of financial institutions having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor (or otherwise having an arrangement with a broker-dealer or financial institution with respect to sales of Vista fund shares), financial institution trust departments investing an aggregate of \$1 million or more in the Vista Family of Funds and clients of certain administrators of tax-qualified plans when proceeds from repayments of loans to participants are invested (or reinvested) in the Vista Family of Funds.

No initial sales charge will apply to the purchase of the Fund's Class A shares if you are investing the proceeds of a qualified retirement plan where a portion of the plan was invested in the Vista Family of Funds, any qualified retirement plan with 50 or more participants, or an individual participant in a tax-qualified plan making a tax-free rollover or transfer of assets from the plan in which Chase or an affiliate serves as trustee or custodian of the plan or manages some portion of the plan's assets.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge through an investment adviser or financial planner that charges a fee for its services. Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge (i) by an investment adviser, broker or financial planner, provided arrangements are preapproved and purchases are placed through an omnibus account with the Fund or (ii) by clients of such investment adviser or financial planner who place trades for their own accounts, if such accounts are

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linked to a master account of such investment adviser or financial planner on the books and records of the broker or agent. Such purchases may be also made for retirement and deferred compensation plans and trusts used to fund those plans.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge in accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which is acting as a fiduciary exercising investment discretion, provided that appropriate notification of such fiduciary relationship is reported at the time of the investment to the Fund, the Fund's distributor or the Vista Service Center.

Shareholders of record of any Vista Fund as of November 30, 1990 and certain immediate family members may purchase the Fund's Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own Class A shares of any Vista fund, provided there is no change in account registration. Shareholders of record of any portfolio of The Hanover Funds, Inc. or The Hanover Investment Funds, Inc. as of May 3, 1996 and certain related investors may purchase the Fund's Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own shares of any Vista fund following this date, provided there is no change in account registration.

The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge in connection with the acquisition by the Fund of assets of an investment company or personal holding company. The SAI contains additional information about purchasing the Fund's shares at reduced sales charges.

The Fund reserves the right to change any of these policies on purchases without an initial sales charge at any time and may reject any such purchase request.

For shareholders that bank with Chase, Chase may aggregate investments in the Vista Funds with balances held in Chase bank accounts for purposes of determining eligibility for certain bank privileges that are based on specified minimum balance requirements, such as reduced or no fees for certain banking services or preferred rates on loans and deposits. Chase and certain broker-dealers and other shareholder servicing agents may, at their own expense, provide gifts, such as computer software packages, guides and books related to investment or additional Fund shares valued up to \$250 to their customers that invest in the Vista Funds.

Shareholders of other Vista funds may be entitled to exchange their shares for, or reinvest distributions from their funds in, shares of the Fund at net asset value.

HOW TO SELL SHARES

You can sell your Fund shares any day the New York Stock Exchange is open, either directly to the Fund or through your investment representative. The Fund will only forward redemption payments on shares for which it has collected payment of the purchase price.

SELLING SHARES DIRECTLY TO THE FUND. Send a signed letter of instruction to the Vista Service Center, along with any certificates that represent shares you want to sell. The price you will receive is the next net asset value calculated after

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the Fund receives your request in proper form. In order to receive that day's net asset value, the Vista Service Center must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

SIGNATURE GUARANTEES. If you sell shares having a net asset value of \$100,000 or more, the signatures of registered owners or their legal representatives must be guaranteed by a bank, broker-dealer or certain other financial institutions. See the SAI for more information about where to obtain a signature guarantee.

If you want your redemption proceeds sent to an address other than your address as it appears on Vista's records, a signature guarantee is required. The Fund may require additional documentation for the sale of shares by a corporation, partnership, agent or fiduciary, or a surviving joint owner. Contact the Vista Service Center for details.

DELIVERY PROCEEDS. The Fund generally sends you payment for your shares the business day after your request is received in proper form, assuming the Fund has collected payment of the purchase price of your shares. Under unusual circumstances, the Fund may suspend redemptions, or postpone payment for more than seven days, as permitted by federal securities law.

TELEPHONE REDEMPTIONS. You may use Vista's Telephone Redemption Privilege to redeem shares from your account unless you have notified the Vista Service Center of an address change within the preceding 30 days. Telephone redemption requests in excess of \$25,000 will only be made by wire to a bank account on record with the Fund. Unless an investor indicates otherwise on the account application, the Fund will be authorized to act upon redemption and transfer instructions received by telephone from a shareholder, or any person claiming to act as his or her representative, who can provide the Fund with his or her account registration and address as it appears on the Fund's records.

The Vista Service Center will employ these and other reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine; if it fails to employ reasonable procedures, the Fund may be liable for any losses due to

unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. An investor agrees, however, that to the extent permitted by applicable law, neither the Fund nor its agents will be liable for any loss, liability, cost or expense arising out of any redemption request, including any fraudulent or unauthorized request. For information, consult the Vista Service Center.

During periods of unusual market changes and shareholder activity, you may experience delays in contacting the Vista Service Center by telephone. In this event, you may wish to submit a written redemption request, as described above, or contact your investment representative. The Telephone Redemption Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. The Telephone Redemption Privilege may be

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modified or terminated without notice.

SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL. You can make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan. Call the Vista Service Center at  $1-800-34-{\rm VISTA}$  for complete instructions.

SELLING SHARES THROUGH YOUR INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVE. Your investment representative must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's net asset value. Your investment representative will be responsible for furnishing all necessary documentation to the Vista Service Center, and may charge you for its services.

INVOLUNTARY REDEMPTION OF ACCOUNTS. The Fund may involuntarily redeem your shares if at such time the aggregate net asset value of the shares in your account is less than \$500 or if you purchase through the Systematic Investment Plan and fail to meet the Fund's investment minimum within a twelve month period. In the event of any such redemption, you will receive at least 60 days notice prior to the redemption.

HOW TO EXCHANGE YOUR SHARES

You can exchange your shares for shares of the same class of certain other Vista funds at net asset value beginning 15 days after purchase. Not all Vista funds offer all classes of shares. The prospectus of the other Vista fund into which shares are being exchanged should be read carefully and retained for future reference.

For federal income tax purposes, an exchange is treated as a sale of shares and generally results in a capital gain or loss.

EXCHANGING BY PHONE. A Telephone Exchange Privilege is currently available. Call the Vista Service Center for procedures for telephone transactions. The Telephone Exchange Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. Ask your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for prospectuses of other Vista funds. Shares of certain Vista funds are not available to residents of all states.

EXCHANGE PARAMETERS. The exchange privilege is not intended as a vehicle for short-term trading. Excessive exchange activity may interfere with portfolio management and have an adverse effect on all shareholders. In order to limit excessive exchange activity and in other circumstances where Vista management or the Trustees believe doing so would be in the best interests of the Fund, the Fund reserves the right to revise or terminate the exchange privilege, limit the amount or number of exchanges or reject any exchange. In addition, any shareholder who makes more than ten exchanges of shares involving the Fund in a year or three in a calendar quarter will be charged a \$5.00 administration fee for each such exchange. Shareholders would be notified of any such action to the extent required by law. Consult the Vista Service Center before requesting an

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exchange. See the SAI to find out more about the exchange privilege.

REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE. Upon written request, Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value within 90 calendar days of the redemption. The reinstatement request must be accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption), and shares will be purchased at the next determined net asset value.

HOW THE FUND VALUES ITS SHARES

The net asset value of each class of the Fund's shares is determined once daily based upon prices determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, however, options are priced at 4:15 p.m., Eastern time), on each business day of the Fund, by dividing the net

assets of the Fund attributable to that class by the total number of outstanding shares of that class. Values of assets held by the Fund are determined on the basis of their market or other fair value, as described in the SAI.

HOW DISTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE; TAX INFORMATION

The Fund declares dividends daily and distributes any net investment income at least monthly. The Fund distributes any net realized capital gains at least annually. Capital gains are distributed after deducting any available capital loss carryover.

DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT OPTIONS. You can choose from three distribution options: (1) reinvest all distributions in additional Fund shares without a sales charge; (2) receive distributions from net investment income in cash or by ACH to a pre-established bank account while reinvesting capital gains distributions in additional shares without a sales charge; or (3) receive all distributions in cash or by ACH. You can change your distribution option by notifying the Vista Service Center in writing. If you do not select an option when you open your account, all distributions will be reinvested. All distributions not paid in cash or by ACH will be reinvested in shares of the same share class. You will receive a statement confirming reinvestment of distributions in additional Fund shares promptly following the quarter in which the reinvestment occurs.

If a check representing a Fund distribution is not cashed within a specified period, the Vista Service Center will notify you that you have the option of requesting another check or reinvesting the distribution in the Fund or in another Vista fund without a sales charge. If the Vista Service Center does not receive your election, the distribution will be reinvested in the Fund. Similarly, if the Fund or the Vista Service Center sends you correspondence returned as "undeliverable," distributions will automatically be reinvested in the Fund.

The Fund intends to qualify as a "regulated investment company" for federal income tax purposes and to meet all other requirements that

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are necessary for it to be relieved of federal taxes on income and gains it distributes to shareholders. The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gain net income on a current basis. If the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company for any taxable year or does not make such distributions, the Fund will be subject to tax on all of its income and gains.

TAXATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS. Fund distributions other than net long-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income . Distributions of net long-term capital gains will be taxable as such, regardless of how long you have held the shares. The taxation of your distribution is the same whether received in cash or in shares through the reinvestment of distributions.

Distributions may also be subject to state and local taxes. However, the laws of most states and localities except from some types of taxes distributions such as those made by the Fund to the extent such distributions are attributable to interest from obligations of the U.S. Government and certain of its agencies and instrumentalities.

You should carefully consider the tax implications of purchasing shares just prior to distribution. This is because you will be taxed on the entire amount of the distribution received, even though the net asset value per share will be higher on the date of such purchase as it will include the distribution amount.

Early in each calendar year the Fund will notify you of the amount and tax status of distributions paid to you by the Fund for the preceding year.

The above is only a summary of certain federal income tax consequences of investing in the Fund. You should consult your tax adviser to determine the precise effect of an investment in the Fund on your particular tax situation (including possible liability for state and local taxes and, for foreign shareholders, U.S. withholding taxes).

OTHER INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE FUND
-----DISTRIBUTION PLANS

The Fund's distributor is Vista Fund Distributors, Inc. ("VFD"). VFD is a

subsidiary of The BISYS Group, Inc. and is unaffiliated with Chase. The Trust has adopted a Rule 12b-1 distribution plan which provides for the payment of distribution fees at annual rates of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets attributable to Class A shares of the Fund. Payments under the distribution plans shall be used to compensate or reimburse the Fund's distributor and broker-dealers for services provided and expenses incurred in connection with the sale of Class A shares, and are not tied to the amount of actual expenses incurred. Payments may be used to compensate broker-dealers with trail or maintenance commissions at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of the average daily net asset value of Class A shares invested in the Fund by customers of these broker-dealers. Trail or maintenance commissions are paid to broker-dealers beginning the 13th month following the purchase of shares by their customers. Promotional activities for the sale of Class A shares will be

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conducted generally by the Vista Family of Funds, and activities intended to promote the Fund's Class A shares may also benefit the Fund's other shares and other Vista funds.

VFD may provide promotional incentives to broker-dealers that meet specified sales targets for one or more Vista funds. These incentives may include gifts of up to \$100 per person annually; an occasional meal, ticket to a sporting event or theater for entertainment for broker-dealers and their guests; and payment or reimbursement for travel expenses, including lodging and meals, in connection with attendance at training and educational meetings within and outside the U.S.

### SHAREHOLDER SERVICING AGENTS

The Trust has entered into shareholder servicing agreements with certain shareholder servicing agents (including Chase) under which the shareholder servicing agents have agreed to provide certain support services to their customers who beneficially own Class A shares of the Fund. These services include assisting with purchase and redemption transactions, maintaining shareholder accounts and records, furnishing customer statements, transmitting shareholder reports and communications to customers and other similar shareholder liaison services. For performing these services, each shareholder servicing agent receives an annual fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Class A shares of the Fund held by investors for whom the shareholder servicing agent maintains a servicing relationship. Shareholder servicing agents may subcontract with other parties for the provision of shareholder support services.

Shareholder servicing agents may offer additional services to their customers, such as pre-authorized or systematic purchase and redemption plans. Each shareholder servicing agent may establish its own terms and conditions, including limitations on the amounts of subsequent transactions, with respect to such services. Certain shareholder servicing agents may (although they are not required by the Trust to do so) credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees an amount not exceeding such other fees or the fees for their services as shareholder servicing agents.

Chase and/or VFD may from time to time, at their own expense out of compensation retained by them from the Fund or other sources available to them, make additional payments to certain selected dealers or other shareholder servicing agents for performing administrative services for their customers. These services include maintaining account records, processing orders to purchase, redeem and exchange Fund shares and responding to certain customer inquiries. The amount of such compensation may be up to an additional 0.10% annually of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to shares of the Fund held by customers of such shareholder servicing agents. Such compensation does not represent an additional expense to the Fund or

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its shareholders, since it will be paid by Chase and/or VFD.

ADMINISTRATOR AND

Chase acts as administrator of the Fund and is entitled to receive a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

VFD provides certain sub-administrative services to the Fund pursuant to a distribution and sub-administration agreement and is entitled to receive a fee for these services from the Fund at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of the Fund's average daily net assets. VFD has agreed to use a portion of this fee to pay for certain expenses incurred in connection with organizing new series of the Trust and certain other ongoing expenses of the Trust. VFD is located at 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10178.

Chase acts as the Fund's custodian and fund accountant and receives compensation under an agreement with the Trust. Fund securities and cash may be held by sub-custodian banks if such arrangements are reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

### EXPENSES

The Fund pays the expenses incurred in its operations, including its pro rata share of expenses of the Trust. These expenses include investment advisory and administrative fees; the compensation of the Trustees; registration fees; interest charges; taxes; expenses connected with the execution, recording and settlement of security transactions; fees and expenses of the Fund's custodian for all services to the Fund, including safekeeping of funds and securities and maintaining required books and accounts; expenses of preparing and mailing reports to investors and to government offices and commissions; expenses of meetings of investors; fees and expenses of independent accountants, of legal counsel and of any transfer agent, registrar or dividend disbursing agent of the Trust; insurance premiums; and expenses of calculating the net asset value of, and the net income on, shares of the Fund. Shareholder servicing and distribution fees are allocated to specific classes of the Fund. In addition, the Fund may allocate transfer agency and certain other expenses by class. Service providers to the Fund may, from time to time, voluntarily waive all or a portion of any fees to which they are entitled.

# ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SHARES

The Fund is a portfolio of Mutual Fund Group, an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust in 1987 (the "Trust"). The Trust has reserved the right to create and issue additional series and classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The shares of each series or class participate equally in the earnings, dividends and assets of the particular series or class. Shares have no preemptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully

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paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each whole share held, and each fractional share shall be entitled to a proportionate fractional vote, except that Trust shares held in the treasury of the Trust shall not be voted. Shares of each class of the Fund generally vote together except when required under federal securities laws to vote separately on matters that only affect a particular class, such as the approval of distribution plans for a particular class.

The Fund issues multiple classes of shares. This Prospectus relates only to Class A shares of the Fund. The Fund offers other classes of shares in addition to this class. The categories of investors that are eligible to purchase shares and minimum investment requirements may differ for each class of Fund shares. In addition, other classes of Fund shares may be subject to differences in sales charge arrangements, ongoing distribution and service fee levels, and levels of certain other expenses, which will affect the relative performance of the different classes. Investors may call 1-800-34-VISTA to obtain additional information about other classes of shares of the Fund that are offered. Any person entitled to receive compensation for selling or servicing shares of the Fund may receive different levels of compensation with respect to one class of shares over another.

The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the general direction and supervision of its Board of Trustees. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders but will hold special meetings of shareholders of all series or classes when in the judgment of the Trustees it is necessary or desirable to submit matters for a shareholder vote. The Trustees will promptly call a meeting of shareholders to remove a trustee(s) when requested to do so in writing by record holders of not less than 10% of all outstanding shares of the Trust.

Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Trust itself was unable to meet its obligations.

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The Fund's investment performance may from time to time be included in advertisements about the Fund. Performance is calculated separately for each class of shares, in the manner described in the SAI. "Yield" for each class of shares is calculated by dividing the annualized net investment income per share during a recent 30-day period by the maximum public offering price per share of such class on the last day of that period.

"Total return" for the one-, five- and ten-year periods (or since inception, if shorter) through the most recent calendar quarter represents the average annual compounded rate of return on an investment of \$1,000 in the Fund invested at the maximum public offering price and reflects the deduction of the

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maximum initial sales charge. Total return may also be presented for other periods or without reflecting sales charges. Any quotation of investment performance not reflecting the maximum initial sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge would be reduced if such sales charges were used.

All performance data is based on the Fund's past investment results and does not predict future performance. Investment performance, which will vary, is based on many factors, including market conditions, the composition of the Fund's portfolio, the Fund's operating expenses. Investment performance also often reflects the risks associated with the Fund's investment objectives and policies. These factors should be considered when comparing the Fund's investment results to those of other mutual funds and other investment vehicles. Quotation of investment performance for any period when a fee waiver or expense limitation was in effect will be greater than if the waiver or limitation had not been in effect. The Fund's performance may be compared to other mutual funds, relevant indices and rankings prepared by independent services. See the SAI.

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# MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISTA PRIVILEGES

The following services are available to you as a Vista mutual fund shareholder.

- o SYSTEMATIC INVESTMENT PLAN--Invest as much as you wish (\$100 or more) in the first or third week of any month. The amount will be automatically transferred from your checking or savings account.
- o SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL PLAN--Make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan.
- o SYSTEMATIC EXCHANGE--Transfer assets automatically from one Vista account to another on a regular, prearranged basis. There is no additional charge for this service.
- o FREE EXCHANGE PRIVILEGE--Exchange money between Vista funds in the same class of shares without charge. The exchange privilege allows you to adjust your investments as your objectives change. Investors may not maintain, within the same fund, simultaneous plans for systematic investment or exchange and systematic withdrawal or exchange.
- o REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE--Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value next determined subject to written request within 90 calendar days of the redemption, accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption).

For more information about any of these services and privileges, call your shareholder servicing agent, investment representative or the Vista Service Center at  $1-800-34-{\rm VISTA}$ . These privileges are subject to change or termination.

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Vista Family of Mutual Funds & Retirement Products

VISTA INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUNDS Southeast Asian Fund Japan Fund European Fund International Equity Fund VISTA U.S. EQUITY FUNDS
Small Cap Equity Fund
The Growth Fund of Washington
Capital Growth Fund
Growth and Income Fund
Large Cap Equity Fund
Balanced Fund
Equity Income Fund

VISTA FIXED INCOME FUNDS Bond Fund U.S. Government Securities Fund U.S. Treasury Income Fund Short-Term Bond Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE FUNDS(1) New York Tax Free Income Fund California Intermediate Tax Free Fund Tax Free Income Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(1,2)
New York Tax Free Money Market Fund
Connecticut Daily Tax Free Income Fund Select Shares(3)
New Jersey Daily Municipal Income Fund Select Shares(3)
Tax Free Money Market Fund
California Tax Free Money Market Fund

VISTA TAXABLE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(2)
Cash Management Money Market Fund
Federal Money Market Fund
100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund
U.S. Government Money Market Fund
Treasury Plus Money Market Fund

VISTA RETIREMENT PRODUCTS Vista Capital Advantage Variable Annuity(4) Vista 401(k) Advantage

For complete information on the Vista Mutual Funds or Retirement Products, including information about fees and expenses, call your investment professional or 1-800-34-VISTA for a prospectus. Please read it carefully before you invest or send money.

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- Some income may be subject to certain state and local taxes. A portion of the income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax for some investors.
- 2 An investment in a Money Market Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Yields will fluctuate, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per share.
- 3 Vista Select Shares of these funds are not a part of, or affiliated with, the Vista Family of Mutual Funds. Reich & Tang Distributors L.P. and New England Investment Companies L.P., which are unaffiliated with Chase, are the funds' distributor and investment adviser, respectively.
- 4 The variable annuity contract is issued by First SunAmerica Life Insurance Company in New York; in other states, but not necessarily all states, it is issued by Anchor National Life Insurance Company.

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PROSPECTUS
VISTA(SM) NEW GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES FUND
CLASS A AND B SHARES

INVESTMENT STRATEGY: CAPITAL GROWTH

February 28, 1997

This Prospectus explains concisely what you should know before investing. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. You can find more detailed information about the Fund in its February 28, 1997 Statement of Additional Information, as amended periodically (the "SAI"). For a free copy of the SAI, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800- 34-VISTA. The SAI has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference.

The Fund, unlike many other investment companies which directly acquire and manage their own portfolios of securities, seeks its investment objective by investing all of its investable assets in New Growth Opportunities Portfolio (the "Portfolio"), an open-end management investment company with an investment objective identical to those of the Fund. Investors should carefully consider this investment approach. For additional information regarding this investment structure, see "Unique Characteristics of Master/Feeder Fund Structure" on page 15.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION, NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

Investments in the Fund are not bank deposits or obligations of, or guaranteed or endorsed by, The Chase Manhattan Bank or any of its affiliates and are not insured by the FDIC, the Federal Reserve Board or any other government agency. Investments in mutual funds involve risk, including the possible loss of the principal amount invested.

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# EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses are one of several factors to consider when investing. The following table summarizes your costs from investing in the Fund based on estimated expenses for the current fiscal year. The examples show the cumulative expenses attributable to a hypothetical \$1,000 investment over specified periods.

	Class B Shares	Class A Shares
CUADRIOLDED EDANGACETON ENDENGES		
SHAREHOLDER TRANSACTION EXPENSES		
Maximum Sales Charge Imposed on Purchases		
(as a percentage of offering price)	4.75%	None
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge		
(as a percentage of the lower of original		
<pre>purchase price or redemption proceeds)*</pre>	None	5.00%
ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES		
(as a percentage of average net assets)		
Investment Advisory Fee	0.65%	0.65%
12b-1 Fee**	0.25%	0.75%
Shareholder Servicing Fee	0.00%	0.25%
Other Expenses	0.60%	0.60%
Total Fund Operating Expenses	1.50%	2.25%
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## EXAMPLES

Your investment of \$1,000 would incur the following expenses, assuming 5% annual return:

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	Year	Years
Class A Shares+	\$ 62	\$ 93
Class B Shares:		
Assuming complete redemption at the		
end of the period++ +++	\$ 74	\$103
Assuming no redemptions++++	\$ 23	\$ 70

<sup>\*</sup> The maximum deferred sales charge on Class B shares applies to redemptions during the first year after purchase; the charge generally declines by 1%

annually thereafter (except in the fourth year), reaching zero after six years. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares."

- \*\* Long-term shareholders in mutual funds with 12b-1 fees, such as Class A and Class B shareholders of the Fund, may pay more than the economic equivalent of the maximum front-end sales charge permitted by rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.
- # Reflects current waiver arrangements to maintain the Total Operating Expenses at the levels indicated in the table above. Absent such waivers, the Shareholder Servicing Fee would be 0.25% for Class A shares.
- + Assumes deduction at the time of purchase of the maximum sales charge.
- ++ Assumes deduction at the time of redemption of the maximum applicable deferred sales charge.
- +++Ten-year figures assume conversion of Class B shares to Class A shares at the beginning of the ninth year after purchase. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares."

The table is provided to help you understand the expenses of investing in the Fund and your share of the operating expenses that the Fund incurs. The examples should not be considered representations of past or future expenses or returns; actual expenses and returns may be greater or less than shown.

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Charges or credits, not reflected in the expense table above, may be incurred directly by customers of financial institutions in connection with an investment in the Fund. The Fund understands that Shareholder Servicing Agents may credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees amounts not exceeding such other fees or the fees received by the Shareholder Servicing Agent from the Fund with respect to those accounts. See "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

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### FUND OBJECTIVE

Vista New Growth Opportunities Fund seeks long-term capital growth. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program, and there is no assurance it will achieve its objective.

# INVESTMENT POLICIES

INVESTMENT APPROACH

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing all of its investable assets in the Portfolio. Under normal market conditions, the Portfolio will invest at least 80% of its total assets in equity securities and at least 65% of its total assets in equity securities of small to mid cap companies. The Portfolio's advisers classify small to mid cap companies as those with market capitalizations of \$300 million to \$4 billion at the time of purchase by the Portfolio. To pursue the Portfolio's objective the advisers will seek to invest in companies with consistent, accelerating earnings and attractive stock valuations. The Portfolio's advisers utilize a disciplined process involving quantitative pre-screening techniques, fundamental company research, and a proprietary company earnings model which identifies the potential for positive earnings. Current income is an incidental consideration to the Portfolio's objective. You should be aware that an investment in small to mid cap companies may be more volatile than investments in companies with greater capitalization, as described under "Risk Factors" below.

The Portfolio is classified as a "non-diversified" fund under federal securities law. The Portfolio's assets may be more concentrated in the securities of any single issuer or group of issuers than if the Portfolio were diversified.

The Portfolio may invest any portion of its assets not invested in equity securities in high quality money market instruments and repurchase agreements. In addition, at times when the Portfolio's advisers deem it advisable to limit the Portfolio's exposure to the equity markets, the Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its total assets in U.S. Government obligations other than money market instruments. For temporary defensive purposes, the Portfolio may invest without limitation in money market instruments and repurchase agreements. To the extent that the Portfolio departs from its investment policies during temporary defensive periods, the Fund's investment objective may not be achieved.

FUND STRUCTURE

The Portfolio has an objective identical to that of the Fund. The Fund may withdraw its investment from the Portfolio at any time if the Trustees determine that it is in the best interest of the Fund to do so. Upon any such withdrawal, the Trustees would consider what action might be taken, including investing all of the Fund's investable assets in another pooled investment entity having substantially the same objective and policies as the Fund or retaining an investment adviser to manage the Fund's assets directly.

Who May Want to Invest

This Fund may be most suitable for investors who. . .

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(bullet) Are seeking long-term growth of capital

(bullet) Are investing for goals several years away

(bullet) Own or plan to own other types of investments for diversification purposes

(bullet) Can assume above-average market risk

This Fund may NOT be appropriate for investors who are unable to tolerate frequent up and down price changes, are investing for short-term goals or who are in need of current income.

### OTHER INVESTMENT PRACTICES

The Portfolio may also engage in the following investment practices, when consistent with the Portfolio's overall objective and policies. These practices, and certain associated risks, are more fully described in the SAI.

FOREIGN SECURITIES. The Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its total assets in foreign securities, including Depositary Receipts, which are described below. Since foreign securities are normally denominated and traded in foreign currencies, the values of the Portfolio's foreign investments may be influenced by currency exchange rates and exchange control regulations. There may be less information publicly available about foreign issuers than U.S. issuers, and they are not generally subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices comparable to those in the U.S. Foreign securities may be less liquid and more volatile than comparable U.S. securities. Foreign settlement procedures and trade regulations may involve certain expenses and risks. One risk would be the delay in payment or delivery of securities or in the recovery of the Portfolio's assets held abroad. It is possible that nationalization or expropriation of assets, imposition of currency exchange controls, taxation by withholding Fund assets, political or financial instability and diplomatic developments could affect the value of the Portfolio's investments in certain foreign countries. Foreign laws may restrict the ability to invest in certain countries or issuers and special tax considerations will apply to foreign securities. The risks can increase if the Portfolio invests in emerging market securities.

The Portfolio may invest its assets in securities of foreign issuers in the form of American Depositary Receipts, European Depositary Receipts or other similar securities representing securities of foreign issuers (collectively, "Depositary Receipts"). The Portfolio treats Depositary Receipts as interests in the underlying securities for purposes of its investment policies. The Portfolio will limit its investment in Depositary Receipts not sponsored by the issuer of the underlying securities to no more than 5% of the value of its net assets (at the time of investment).

U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS. The Portfolio may invest in obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities.

MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS. The Portfolio may invest in cash or high-quality, short-term money

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market instruments. These may include U.S. Government securities, commercial paper of domestic and foreign issuers and obligations of domestic and foreign banks. Investments in foreign money market instruments may involve certain

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS, SECURITIES LOANS AND FORWARD COMMITMENTS. The Portfolio may enter into agreements to purchase and resell securities at an agreed-upon price and time. The Portfolio also has the ability to lend portfolio securities in an amount equal to not more than 30% of its total assets to generate additional income. These transactions must be fully collateralized at all times. The Portfolio may purchase securities for delivery at a future date, which may increase its overall investment exposure and involves a risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date. These transactions involve some risk to the Portfolio if the other party should default on its obligation and the Portfolio is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction.

BORROWINGS AND REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. The Portfolio may borrow money from banks for temporary or short-term purposes, but will not borrow money to buy additional securities, known as "leveraging." The Portfolio may also sell and simultaneously commit to repurchase a portfolio security at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund may use this practice to generate cash for shareholder redemptions without selling securities in a down market. Whenever the Portfolio enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will establish a segregated account in which it will maintain liquid assets on a daily basis in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest). The Portfolio would be required to pay interest on amounts obtained through reverse repurchase agreements, which are considered borrowing under federal securities laws.

STAND-BY COMMITMENTS. The Portfolio may enter into put transactions, including those sometimes referred to as stand-by commitments, with respect to securities in its portfolio. In these transactions, the Portfolio would acquire the right to sell a security at an agreed upon price within a specified period prior to its maturity date. These transactions involve some risk to the Portfolio if the other party should default on its obligation and the Portfolio is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction. A put transaction will increase the cost of the underlying security and consequently reduce the available yield.

CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES. The Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its net assets in convertible securities, which are securities generally offering fixed interest or dividend yields which may be converted either at a stated price or stated rate for common or preferred stock. Although to a lesser extent than with fixed-income securities generally, the market value of convertible securities tends to

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decline as interest rates increase, and increase as interest rates decline. Because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities also tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying common or preferred stock.

OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES. The Portfolio may invest up to 10% of its total assets in shares of other investment companies when consistent with its investment objective and policies, subject to applicable regulatory limitations. Additional fees may be charged by other investment companies.

STRIPS. The Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its total assets in stripped obligations (i.e., separately traded principal and interest components of securities) where the underlying obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, including instruments known as "STRIPS". The value of these instruments tends to fluctuate more in response to changes in interest rates than the value of ordinary interest-paying debt securities with similar maturities. The risk is greater when the period to maturity is longer.

DERIVATIVES AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS. The Portfolio may invest its assets in derivative and related instruments to hedge various market risks or to increase the Portfolio's income or gain. Some of these instruments will be subject to asset segregation requirements to cover the Portfolio's obligations. The Portfolio may (i) purchase, write and exercise call and put options on securities and securities indexes (including using options in combination with securities, other options or derivative instruments); (ii) enter into swaps, futures contracts and options on futures contracts; (iii) employ forward currency contracts; and (iv) purchase and sell structured products, which are instruments designed to restructure or reflect the characteristics of certain other investments.

There are a number of risks associated with the use of derivatives and related instruments and no assurance can be given that any strategy will succeed. The value of certain derivatives or related instruments in which the Portfolio invests may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing economic conditions and market value. The ability of the Portfolio to successfully utilize these instruments may depend in part upon the ability of its advisers to

forecast these factors correctly. Inaccurate forecasts could expose the Portfolio to a risk of loss. There can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in a hedging instrument and in the portfolio assets being hedged. The Portfolio is not required to use any hedging strategies. Hedging strategies, while reducing risk of loss, can also reduce the opportunity for gain. Derivatives transactions not involving hedging may have speculative characteristics, involve leverage and result in losses that may exceed the original investment of the Fund. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Portfolio seeks to close out a derivatives position. Activities of large traders in the

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futures and securities markets involving arbitrage, "program trading," and other investment strategies may cause price distortions in derivatives markets. In certain instances, particularly those involving over-the-counter transactions or forward contracts, there is a greater potential that a counterparty or broker may default. In the event of a default, the Portfolio may experience a loss. For additional information concerning derivatives, related instruments and the associated risks, see the SAI.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER. The frequency of the Portfolio's buy and sell transactions will vary from year to year. The Portfolio's investment policies may lead to frequent changes in investments, particularly in periods of rapidly changing market conditions. High portfolio turnover rates would generally result in higher transaction costs, including brokerage commissions or dealer mark-ups, and would make it more difficult for the Portfolio to qualify as a registered investment company under federal tax law. See "How Distributions are Made; Tax Information."

### LIMITING INVESTMENT RISKS

Specific investment restrictions help the Portfolio limit investment risks for the Fund's shareholders. These restrictions prohibit the Portfolio from: (a) investing more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (which include securities restricted as to resale unless they are determined to be readily marketable in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees of the Portfolio); or (b) investing more than 25% of its total assets in any one industry. A complete description of these and other investment policies is included in the SAI. Except for restriction (b) above and investment policies designated as fundamental in the SAI, the investment policies of the Portfolio and the Fund (including their investment objective) are not fundamental. Shareholder approval is not required to change any non-fundamental policy. However, in the event of a change in the Fund's or Portfolio's investment objective, shareholders will be given at least 30 days' prior written notice.

### RISK FACTORS

The net asset value of the Fund's shares will fluctuate based on the value of the securities held by the Portfolio. The Portfolio is aggresively managed and, therefore, the value of the shares of the Fund is subject to greater fluctuation and an investment in the Fund's shares involves a higher degree of risk than an investment in a conservative equity fund or a growth fund investing entirely in proven growth equities. An investment in the Fund should not be considered a complete investment program and may not be appropriate for all investors.

The securities of small to mid cap companies often trade less frequently and in more limited volume, and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements, than securities of larger, more established companies. Such companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, or may depend on a limited management group.

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Because the Portfolio is "non-diversified," the value of the Fund's shares is more susceptible to developments affecting issuers in which the Portfolio invests.

To the extent the Portfolio invests in longer-term U.S. Government obligations, the performance of the Portfolio may also be affected by interest rate changes. As interest rates increase, the value of any fixed income securities held by the Portfolio will tend to decrease.

For a discussion of certain other risks associated with the Portfolio's additional investment activities, see "Other Investment Practices" above.

### MANAGEMENT

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THE PORTFOLIO'S ADVISERS

The Chase Manhattan Bank ("Chase") is the Portfolio's investment adviser under an

Investment Advisory Agreement and has overall responsibility for investment decisions of the Portfolio, subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees. Chase is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation, a bank holding company. CHASE AND ITS PREDECESSORS HAVE OVER 100 YEARS OF MONEY MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE.

For its investment advisory services to the Portfolio, Chase is entitled to receive an annual fee computed daily and paid monthly based at an annual rate equal to 0.65% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets. Chase is located at 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Chase Asset Management, Inc. ("CAM"), a registered investment adviser, is the Portfolio's sub- investment adviser under a Sub- Investment Advisory Agreement between CAM and Chase. CAM is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Chase. CAM makes investment decisions for the Portfolio on a day-to-day basis. For these services, CAM is entitled to receive a fee, payable by Chase from its advisory fee, at an annual rate equal to 0.30% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets. CAM was recently formed for the purpose of providing discretionary investment advisory services to institutional clients and to consolidate Chase's investment management function. The same individuals who serve as portfolio managers for Chase also serve as portfolio managers for CAM. CAM is located at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

PORTFOLIO MANAGER. David Klassen, Director, U.S. Funds Management and Equity Research of Domestic Equity Management at Chase, is responsible for asset allocation and investment strategy for Chase's domestic equity portfolios. Mr. Klassen joined Chase in March 1992. Prior to joining Chase, Mr. Klassen was a vice president and portfolio manager at Dean Witter Reynolds, responsible for managing several mutual funds and other accounts.

A team composed of Chase investment professionals is responsible for the management of the Portfolio.

ABOUT YOUR INVESTMENT CHOOSING A SHARE CLASS

CLASS A SHARES. An investor who purchases Class A shares pays a sales

charge at the time of purchase. As a result, Class A shares are not subject to any sales charges when they are redeemed. Certain purchases of Class A shares qualify for reduced sales charges. Class A shares have lower combined 12b-1 and service fees than Class B shares. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares" and "Other Information Concerning the Fund.'

CLASS B SHARES. Class B shares are sold without an initial sales charge, but are subject to a contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") if redeemed within a specified period after purchase. Class B shares also have higher combined 12b-1 and service fees than Class A shares.

Class B shares automatically convert into Class A shares, based on relative net asset value, at the beginning of the ninth year after purchase. For more information about the conversion of Class B shares, see the SAI. This discussion will include information about how shares acquired through reinvestment of distributions are treated for conversion purposes. Class B shares provide an investor the benefit of putting all of the investor's dollars to work from the time the investment is made. Until conversion, Class B shares will have a higher expense ratio and pay lower dividends than Class A shares because of the higher combined 12b-1 and service fees. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares" and "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

WHICH ARRANGEMENT IS BEST FOR YOU? The decision as to which class of shares provides a more suitable investment for you depends on a number of factors, including the amount and intended length of the investment. If you are making an investment that qualifies for reduced sales charges, you might consider Class A shares. If you prefer not to pay an initial sales charge, you might consider Class B shares. In almost all cases, if you are planning to purchase \$250,000 or more of the Fund's shares you will pay lower aggregate charges and expenses by purchasing Class A shares.

HOW TO BUY, SELL AND EXCHANGE SHARES

HOW TO BUY SHARES

You can open a Fund account with as little as \$2,500 for regular accounts or \$1,000 for IRAs, SEP-IRAs and the Systematic Investment Plan. Additional investments can be made at any time with as little as \$100. You can buy Fund shares three ways-through an investment representative, through the Fund's distributor by calling the Vista Service Center, or through the Systematic Investment Plan.

All purchases made by check should be in U.S. dollars and made payable to the Vista Funds. Third party checks, credit cards and cash will not be accepted. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order or cease offering shares for purchase at any time. When purchases are made by check, redemptions will not be allowed until check clears, which may take 15 calendar days or longer. In addition, the redemption of shares purchased through Automated Clearing House (ACH) will not be allowed until your payment clears,

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which may take 7 business days or longer.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH THE FUND'S DISTRIBUTOR. Complete and return the enclosed application and your check in the amount you wish to invest to the Vista Service Center.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH SYSTEMATIC INVESTING. You can make regular investments of \$100 or more per transaction through automatic periodic deduction from your bank checking or savings account. Shareholders electing to start this Systematic Investment Plan when opening an account should complete Section 8 of the account application. Current shareholders may begin such a plan at any time by sending a signed letter and a deposit slip or voided check to the Vista Service Center. Call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions.

Shares are purchased at the public offering price, which is based on the net asset value next determined after the Vista Service Center receives your order in proper form. In most cases, in order to receive that day's public offering price, the Vista Service Center must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange. If you buy shares through your investment representative, the representative must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's public offering price. Orders for shares are accepted by the Fund after funds are converted to federal funds. Orders paid by check and received by 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time will generally be available for the purchase of shares the following business day.

If you are considering redeeming or exchanging shares or transferring shares to another person shortly after purchase, you should pay for those shares with a certified check to avoid any delay in redemption, exchange or transfer. Otherwise the Fund may delay payment until the purchase price of those shares has been collected or, if you redeem by telephone, until 15 calendar days after the purchase date. To eliminate the need for safekeeping, the Fund will not issue certificates for your Class A shares unless you request them. Due to the conversion feature of Class B shares, certificates for Class B shares will not be issued and all Class B shares will be held in book entry form.

CLASS A SHARES

The public offering price of Class A shares is the net asset value plus a sales charge that varies depending on the size of your purchase. The Fund receives the net asset value. The sales charge is allocated between your broker-dealer and the Fund's distributor as shown in the following table, except when the Fund's distributor, in its discretion, allocates the entire amount to your broker-dealer.

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Sales charge as a percentage of:

Amount of transaction at offering price(\$)	Offering price	Net amount invested	Amount of sales charge reallowed to dealers as a percentage of offering price
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Under 100,000	4.75	4.99	4.00
100,000 but under 250,000	3.75	3.90	3.25
250,000 but under 500,000	2.50	2.56	2.25
500,000 but under 1,000,000 			

 2.00 | 2.04 | 1.75 |There is no initial sales charge on purchases of Class A shares of \$1 million or more.

The Fund's distributor pays broker- dealers commissions on net sales of Class A

shares of \$1 million or more based on an investor's cumulative purchases. Such commissions are paid at the rate of 1.00% of the amount under \$2.5 million, 0.75% of the next \$7.5 million, 0.50% of the next \$40 million and 0.20% thereafter. The Fund's distributor may withhold such payments with respect to short-term investments.

### CLASS B SHARES

Class B shares are sold without an initial sales charge, although a CDSC will be imposed if you redeem shares within a specified period after purchase, as shown in the table below. The following types of shares may be redeemed without charge at any time: (i) shares acquired by reinvestment of distributions and (ii) shares otherwise exempt from the CDSC, as described below. For other shares, the amount of the charge is determined as a percentage of the lesser of the current market value or the purchase price of shares being redeemed.

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+
CDSC	5%	4%	3%	3%	2%	1 %	0%	0%

In determining whether a CDSC is payable on any redemption, the Fund will first redeem shares not subject to any charge, and then shares held longest during the CDSC period. When a share that has appreciated in value is redeemed during the CDSC period, a CDSC is assessed only on its initial purchase price. For information on how sales charges are calculated if you exchange your shares, see "How to Exchange Your Shares." The Fund's distributor pays broker- dealers a commission of 4.00% of the offering price on sales of Class B shares, and the distributor receives the entire amount of any CDSC you pay.

#### GENERAL.

You may be eligible to buy Class A shares at reduced sales charges. Consult your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for details about Vista's combined purchase privilege, cumulative quantity discount, statement of intention, group sales plan, employee benefit plans, and other plans. Descriptions are also included in the enclosed application and in the SAI. In addition, sales charges are waived if you are using redemption proceeds received within the prior ninety days from non-Vista mutual funds to buy your shares, and on which you paid a

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front-end or contingent deferred sales charge.

Some participant-directed employee benefit plans participate in a "multi-fund" program which offers both Vista and non-Vista mutual funds. With Board of Trustee approval, the money that is invested in Vista Funds may be combined with the other mutual funds in the same program when determing the plan's eligibility to buy Class A shares without a sales charge. These investments will also be included for purposes of the discount privileges and programs described above.

The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge to the Fund's current and retired Trustees (and their immediate families), current and retired employees (and their immediate families) of Chase, the Fund's distributor and transfer agent or any affiliates or subsidiaries thereof, registered representatives and other employees (and their immediate families) of broker- dealers having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor, employees (and their immediate families) of financial institutions having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor (or otherwise having an arrangement with a broker-dealer or financial institution with respect to sales of Vista fund shares), financial institution trust departments investing an aggregate of \$1 million or more in the Vista Family of Funds, and clients of certain administrators of tax-qualified plans when proceeds from repayments of loans to participants are invested (or reinvested) in the Vista Family of Funds.

No initial sales charge will apply to the purchase of the Fund's Class A shares if you are investing the proceeds of a qualified retirement plan where a portion of the plan was invested in the Vista Family of Funds, any qualified retirement plan with 50 or more participants, or an individual participant in a tax-qualified plan making a tax-free rollover or transfer of assets from the plan in which Chase or an affiliate serves as trustee or custodian of the plan or manages some portion of the plan's assets.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge through an investment adviser or financial planner that charges a fee for its services. Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge (i) by an investment adviser, broker or financial planner, provided arrangements are preapproved and purchases are placed through an omnibus account with the Fund or (ii) by clients of such investment adviser or financial planner who place trades for their own accounts, if such accounts are linked to a master account of such investment adviser or financial planner on the books and records

of the broker or agent. Such purchases may also be made for retirement and deferred compensation plans and trusts used to fund those plans.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge in accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which is acting as a fiduciary exercising investment discretion, provided that appropriate notification of such fiduciary relationship is reported at

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the time of the investment to the Fund, the Fund's distributor or the Vista Service Center.

Shareholders of record of any Vista Fund as of November 30, 1990 and certain immediate family members may purchase the Fund's Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own Class A shares of any Vista fund, provided there is no change in account registration. Shareholders of record of any portfolio of The Hanover Funds, Inc. or The Hanover Investment Funds, Inc. as of May 3, 1996 and certain related investors may purchase the Fund's Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own shares of any Vista fund following this date, provided there is no change in account registration.

The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge in connection with the acquisition by the Fund of assets of an investment company or personal holding company. The CDSC will be waived on redemption of Class B shares arising out of death or disability or in connection with certain withdrawals from IRA or other retirement plans. Up to 12% of the value of Class B shares subject to a systematic withdrawal plan may also be redeemed each year without a CDSC, provided that the Class B account had a minimum balance of \$20,000 at the time the systematic withdrawal plan was established. The SAI contains additional information about purchasing the Fund's shares at reduced sales charges.

The Fund reserves the right to change any of these policies on purchases without an initial sales charge at any time and may reject any such purchase request.

For shareholders that bank with Chase, Chase may aggregate investments in the Vista Funds with balances held in Chase bank accounts for purposes of determining eligibility for certain bank privileges that are based on specified minimum balance requirements, such as reduced or no fees for certain banking services or preferred rates on loans and deposits. Chase and certain broker-dealers and other shareholder servicing agents may, at their own expense, provide gifts, such as computer software packages, guides and books related to investment or additional Fund shares valued up to \$250 to their customers that invest in the Vista Funds.

Shareholders of other Vista funds may be entitled to exchange their shares for, or reinvest distributions from their funds in, shares of the Fund at net asset value.

HOW TO SELL SHARES

You can sell your Fund shares any day the New York Stock Exchange is open, either directly to the Fund or through your investment representative. The Fund will only forward redemption payments on shares for which it has collected payment of the purchase price.

SELLING SHARES DIRECTLY TO THE FUND. Send a signed letter of instruction to the Vista Service Center, along with any certificates that represent shares you want to sell. The price you will receive is the next net asset value calculated after the Fund receives your request in proper form, less any applicable CDSC. In order to receive that day's

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net asset value, the Vista Service Center must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

If you sell shares having a net asset value of \$100,000 or more, the signatures of registered owners or their legal representatives must be guaranteed by a bank, broker-dealer or certain other financial institutions. See the SAI for more information about where to obtain a signature guarantee.

If you want your redemption proceeds sent to an address other than your address as it appears on Vista's records, a signature guarantee is required. The Fund may require additional documentation for the sale of shares by a corporation, partnership, agent or fiduciary, or a surviving joint owner. Contact the Vista Service Center for details.

DELIVERY OF PROCEEDS. The Fund generally sends you payment for your shares the business day after your request is received in proper form, assuming the Fund has collected payment of the purchase price of your shares. Under unusual circumstances, the Fund may suspend redemptions, or postpone payment for more than seven days, as permitted by federal securities law.

TELEPHONE REDEMPTIONS. You may use Vista's Telephone Redemption Privilege to redeem shares from your account unless you have notified the Vista Service Center of an address change within the preceding 30 days. Telephone redemption requests in excess of \$25,000 will only be made by wire to a bank account on record with the Fund. Unless an investor indicates otherwise on the account application, the Fund will be authorized to act upon redemption and transfer instructions received by telephone from a shareholder, or any person claiming to act as his or her representative, who can provide the Fund with his or her account registration and address as it appears on the Fund's records.

The Vista Service Center will employ these and other reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine; if it fails to employ reasonable procedures, the Fund may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. An investor agrees, however, that to the extent permitted by applicable law, neither the Fund nor its agents will be liable for any loss, liability, cost or expense arising out of any redemption request, including any fraudulent or unauthorized request. For information, consult the Vista Service Center.

During periods of unusual market changes and shareholder activity, you may experience delays in contacting the Vista Service Center by telephone. In this event, you may wish to submit a written redemption request, as described above, or contact your investment representative. The Telephone Redemption Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. The Telephone Redemption Privilege may be modified or terminated without notice.

SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL. You can make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more (\$100 or more for

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Class B accounts) monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of 55,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan for Class A accounts. Call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions.

SELLING SHARES THROUGH YOUR INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVE. Your investment representative must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's net asset value. Your investment representative will be responsible for furnishing all necessary documentation to the Vista Service Center, and may charge you for its services.

INVOLUNTARY REDEMPTION OF ACCOUNTS. The Fund may involuntarily redeem your shares if at such time the aggregate net asset value of the shares in your account is less than \$500 or if you purchase through the Systematic Investment Plan and fail to meet the Fund's investment minimum within a twelve month period. In the event of any such redemption, you will receive at least 60 days notice prior to the redemption. In the event the Fund redeems Class B shares pursuant to this provision, no CDSC will be imposed.

### HOW TO EXCHANGE YOUR SHARES

You can exchange your shares for shares of the same class of certain other Vista Funds at net asset value beginning 15 days after purchase. Not all Vista Funds offer all classes of shares. The prospectus of the other Vista Fund into which shares are being exchanged should be read carefully and retained for future reference. If you exchange shares subject to a CDSC, the transaction will not be subject to the CDSC. However, when you redeem the shares acquired through the exchange, the redemption may be subject to the CDSC, depending upon when you originally purchased the shares. The CDSC will be computed using the schedule of any fund into or from which you have exchanged your shares that would result in your paying the highest CDSC applicable to your class of shares. In computing the CDSC, the length of time you have owned your shares will be measured from the date of original purchase and will not be affected by any exchange.

EXCHANGING TO MONEY MARKET FUNDS. An exchange of Class B shares into any of the Vista money market funds other than the Class B shares of the Vista Prime Money Market Fund will be treated as a redemption-and therefore subject to the conditions of the CDSC-and a subsequent purchase. Class B shares of any Vista non-money market fund may be exchanged into the Class B shares of the Vista Prime Money Market Fund in order to continue the aging of the initial purchase of such shares.

For federal income tax purposes, an exchange is treated as a sale of shares and generally results in a capital gain or loss.

EXCHANGING BY PHONE. A Telephone Exchange Privilege is currently available. Call the Vista Service Center for procedures for telephone transactions. The Telephone Exchange Privilege is not

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available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. Ask your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for prospectuses of other Vista funds. Shares of certain Vista funds are not available to residents of all states.

EXCHANGE PARAMETERS. The exchange privilege is not intended as a vehicle for short-term trading. Excessive exchange activity may interfere with portfolio management and have an adverse effect on all shareholders. In order to limit excessive exchange activity and in other circumstances where Vista management or the Trustees believe doing so would be in the best interests of the Fund, the Fund reserves the right to revise or terminate the exchange privilege, limit the amount or number of exchanges or reject any exchange. In addition, any shareholder who makes more than ten exchanges of shares involving the Fund in a year or three in a calendar quarter will be charged a \$5.00 administration fee for each such exchange. Shareholders would be notified of any such action to the extent required by law. Consult the Vista Service Center before requesting an exchange. See the SAI to find out more about the exchange privilege.

REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE. Upon written request, Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value within 90 calendar days of the redemption. The redemption request must be accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption), and shares will be purchased at the next determined net asset value. Class B shareholders who have redeemed their shares and paid a CDSC with such redemption may purchase Class A shares with no initial sales charge (in an amount not in excess of their redemption proceeds) if the purchase occurs within 90 days of the redemption of the Class B shares.

HOW THE FUND VALUES ITS SHARES

The net asset value of each class of the Fund's shares is determined once daily based upon prices determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, however, options are priced at 4:15 p.m., Eastern time), on each business day of the Fund, by dividing the net assets of the Fund attributable to that class by the total number of outstanding shares of that class. Values of assets held by the Fund (i.e., the value of its investment in the Portfolio and its other assets) are determined on the basis of their market or other fair value, as described in the SAI.

HOW DISTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE; TAX INFORMATION

The Fund distributes any net investment income at least semi- annually and any net realized capital gains at least annually. Capital gains are distributed after deducting any available capital loss carryovers. Distributions paid by the Fund with respect to Class A shares will generally be greater than those paid with respect to Class B shares because expenses attributable to Class B shares will generally be higher.

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DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT OPTION. You can choose from three distribution options: (1) reinvest all distributions in additional Fund shares without a sales charge; (2) receive distributions from net investment income in cash or by ACH to a pre-established bank account while reinvesting capital gains distributions in additional shares without a sales charge; or (3) receive all distributions in cash or by ACH. You can change your distribution option by notifying the Vista Service Center in writing. If you do not select an option when you open your account, all distributions will be reinvested. All distributions not paid in cash or by ACH will be reinvested in shares of the same share class. You will receive a statement confirming reinvestment of distributions in additional Fund shares promptly following the quarter in which the reinvestment occurs.

If a check representing a Fund distribution is not cashed within a specified period, the Vista Service Center will notify you that you have the option of requesting another check or reinvesting the distribution in the Fund or in another Vista fund without a sales charge. If the Vista Service Center does not receive your election, the distribution will be reinvested in the Fund. Similarly, if the Fund or the Vista Service Center sends you correspondence

returned as "undeliverable," distributions will automatically be reinvested in the Fund.

The Fund intends to qualify as a "regulated investment company" for federal income tax purposes and to meet all other requirements that are necessary for it to be relieved of federal taxes on income and gains it distributes to shareholders. The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gain net income on a current basis. If the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company for any taxable year or does not make such distributions, the Fund will be subject to tax on all of its income and gains.

TAXATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS. Fund distributions other than net long-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions of net long-term capital gains will be taxable as such, regardless of how long you have held the shares. The taxation of your distribution is the same whether received in cash or in shares through the reinvestment of distributions.

You should carefully consider the tax implications of purchasing shares just prior to a distribution. This is because you will be taxed on the entire amount of the distribution received, even though the net asset value per share will be higher on the date of such purchase as it will include the distribution amount.

Early in each calendar year the Fund will notify you of the amount and tax status of distributions paid to you by the Fund for the preceding year.

The above is only a summary of certain federal income tax consequences of investing in the Fund. You should consult your tax adviser to determine the precise effect of an investment in the Fund on your particular tax situation (including possible liability

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for state and local taxes and, for foreign shareholders,  ${\tt U.S.}$  withholding taxes).

OTHER INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE FUND
----DISTRIBUTION PLANS

The Fund's distributor is Vista Fund Distributors, Inc. ("VFD"). VFD is a subsidiary of The BISYS Group, Inc. and is unaffiliated with Chase. The Trust has adopted Rule 12b-1 distribution plans for Class A and Class B shares, which provide for the payment of distribution fees at annual rates of up to 0.25% and 0.75% of the average daily net assets attributable to Class A and Class B shares of the Fund, respectively. Payments under the distribution plans shall be used to compensate or reimburse the Fund's distributor and broker-dealers for services provided and expenses incurred in connection with the sale of Class A and Class B shares, and are not tied to the amount of actual expenses incurred. Payments may be used to compensate broker-dealers with trail or maintenance commissions at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of the average daily net asset value of Class A or Class B shares invested in the Fund by customers of these broker- dealers. Trail or maintenance commissions are paid to broker- dealers beginning the 13th month following the purchase of shares by their customers. Promotional activities for the sale of Class A and Class B shares will be conducted generally by the Vista Family of Funds, and activities intended to promote the Fund's Class A or Class B shares may also benefit the Fund's other shares and other Vista funds.

VFD may provide promotional incentives to broker-dealers that meet specified sales targets for one or more Vista Funds. These incentives may include gifts of up to \$100 per person annually; an occasional meal, ticket to a sporting event or theater or entertainment for broker-dealers and their guests; and payment or reimbursement for travel expenses, including lodging and meals, in connection with attendance at training and educational meetings within and outside the U.S.

### SHAREHOLDER SERVICING AGENTS

The Trust has entered into shareholder servicing agreements with certain shareholder servicing agents (including Chase) under which the shareholder servicing agents have agreed to provide certain support services to their customers who beneficially own Class A or Class B shares of the Fund. These services include assisting with purchase and redemption transactions, maintaining shareholder accounts and records, furnishing customer statements, transmitting shareholder reports and communications to customers and other similar shareholder liaison services. For performing these services, each shareholder servicing agent receives an annual fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Class A or Class B shares of the Fund held by investors for whom the shareholder servicing agent maintains a servicing relationship. Shareholder servicing agents may subcontract with other parties for the

Shareholder servicing agents may offer additional services to their customers, such as pre-authorized or systematic purchase and redemption plans. Each shareholder servicing agent may establish its own terms and conditions, including limitations on the amounts of subsequent transactions, with respect to such services. Certain shareholder servicing agents may (although they are not required by the Trust to do so) credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees an amount not exceeding such other fees or the fees for their services as shareholder servicing agents.

Chase and/or VFD may from time to time, at their own expense out of compensation retained by them from the Fund or other sources available to them, make additional payments to certain selected dealers or other shareholder servicing agents for performing administrative services for their customers. These services include maintaining account records, processing orders to purchase, redeem and exchange Fund shares and responding to certain customer inquiries. The amount of such compensation may be up to an additional 0.10% annually of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to shares of the Fund held by customers of such shareholder servicing agents. Such compensation does not represent an additional expense to the Fund or its shareholders, since it will be paid by Chase and/or VFD.

# ADMINISTRATOR AND SUB-ADMINISTRATOR

Chase acts as the administrator of the Fund and the Portfolio and is entitled to receive from each of the Fund and the Portfolio a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of their average daily net assets.

VFD provides certain sub-administrative services to the Fund pursuant to a distribution and sub-administration agreement and is entitled to receive a fee for these services from the Fund at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of the Fund's average daily net assets. VFD has agreed to use a portion of this fee to pay for certain expenses incurred in connection with organizing new series of the Trust and certain other ongoing expenses of the Trust. VFD is located at 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10178.

### CUSTODIAN

Chase acts as the Fund's custodian and fund accountant and receives compensation under an agreement with the Trust. Fund securities and cash may be held by sub-custodian banks if such arrangements are reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

### EXPENSES

The Fund pays the expenses incurred in its operations, including its pro rata share of expenses of the Trust. These expenses include investment advisory and administrative fees; the compensation of the Trustees; registration fees; interest charges; taxes; expenses connected with the execution, recording and settlement of security transactions; fees and

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expenses of the Fund's custodian for all services to the Fund, including safekeeping of funds and securities and maintaining required books and accounts; expenses of preparing and mailing reports to investors and to government offices and commissions; expenses of meetings of investors; fees and expenses of independent accountants, of legal counsel and of any transfer agent, registrar or dividend disbursing agent of the Trust; insurance premiums; and expenses of calculating the net asset value of, and the net income on, shares of the Fund. Shareholder servicing and distribution fees are allocated to specific classes of the Fund. In addition, the Fund may allocate transfer agency and certain other expenses by class. Service providers to the Fund may, from time to time, voluntarily waive all or a portion of any fees to which they are entitled.

# ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SHARES

The Fund is a portfolio of Mutual Fund Group, an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust in 1987 (the "Trust"). The Trust has reserved the right to create and issue additional series and classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The shares of each series or class participate equally in the earnings, dividends and assets of the particular series or class. Shares have no preemptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each whole share held, and each fractional share shall be entitled to a proportionate fractional

vote, except that Trust shares held in the treasury of the Trust shall not be voted. Shares of each class of the Fund generally vote together except when required under federal securities laws to vote separately on matters that only affect a particular class, such as the approval of distribution plans for a particular class.

The Fund issues multiple classes of shares. This Prospectus relates only to Class A and Class B shares of the Fund. The Fund offers other classes of shares in addition to these classes. The categories of investors that are eligible to purchase shares and minimum investment requirements may differ for each class of Fund shares. In addition, other classes of Fund shares may be subject to differences in sales charge arrangements, ongoing distribution and service fee levels, and levels of certain other expenses, which will affect the relative performance of the different classes. Investors may call 1-800-34-VISTA to obtain additional information about other classes of shares of the Fund that are offered. Any person entitled to receive compensation for selling or servicing shares of the Fund may receive different levels of compensation with respect to one class of shares over another.

The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the general direction and supervision of its Board of Trustees. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders but will hold special meetings of shareholders of all series or classes when in the judgment of

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the Trustees it is necessary or desirable to submit matters for a shareholder vote. The Trustees will promptly call a meeting of shareholders to remove a trustee(s) when requested to do so in writing by record holders of not less than 10% of all outstanding shares of the Trust.

Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Trust itself was unable to meet its obligations.

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF MASTER/FEEDER FUND STRUCTURE

Unlike other mutual funds, which directly acquire and manage their own portfolio securities, the Fund invests all of its investable assets in the Portfolio, a separate registered investment company. Therefore, a shareholder's interest in the Portfolio's securities is indirect. In addition to selling beneficial interest to the Fund, the Portfolio may sell beneficial interests to other mutual funds or institutional investors. Such investors will invest in the Portfolio on the same terms and conditions and will pay a proportionate share of the Portfolio's expenses. However, other investors investing in the Portfolio are not required to sell their shares at the same public offering prices as the Fund, and may bear different levels of ongoing expenses than the Fund. Shareholders of the Fund should be aware that these differences may result in differences in returns experienced in the different funds that invest in the Portfolio. Such differences in returns are also present in other mutual fund structures

Smaller funds investing in the Portfolio may be materially affected by the actions of larger funds investing in the Portfolio. For example, if a large fund withdraws from the Portfolio, the remaining funds may experience higher pro rata operating expenses, thereby producing lower returns. Additionally, the Portfolio may become less diverse, resulting in increased portfolio risk. However, this possibility also exists for traditionally structured funds which have large or institutional investors. Funds with a greater pro rata ownership in the Portfolio could have effective voting control of the operations of the Portfolio. Whenever the Trust is requested to vote on matters pertaining to the Portfolio, the Trust will hold a meeting of shareholders of the Fund and will cast all of its votes in the same proportion as do the Fund's shareholders. Shares of the Fund for which no voting instructions have been received will be voted in the same proportion as those shares for which voting instructions are received. Certain changes in the Portfolio's objective, policies or restrictions may require the Trust to withdraw the Fund's interest in the Portfolio. Any withdrawal could result in a distribution in kind of portfolio securities (as opposed to a cash distribution from the Portfolio). The Fund could incur brokerage fees or other transaction costs in converting such securities to cash. In addition, a distribution in

kind may result in a less diversified portfolio of investments or adversely affect the liquidity of the Fund.

The same individuals who are disinterested Trustees of the Trust serve as Trustees of the Portfolio. The Trustees of the Trust, including a majority of the disinterested Trustees, have adopted procedures they believe are reasonably appropriate to deal with resulting potential conflicts of interest, up to and including creating a separate Board of Trustees.

Investors in the Fund may obtain information about whether an investment in the Portfolio may be available through other funds by calling the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA.

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

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The Fund's investment performance may from time to time be included in advertisements about the Fund. Performance is calculated separately for each class of shares, in the manner described in the SAI. "Yield" for each class of shares is calculated by dividing the annualized net investment income per share during a recent 30-day period by the maximum public offering price per share of such class on the last day of that period.

"Total return" for the one-, five- and ten-year periods (or since inception, if shorter) through the most recent calendar quarter represents the average annual compounded rate of return on an investment of \$1,000 in the Fund invested at the maximum public offering price (in the case of Class A shares) or reflecting the deduction of any applicable contingent deferred sales charge (in the case of Class B shares). Total return may also be presented for other periods or without reflecting sales charges. Any quotation of investment performance not reflecting the maximum initial sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge would be reduced if such sales charges were used.

All performance data is based on the Fund's past investment results and does not predict future performance. Investment performance, which will vary, is based on many factors, including market conditions, the composition of the Fund's portfolio, the Fund's operating expenses and which class of shares you purchase. Investment performance also often reflects the risks associated with the Fund's investment objectives and policies. These factors should be considered when comparing the Fund's investment results to those of other mutual funds and other investment vehicles. Quotation of investment performance for any period when a fee waiver or expense limitation was in effect will be greater than if the waiver or limitation had not been in effect. The Fund's performance may be compared to other mutual funds, relevant indices and rankings prepared by independent services. See the SAI.

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MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISTA PRIVILEGES

The following services are available to you as a Vista mutual fund shareholder.

### SYSTEMATIC INVESTMENT PLAN

Invest as much as you wish (\$100 or more) in the first or third week of any month. The amount will be automatically transferred from your checking or savings account.

## SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL PLAN

Make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more (\$100 or more for Class B accounts) monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan for Class A accounts.

### SYSTEMATIC EXCHANGE

Transfer assets automatically from one Vista account to another on a regular, prearranged basis. There is no additional charge for this service.

### FREE EXCHANGE PRIVILEGE

Exchange money between Vista funds in the same class of shares without charge. The exchange privilege allows you to adjust your investments as your objectives change.

Investors may not maintain, within the same fund, simultaneous plans for systematic investment or exchange and systematic withdrawal or exchange.

REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE

Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value next determined subject to written request within 90 calendar days of the redemption, accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption).

Class B shareholders who have redeemed their shares and paid a CDSC with such redemption may purchase Class A shares with no initial sales charge (in an amount not in excess of their redemption proceeds) if the purchase occurs within  $90 \, \mathrm{days}$  of the redemption of the Class B shares.

For more information about any of these services and privileges, call your shareholder servicing agent, investment representative or the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34- VISTA. These privileges are subject to change or termination.

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Vista Family of Mutual Funds & Retirement Products

VISTA INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUNDS Southeast Asian Fund Japan Fund European Fund International Equity Fund

VISTA U.S. EQUITY FUNDS
Small Cap Equity Fund
The Growth Fund of Washington
Capital Growth Fund
Growth and Income Fund
Large Cap Equity Fund
Balanced Fund
Equity Income Fund

VISTA FIXED INCOME FUNDS Bond Fund U.S. Government Securities Fund U.S. Treasury Income Fund Short-Term Bond Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE FUNDS(1) New York Tax Free Income Fund California Intermediate Tax Free Fund Tax Free Income Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(1,2)
New York Tax Free Money Market Fund
Connecticut Daily Tax Free Income Fund Select Shares(3)
New Jersey Daily Municipal Income Fund Select Shares(3)
Tax Free Money Market Fund
California Tax Free Money Market Fund

VISTA TAXABLE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(2)
Cash Management Money Market Fund
Federal Money Market Fund
100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund
U.S. Government Money Market Fund
Treasury Plus Money Market Fund

VISTA RETIREMENT PRODUCTS
Vista Capital Advantage Variable Annuity(4)
Vista 401(k) Advantage

For complete information on the Vista Mutual Funds or Retirement Products, including information about fees and expenses, call your investment professional or 1-800-34-VISTA for a prospectus. Please read it carefully before you invest or send money.

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- Some income may be subject to certain state and local taxes. A portion of the income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax for some investors.
- 2 An investment in a Money Market Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Yields will fluctuate, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per share.
- 3 Vista Select Shares of these funds are not a part of, or affiliated with, the Vista Family of Mutual Funds. Reich & Tang Distributors L.P. and New England

Investment Companies L.P., which are unaffiliated with Chase, are the funds' distributor and investment adviser, respectively.

4 The variable annuity contract is issued by First SunAmerica Life Insurance Company in New York; in other states, but not necessarily all states, it is issued by Anchor National Life Insurance Company.

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VISTA(SM) SMALL CAP EQUITY FUND
CLASS A AND B SHARES

INVESTMENT STRATEGY: CAPITAL GROWTH

February 28, 1997

This Prospectus explains concisely what you should know before investing. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. You can find more detailed information about the Fund in its February 28, 1997 Statement of Additional Information, as amended periodically (the "SAI"). For a free copy of the SAI, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA. The SAI has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND

EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION, NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

Investments in the Fund are not bank deposits or obligations of, or guaranteed or endorsed by, The Chase Manhattan Bank or any of its affiliates and are not insured by the FDIC, the Federal Reserve Board or any other government agency. Investments in mutual funds involve risk, including the possible loss of the principal amount invested.

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# EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses are one of several factors to consider when investing. The following table summarizes your costs from investing in the Fund based on expenses incurred in the most recent fiscal year. The examples show the cumulative expenses attributable to a hypothetical \$1,000 investment over specified periods.

	Class A Shares	Class B Shares
SHAREHOLDER TRANSACTION EXPENSES		
Maximum Sales Charge Imposed on Purchases		
(as a percentage of offering price)	4.75%	Non e
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge		
(as a percentage of the lower of original		
purchase price or redemption proceeds) *	None	5.00%
ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES		
(as a percentage of average net assets)		
Investment Advisory Fee	0.65%	0.65%
12b-1 Fee**	0.25%	0.75%
Shareholder Servicing Fee	0.02%***	0.25%
Other Expenses	0.58%	0.58%
Total Fund Operating Expense****	1.50%	2.23%
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EXAMPLES

Your investment of \$1,000 would incur the

following expenses, assuming 5% annual return:	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
<\$>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>
Class A Shares+	\$62	\$ 93	\$125	\$218
Class B Shares:				
Assuming complete redemption at the end of the				
period+++ ++++	\$74	\$102	\$142	\$238
Assuming no redemptions++++	\$23	\$ 70	\$119	\$238

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- \* The maximum deferred sales charge on Class B shares applies to redemptions during the first year after purchase; the charge generally declines by 1% annually thereafter (except in the fourth year), reaching zero after six years. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares."
- \*\* Long-term shareholders in mutual funds with 12b-1 fees, such as Class A and Class B shareholders of the Fund, may pay more than the economic equivalent of the maximum front-end sales charge permitted by rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.
- \*\*\* A shareholder servicing fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Class A shares is payable to certain shareholder servicing agents who are not affiliated with Chase. See "Other Information Concerning the Fund--Shareholder Servicing Agents."
- \*\*\*\* Chase has agreed voluntarily to waive fees payable to it and/or reimburse expenses for a period of at least one year to the extent necessary to prevent Total Fund Operating Expenses of Class A shares of the Fund for such period from exceeding the amount indicated in the table.
- + Assumes deduction at the time of purchase of the maximum sales charge.
- $++ \,$  Assumes deduction at the time of redemption of the maximum applicable deferred sales charge.
- +++ Ten-year figures assume conversion of Class B shares to Class A shares at the beginning of the ninth year after purchase. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares."

The table is provided to help you understand the expenses of investing in the Fund and your share of the operating expenses that the Fund incurs. The examples should not be considered representations of past or future expenses or returns; actual expenses and returns may be greater or less than shown.

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Charges or credits, not reflected in the expense table above, may be incurred directly by customers of financial institutions in connection with an investment in the Fund. The Fund understands that Shareholder Servicing Agents may credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees amounts not exceeding such other fees or the fees received by the Shareholder Servicing Agent from the Fund with respect to those accounts. See "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

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# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The table set forth below provides selected per share data and ratios for both Class A and Class B shares. The information has been audited by Price Waterhouse LLP, the Fund's independent accountants, whose report on the financial statements which include this information and the financial statements are incorporated by reference into the SAI. The Fund's Annual Report for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, which is incorporated by reference into the SAI, includes these financial statements and is available without charge upon request.

VISTA SMALL CAP EQUITY FUND

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Class A Class B

----Year 12/20/94\* 3/28/95\*\* Year
Ended through through Ended

	10/31/96	10/31/95	10/31/95	10/31/96
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PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:				
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period		\$10.00	\$11.39	
Income from Investment Operations:				
Net Investment Income (Loss)		0.060	(0.018)	
Net Gains or (Losses) in Securities				
(both realized and unrealized)		5.056	3.669	
Total from Investment Operations		5.116	3.651	
Less Distributions:				
Dividends from Net Investment Income		0.042	0.027	
Distributions from Capital Gains		0.004	0.004	
Total Distributions			0.031	
Net Asset Value, End of Period		\$15.07	\$15.01	
Total Return (1)		51.25%	32.09%	
Ratios/Supplemental Data:				
Net Assets, End of Period (000 omitted)		\$43 <b>,</b> 739	\$21 <b>,</b> 624	
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets#		1.51%	2.24%	
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net				
Assets#		0.52%	(0.25%)	
Ratio of Expenses without waivers and assumption of				
expenses to Average Net Assets#		2.67%	3.23%	
Ratio of Net Investment Income without waivers and				
assumption of expenses to Average Net Assets#		(0.64%)	, ,	
Portfolio Turnover Rate				

  | 75% | 75% |  || ·, |  |  |  |  |

- # Short periods have been annualized.
- Commencement of operations.
- \*\* Commencement of offering shares.
- (1) Total rates of return are calculated before taking into account any sales load for Class A shares or any contingent deferred sales charge for Class B shares.

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# FUND OBJECTIVE

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Vista Small Cap Equity Fund seeks long-term capital growth. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program, and there is no assurance it will achieve its objective.

INVESTMENT POLICIES

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Investment Approach

Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its total assets in equity securities and at least 65% of its total assets in equity securities of smaller companies. (The Fund defines smaller companies as those with market capitalizations of \$750 million or less at the time the security is purchased.) The Fund's advisers intend to utilize both quantitative and fundamental research to identify undervalued stocks with a catalyst for positive change. Current income is an incidental consideration to the Fund's objective. You should be aware that an investment in smaller companies may be more volatile than investments in larger, well-established companies, as described under "Risk Factors" on page 11.

To retain investment flexibility, the Fund may determine to discontinue selling new shares of the Fund when the net assets of the Fund reach approximately \$500 million. Were the Fund to do so, existing shareholders of the Fund would be permitted to continue making additional purchases of Fund shares.

The Fund is classified as a "non-diversified" fund under federal securities law. The Fund's assets may be more concentrated in the securities of any single issuer or group of issuers than if the Fund were diversified.

The Fund may invest any portion of its assets not invested in equity securities in high quality money market instruments and repurchase agreements. For temporary defensive purposes, the Fund may invest without limitation in these instruments. At times when the Fund's advisers deem it advisable to limit the Fund's exposure to the equity markets, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in U.S. Government obligations (exclusive of any investments in money market instruments). To the extent that the Fund departs from its investment policies during temporary defensive periods, its investment objective

may not be achieved.

Instead of investing directly in underlying securities, the Fund is authorized to seek to achieve its objective by investing all of its investable assets in another investment company having substantially the same investment objective and policies.

WHO MAY WANT TO INVEST

This Fund may be most suitable for investors who...

- o Are seeking long-term growth of capital
- o Are investing for goals several years away
- o Own or plan to own other types of investments for diversification purposes
- o Can assume above-average stock market risk

This Fund may NOT be appropriate for investors who are unable to tolerate frequent up and down price changes, are investing  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

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for short-term goals or who are in need of current income.

#### OTHER INVESTMENT PRACTICES

The Fund may also engage in the following investment practices, when consistent with the Fund's overall objective and policies. These practices, and certain associated risks, are more fully described in the SAI.

FOREIGN SECURITIES. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in foreign securities, including Depositary Receipts, which are described below. Since foreign securities are normally denominated and traded in foreign currencies, the values of the Fund's foreign investments may be influenced by currency exchange rates and exchange control regulations. There may be less information publicly available about foreign issuers than U.S. issuers, and they are not generally subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices comparable to those in the U.S. Foreign securities may be less liquid and more volatile than comparable U.S. securities. Foreign settlement procedures and trade regulations may involve certain expenses and risks. One risk would be the delay in payment or delivery of securities or in the recovery of the Fund's assets held abroad. It is possible that nationalization or expropriation of assets, imposition of currency exchange controls, taxation by withholding Fund assets, political or financial instability and diplomatic developments could affect the value of the Fund's investments in certain foreign countries. Foreign laws may restrict the ability to invest in certain issuers and special  $\ensuremath{\text{tax}}$ considerations will apply to foreign securities. The risks can increase if the Fund invests in emerging market securities.

The Fund may invest its assets in securities of foreign issuers in the form of American Depositary Receipts, European Depositary Receipts or other similar securities representing securities of foreign issuers (collectively, "Depositary Receipts"). The Fund treats Depositary Receipts as interests in the underlying securities for purposes of its investment policies. The Fund will limit its investment in Depositary Receipts not sponsored by the issuer of the underlying securities to no more than 5% of the value of its net assets (at the time of investment).

U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS. U.S. Government obligations include obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities.

MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest in cash or high-quality, short-term money market instruments. These may include U.S. Government securities, commercial paper of domestic and foreign issuers and obligations of domestic and foreign banks. Investments in foreign money market instruments may involve certain risks associated with foreign investment.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS, SECURITIES LOANS AND FORWARD COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into agreements to purchase and resell securities at an agreed-upon price and time. The

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Fund also has the ability to lend portfolio securities in an amount equal to not more than 30% of its total assets to generate additional income. These transactions must be fully collateralized at all times. The Fund may purchase securities for delivery at a future date, which may increase its overall

investment exposure and involves a risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction.

BORROWINGS AND REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. The Fund may borrow money from banks for temporary or short-term purposes, but will not borrow money to buy additional securities, known as "leveraging." The Fund may also sell and simultaneously commit to repurchase a portfolio security at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund may use this practice to generate cash for shareholder redemptions without selling securities in a down market. Whenever the Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will establish a segregated account in which it will maintain liquid assets on a daily basis in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest). The Fund would be required to pay interest on amounts obtained through reverse repurchase agreements, which are considered borrowings under federal securities laws.

STAND-BY COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into put transactions, including those sometimes referred to as stand-by commitments, with respect to securities in its portfolio. In these transactions, the Fund would acquire the right to sell a security at an agreed upon price within a specified period prior to its maturity date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction. A put transaction will increase the cost of the underlying security and consequently reduce the available yield.

CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in convertible securities, which are securities generally offering fixed interest or dividend yields which may be converted either at a stated price or stated rate for common or preferred stock. Although to a lesser extent than with fixed-income securities generally, the market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase, and increase as interest rates decline. Because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities also tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying common or preferred stock.

OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its total assets in shares of other investment companies when consistent with its investment objective and policies, subject to applicable regulatory limitations. Additional fees may be

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charged by other investment companies.

STRIPS. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in stripped obligations (i.e., separately traded principal and interest components of securities), where the underlying obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, including instruments known as "STRIPS". The value of these instruments tends to fluctuate more in response to changes in interest rates than the value of ordinary interest-paying debt securities with similar maturities. The risk is greater when the period to maturity is longer.

DERIVATIVES AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest its assets in derivative and related instruments to hedge various market risks or to increase the Fund's income or gain. Some of these instruments will be subject to asset segregation requirements to cover the Fund's obligations. The Fund may (i) purchase, write and exercise call and put options on securities and securities indexes (including using options in combination with securities, other options or derivative instruments); (ii) enter into swaps, futures contracts and options on futures contracts; (iii) employ forward currency contracts; and (iv) purchase and sell structured products, which are instruments designed to restructure or reflect the characteristics of certain other investments.

There are a number of risks associated with the use of derivatives and related instruments and no assurance can be given that any strategy will succeed. The value of certain derivatives or related instruments in which the Fund invests may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing economic conditions and market value. The ability of the Fund to successfully utilize these instruments may depend in part upon the ability of its advisers to forecast these factors correctly. Inaccurate forecasts could expose the Fund to a risk of loss. There can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in a hedging instrument and in the portfolio assets being hedged. The Fund is not required to use any hedging strategies. Hedging strategies, while reducing risk of loss, can also reduce the opportunity for gain. Derivatives transactions not involving hedging may have speculative characteristics, involve leverage and result in losses that may exceed the original investment of the Fund. There can

be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Fund seeks to close out a derivatives position. Activities of large traders in the futures and securities markets involving arbitrage, "program trading," and other investment strategies may cause price distortions in derivatives markets. In certain instances, particularly those involving over-the-counter transactions or forward contracts, there is a greater potential that a counterparty or broker may default. In the event of a default, the Fund may experience a loss. For additional information concerning derivatives, related instruments and the associated risks, see the SAI.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER. The frequency of the Portfolio's buy and sell transactions will vary  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +\left$ 

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from year to year. The Portfolio's investment policies may lead to frequent changes in investments, particularly in periods of rapidly changing market conditions. High portfolio turnover rates would generally result in higher transaction costs, including brokerage commissions or dealer mark-ups, and would make it more difficult for the Fund to qualify as a registered investment company under federal tax law. See "How Distributions are Made; Tax Information."

#### LIMITING INVESTMENT RISKS

Specific investment restrictions help the Fund limit investment risks for its shareholders. These restrictions prohibit the Fund from: (a) investing more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (which include securities restricted as to resale unless they are determined to be readily marketable in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees); or (b) investing more than 25% of its total assets in any one industry. A complete description of these and other investment policies is included in the SAI. Except for the Fund's investment objective, restriction (b) and investment policies designated as fundamental in the SAI, the Fund's investment policies are not fundamental. The Trustees may change any non-fundamental policy without shareholder approval.

## RISK FACTORS

The net asset value of the Fund's shares will fluctuate based on the value of the securities in the Fund's portfolio. The Fund is aggressively managed and, therefore, the value of its shares is subject to greater fluctuation and an investment in its shares involves a higher degree of risk than an investment in a conservative equity fund or a growth fund investing entirely in proven growth equities. An investment in the Fund should not be considered a complete investment program and may not be appropriate for all investors.

The securities of smaller companies often trade less frequently and in lower volume than securities of larger, more established companies. Consequently, share price changes may be more abrupt or erratic. Such companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, or may depend on a limited management group. Because the Fund is "non-diversified," the value of its shares may be more susceptible to developments affecting the specific companies whose stock is owned by the Fund.

For a discussion of certain other risks associated with the Fund's additional investment activities, see "Other Investment Practices" above.

MANAGEMENT

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THE FUND'S ADVISERS

The Chase Manhattan Bank ("Chase") is the Fund's investment adviser under an Investment Advisory Agreement and has overall responsibility for investment decisions of the Fund, subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees. Chase is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation, a bank holding company. CHASE AND ITS PREDECESSORS HAVE OVER 100 YEARS OF MONEY MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE.

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For its investment advisory services to the Fund, Chase is entitled to receive an annual fee computed daily and paid monthly based at an annual rate equal to 0.65% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Chase is located at 270 Park

Chase Asset Management, Inc. ("CAM"), a registered investment adviser, is the Fund's sub-investment adviser under a Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement between CAM and Chase. CAM is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Chase. CAM makes investment decisions for the Fund on a day-to-day basis. For these services, CAM is entitled to receive a fee, payable by Chase from its advisory fee, at an annual rate equal to 0.30% of the Fund's average daily net assets. CAM was recently formed for the purpose of providing discretionary investment advisory services to institutional clients and to consolidate Chase's investment management function. The same individuals who serve as portfolio managers for Chase also serve as portfolio managers for CAM. CAM is located at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS. David Klassen, Director, U.S. Funds Management and Equity Research of Domestic Equity Management at Chase, is responsible for asset allocation and investment strategy for Chase's domestic equity portfolios. Mr. Klassen joined Chase in March 1992. Prior to joining Chase, Mr. Klassen was a vice president and portfolio manager at Dean Witter Reynolds, responsible for managing several mutual funds and other accounts.

Mr. Klassen and Jill Greenwald, a Vice President of Chase, are responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund's portfolio. Mr. Klassen and Ms. Greenwald have managed the Fund since its inception. In addition to managing the Fund, Mr. Klassen is a manager of the Vista Growth and Income Portfolio and Vista Capital Growth Portfolio. Ms. Greenwald joined Chase in 1993, specializing in small cap issues. Prior to joining Chase, Ms. Greenwald was a Director for Prudential Equity Investors and a Senior Analyst for Fred Alger Management, Inc.

# ABOUT YOUR INVESTMENT

#### CHOOSING A SHARE CLASS

CLASS A SHARES. An investor who purchases Class A shares pays a sales charge at the time of purchase. As a result, Class A shares are not subject to any sales charges when they are redeemed. Certain purchases of Class A shares qualify for reduced sales charges. Class A shares have lower combined 12b-1 and service fees than Class B shares. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares" and "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

CLASS B SHARES. Class B shares are sold without an initial sales charge, but are subject to a contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") if redeemed within a specified period after purchase. Class B shares also have higher combined 12b-1 and service fees than Class A shares.

Class B shares automatically convert into Class A shares, based on relative

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net asset value, at the beginning of the ninth year after purchase. For more information about the conversion of Class B shares, see the SAI. This discussion will include information about how shares acquired through reinvestment of distributions are treated for conversion purposes. Class B shares provide an investor the benefit of putting all of the investor's dollars to work from the time the investment is made. Until conversion, Class B shares will have a higher expense ratio and pay lower dividends than Class A shares because of the higher combined 12b-1 and service fees. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares" and "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

WHICH ARRANGEMENT IS BEST FOR YOU? The decision as to which class of shares provides a more suitable investment for an investor depends on a number of factors, including the amount and intended length of the investment. Investors making investments that qualify for reduced sales charges might consider Class A shares. Investors who prefer not to pay an initial sales charge might consider Class B shares. In almost all cases, investors planning to purchase \$250,000 or more of the Fund's shares will pay lower aggregate charges and expenses by purchasing Class A shares.

HOW TO BUY, SELL
AND EXCHANGE SHARES
HOW TO BUY SHARES

You can open a Fund account with as little as \$2,500 for regular accounts or \$1,000 for IRAs, SEP-IRAs and the Systematic Investment Plan. Additional investments can be made at any time with as little as \$100. You can buy Fund shares three ways--through an investment representative, through the Fund's distributor by calling the Vista Service Center, or through the Systematic

All purchases made by check should be in U.S. dollars and made payable to the Vista Funds. Third party checks, credit cards and cash will not be accepted. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order or cease offering shares for purchase at any time. When purchases are made by check, redemptions will not be allowed until the check clears, which may take 15 calendar days or longer. In addition, the redemption of shares purchased through Automated Clearing House (ACH) will not be allowed until your payment clears, which may take 7 business days or longer.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH THE FUND'S DISTRIBUTOR. Complete and return the enclosed application and your check in the amount you wish to invest to the Vista Service Center.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH SYSTEMATIC INVESTING. You can make regular investments of \$100 or more per transaction through automatic periodic deduction from your bank checking or savings account. Shareholders electing to start this Systematic Investment Plan when opening an account should complete Section 8 of the account application. Current shareholders may begin such a plan at any time by sending a signed letter and a deposit slip or voided check to the Vista Service Center. Call the Vista Service Center at  $1-800-34-{\rm VISTA}$  for complete instructions.

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Shares are purchased at the public offering price, which is based on the net asset value next determined after the Vista Service Center receives your order in proper form. In most cases, in order to receive that day's public offering price, the Vista Service Center must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange. If you buy shares through your investment representative, the representative must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's public offering price. Orders for shares are accepted by the Fund after funds are converted to federal funds. Orders paid by check and received by 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time will generally be available for the purchase of shares the following business day.

If you are considering redeeming or exchanging shares or transferring shares to another person shortly after purchase, you should pay for those shares with a certified check to avoid any delay in redemption, exchange or transfer. Otherwise the Fund may delay payment until the purchase price of those shares has been collected or, if you redeem by telephone, until 15 calendar days after the purchase date. To eliminate the need for safekeeping, the Fund will not issue certificates for your Class A shares unless you request them. Due to the conversion feature of Class B shares, certificates for Class B shares will not be issued and all Class B shares will be held in book entry form.

# Class A Shares

The public offering price of Class A shares is the net asset value plus a sales charge that varies depending on the size of your purchase. The Fund receives the net asset value. The sales charge is allocated between your broker-dealer and the Fund's distributor as shown in the following table, except when the Fund's distributor, in its discretion, allocates the entire amount to your broker-dealer.

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Amount of transaction at offering price (\$)	Offering Price	Net amount invested	percentage of offering price
Under 100,000	4.75	4.99	4.00
100,000 but under 250,000	3.75	3.90	3.25
250,000 but under 500,000	2.50	2.56	2.25
500,000 but under 1,000,000	2.00	2.04	1.75

There is no initial sales charge on purchases of Class A shares of \$1 million or more.

The Fund's distributor pays broker-dealers commissions on net sales of Class A shares of \$1 million or more based on an investor's cumulative purchases. Such commissions are paid at the rate of 1.00% of the amount under \$2.5 million, 0.75% of the next \$7.5 million, 0.50% of the next \$40 million and 0.20%

thereafter. The Fund's distributor may withhold such payments with respect to short-term investments.

# Class B Shares

Class B shares are sold without an initial sales charge, although a CDSC will be imposed if you redeem shares within a specified period after purchase, as shown in the table below. The following types of shares may be redeemed without charge at any time: (i) shares acquired by reinvestment of distributions and (ii) shares otherwise exempt from the CDSC, as described below. For other shares, the amount of the charge is determined as a percentage of the lesser of the current market value or the purchase price of shares being redeemed.

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+
CDSC	5%	4%	3%	3%	2%	1%	0%	0%

In determining whether a CDSC is payable on any redemption, the Fund will first redeem shares not subject to any charge, and then shares held longest during the CDSC period. When a share that has appreciated in value is redeemed during the CDSC period, a CDSC is assessed only on its initial purchase price. For information on how sales charges are calculated if you exchange your shares, see "How to Exchange Your Shares." The Fund's distributor pays broker-dealers a commission of 4.00% of the offering price on sales of Class B shares, and the distributor receives the entire amount of any CDSC you pay.

#### GENERAL

You may be eligible to buy Class A shares at reduced sales charges. Consult your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for details about Vista's combined purchase privilege, cumulative quantity discount, statement of intention, group sales plan, employee benefit plans, and other plans. Descriptions are also included in the enclosed application and in the SAI. In addition, sales charges are waived if you are using redemption proceeds received within the prior ninety days from non-Vista mutual funds to buy your shares, and on which you paid a front-end or contingent deferred sales charge.

Some participant-directed employee benefit plans participate in a "multi-fund" program which offers both Vista and non-Vista mutual funds. With Board of Trustee approval, the money that is invested in Vista Funds may be combined with the other mutual funds in the same program when determining the plan's eligibility to buy Class A shares without a sales charge. These investments will also be included for purposes of the discount privileges and programs described above

The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge to the current and retired Trustees (and their immediate families), current and retired employees (and their immediate families) of Chase, the Fund's distributor and transfer agent or any affiliates or subsidiaries thereof, registered representatives and other employees (and their immediate families) of broker-

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dealers having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor, employees (and their immediate families) of financial institutions having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor (or otherwise having an arrangement with a broker-dealer or financial institution with respect to sales of Vista fund shares), financial institution trust departments investing an aggregate of \$1 million or more in the Vista Family of Funds and clients of certain administrators of tax-qualified plans when proceeds from repayments of loans to participants are invested (or reinvested) in the Vista Family of Funds.

No initial sales charge will apply to the purchase of the Fund's Class A shares if you are investing the proceeds of a qualified retirement plan where a portion of the plan was invested in the Vista Family of Funds, any qualified retirement plan with 50 or more participants, or an individual participant in a tax-qualified plan making a tax-free rollover or transfer of assets from the plan in which Chase or an affiliate serves as trustee or custodian of the plan or manages some portion of the plan's assets.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge through an investment adviser or financial planner that charges a fee for its services. Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge (i) by an investment adviser, broker or financial planner, provided arrangements are preapproved and purchases are placed through an omnibus account with the Fund or (ii) by clients of such investment adviser or financial planner who place trades for their own accounts, if such accounts are linked to a master account of such investment adviser or financial planner on the books and records

of the broker or agent. Such purchases may also be made for retirement and deferred compensation plans and trusts used to fund those plans.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge in accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which is acting as a fiduciary exercising investment discretion, provided that appropriate notification of such fiduciary relationship is reported at the time of the investment to the Fund, the Fund's distributor or the Vista Service Center.

Shareholders of record of any Vista fund as of November 30, 1990 and certain immediate family members may purchase the Fund's Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own Class A shares of any Vista fund, provided there is no change in account registration. Shareholders of record of any portfolio of The Hanover Funds, Inc. or The Hanover Investment Funds, Inc. as of May 3, 1996 and certain related investors may purchase the Fund's Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own shares of any Vista fund following this date, provided there is no change in account registration.

The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge in connection with the acquisition by the Fund of assets of an investment company or personal holding company. The CDSC will

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be waived on redemption of Class B shares arising out of death or disability or in connection with certain withdrawals from IRA or other retirement plans. Up to 12% of the value of Class B shares subject to a systematic withdrawal plan may also be redeemed each year without a CDSC, provided that the Class B account had a minimum balance of \$20,000 at the time the systematic withdrawal plan was established. The SAI contains additional information about purchasing the Fund's shares at reduced sales charges.

The Fund reserves the right to change any of these policies on purchases without an initial sales charge at any time and may reject any such purchase request.

For shareholders that bank with Chase, Chase may aggregate investments in the Vista Funds with balances held in Chase bank accounts for purposes of determining eligibility for certain bank privileges that are based on specified minimum balance requirements, such as reduced or no fees for certain banking services or preferred rates on loans and deposits. Chase and certain brokerdealers and other shareholder servicing agents may, at their own expense, provide gifts, such as computer software packages, guides and books related to investment or additional Fund shares valued up to \$250 to their customers that invest in the Vista Funds.

Shareholders of other Vista funds may be entitled to exchange their shares for, or reinvest distributions from their funds in, shares of the Fund at net asset value.

## HOW TO SELL SHARES

You can sell your Fund shares any day the New York Stock Exchange is open, either directly to the Fund or through your investment representative. The Fund will only forward redemption payments on shares for which it has collected payment of the purchase price.

SELLING SHARES DIRECTLY TO THE FUND. Send a signed letter of instruction to the Vista Service Center, along with any certificates that represent shares you want to sell. The price you will receive is the next net asset value calculated after the Fund receives your request in proper form, less any applicable CDSC. In order to receive that day's net asset value, the Vista Service Center must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

SIGNATURE GUARANTEES. If you sell shares having a net asset value of \$100,000 or more, the signatures of registered owners or their legal representatives must be guaranteed by a bank, broker-dealer or certain other financial institutions. See the SAI for more information about where to obtain a signature guarantee.

If you want your redemption proceeds sent to an address other than your address as it appears on Vista's records, a signature guarantee is required. The Fund may require additional documentation for the sale of shares by a corporation, partnership, agent or fiduciary, or a surviving joint owner. Contact the Vista Service Center for details.

DELIVERY OF PROCEEDS. The Fund generally sends you payment

for your shares the business day after your request is received in proper form, assuming the Fund has collected payment of the purchase price of your shares. Under unusual circumstances, the Fund may suspend redemptions, or postpone payment for more than seven days, as permitted by federal securities law.

TELEPHONE REDEMPTIONS. You may use Vista's Telephone Redemption Privilege to redeem shares from your account unless you have notified the Vista Service Center of an address change within the preceding 30 days. Telephone redemption requests in excess of \$25,000 will only be made by wire to a bank account on record with the Fund. Unless an investor indicates otherwise on the account application, the Fund will be authorized to act upon redemption and transfer instructions received by telephone from a shareholder, or any person claiming to act as his or her representative, who can provide the Fund with his or her account registration and address as it appears on the Fund's records.

The Vista Service Center will employ these and other reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine; if it fails to employ reasonable procedures, the Fund may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. An investor agrees, however, that to the extent permitted by applicable law, neither the Fund nor its agents will be liable for any loss, liability, cost or expense arising out of any redemption request, including any fraudulent or unauthorized request. For information, consult the Vista Service Center.

During periods of unusual market changes and shareholder activity, you may experience delays in contacting the Vista Service Center by telephone. In this event, you may wish to submit a written redemption request, as described above, or contact your investment representative. The Telephone Redemption Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. The Telephone Redemption Privilege may be modified or terminated without notice.

SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL. You can make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more (\$100 or more for Class B accounts) monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan for Class A accounts. Call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions.

SELLING SHARES THROUGH YOUR INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVE. Your investment representative must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's net asset value. Your investment representative will be responsible for furnishing all necessary documentation to the Vista Service Center, and may charge you for its services.

INVOLUNTARY REDEMPTION OF ACCOUNTS. The Fund may involuntarily redeem your shares if at such time the aggregate net asset value of the shares in your account is

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less than \$500 or if you purchase through the Systematic Investment Plan and fail to meet the Fund's investment minimum within a twelve month period. In the event of any such redemption, you will receive at least 60 days notice prior to the redemption. In the event the Fund redeems Class B shares pursuant to this provision, no CDSC will be imposed.

# HOW TO EXCHANGE YOUR SHARES

You can exchange your shares for shares of the same class of certain other Vista funds at net asset value beginning 15 days after purchase. Not all Vista funds offer all classes of shares. The prospectus of the other Vista fund into which shares are being exchanged should be read carefully and retained for future reference. If you exchange shares subject to a CDSC, the transaction will not be subject to the CDSC. However, when you redeem the shares acquired through the exchange, the redemption may be subject to the CDSC, depending upon when you originally purchased the shares. The CDSC will be computed using the schedule of any fund into or from which you have exchanged your shares that would result in your paying the highest CDSC applicable to your class of shares. In computing the CDSC, the length of time you have owned your shares will be measured from the date of original purchase and will not be affected by any exchange.

EXCHANGING TO MONEY MARKET FUNDS. An exchange of Class B shares into any of the Vista money market funds other than the Class B shares of the Vista Prime Money Market Fund will be treated as a redemption—and therefore subject to the conditions of the CDSC—and a subsequent purchase. Class B shares of any Vista non—money market fund may be exchanged into the Class B shares of the Vista Prime Money Market Fund in order to continue the aging of the initial purchase of such shares.

For federal income tax purposes, an exchange is treated as a sale of shares and generally results in a capital gain or loss.

EXCHANGING BY PHONE. A Telephone Exchange Privilege is currently available. Call the Vista Service Center for procedures for telephone transactions. The Telephone Exchange Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. Ask your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for prospectuses of other Vista funds. Shares of certain Vista funds are not available to residents of all states.

EXCHANGE PARAMETERS. The exchange privilege is not intended as a vehicle for short-term trading. Excessive exchange activity may interfere with portfolio management and have an adverse effect on all shareholders. In order to limit excessive exchange activity and in other circumstances where Vista management or the Trustees believe doing so would be in the best interests of the Fund, the Fund reserves the right to revise or terminate the exchange privilege, limit the amount or number of exchanges or reject any exchange. In addition, any shareholder who makes more than ten exchanges of

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shares involving the Fund in a year or three in a calendar quarter will be charged a \$5.00 administration fee for each such exchange. Shareholders would be notified of any such action to the extent required by law. Consult the Vista Service Center before requesting an exchange. See the SAI to find out more about the exchange privilege.

REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE. Upon written request, Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value within 90 calendar days of the redemption. The reinstatement request must be accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption), and shares will be purchased at the next determined net asset value. Class B shareholders who have redeemed their shares and paid a CDSC with such redemption may purchase Class A shares with no initial sales charge (in an amount not in excess of their redemption proceeds) if the purchase occurs within 90 days of the redemption of the Class B shares.

HOW THE FUND VALUES ITS SHARES

The net asset value of each class of the Fund's shares is determined once daily based upon prices determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, however, options are priced at 4:15 p.m., Eastern time), on each business day of the Fund, by dividing the net assets of the Fund attributable to that class by the total number of outstanding shares of that class. Values of assets held by the Fund are determined on the basis of their market or other fair value, as described in the SAI.

HOW DISTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE; TAX INFORMATION

The Fund distributes any net investment income at least semi-annually and any net realized capital gains at least annually. Capital gains are distributed after deducting any available capital loss carryovers. Distributions paid by the Fund with respect to Class A shares will generally be greater than those paid with respect to Class B shares because expenses attributable to Class B shares will generally be higher.

DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT OPTION. You can choose from three distribution options: (1) reinvest all distributions in additional Fund shares without a sales charge; (2) receive distributions from net investment income in cash or by ACH to a pre-established bank account while reinvesting capital gains distributions in additional shares without a sales charge; or (3) receive all distributions in cash or by ACH. You can change your distribution option by notifying the Vista Service Center in writing. If you do not select an option when you open your account, all distributions will be reinvested. All distributions not paid in cash or by ACH will be reinvested in shares of the same share class. You will receive a statement confirming reinvestment of distributions in additional Fund shares promptly following the quarter in which the reinvestment occurs.

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If a check representing a Fund distribution is not cashed within a specified period, the Vista Service Center will notify you that you have the option of requesting another check or reinvesting the distribution in the Fund or in another Vista fund without a sales charge. If the Vista Service Center does not receive your election, the distribution will be reinvested in the Fund. Similarly, if the Fund or the Vista Service Center sends you correspondence is returned as "undeliverable," distributions will automatically be reinvested in the Fund.

The Fund intends to qualify as a "regulated investment company" for federal income tax purposes and to meet all other requirements that are necessary for it to be relieved of federal taxes on income and gains it distributes to shareholders. The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gain net income on a current basis. If the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company for any taxable year or does not make such distributions, the Fund will be subject to tax on all of its income and gains.

TAXATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS. Fund distributions other than net long-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions of net long-term capital gains will be taxable as such, regardless of how long you have held the shares. The taxation of your distributions is the same whether received in cash or in shares through the reinvestment of distributions.

You should carefully consider the tax implications of purchasing shares just prior to a distribution. This is because you will be taxed on the entire amount of the distribution received, even though the net asset value per share will be higher on the date of such purchase as it will include the distribution amount.

Early in each calendar year the Fund will notify you of the amount and tax status of distributions paid to you by the Fund for the preceding year.

The above is only a summary of certain federal income tax consequences of investing in the Fund. You should consult your tax adviser to determine the precise effect of an investment in the Fund on your particular tax situation (including possible liability for state and local taxes and, for foreign shareholders, U.S. withholding taxes).

OTHER INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE FUND
----DISTRIBUTION PLANS

The Fund's distributor is Vista Fund Distributors, Inc. ("VFD"). VFD is a subsidiary of The BISYS Group, Inc. and is unaffiliated with Chase. The Trust has adopted Rule 12b-1 distribution plans for Class A and Class B shares, which provide for the payment of distribution fees at annual rates of up to 0.25% and 0.75% of the average daily net assets attributable to Class A and Class B shares of the Fund, respectively. Payments under the distribution plans shall be used to compensate or reimburse the Fund's distributor and broker-dealers for services provided and expenses incurred in connection with the sale of Class A

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and Class B shares, and are not tied to the amount of actual expenses incurred. Payments may be used to compensate broker-dealers with trail or maintenance commissions at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of the average daily net asset value of Class A or Class B shares invested in the Fund by customers of these broker-dealers. Trail or maintenance commissions are paid to broker-dealers beginning the 13th month following the purchase of shares by their customers. Promotional activities for the sale of Class A and Class B shares will be conducted generally by the Vista Family of Funds, and activities intended to promote the Fund's Class A or Class B shares may also benefit the Fund's other shares and other Vista funds.

VFD may provide promotional incentives to broker-dealers that meet specified sales targets for one or more Vista funds. These incentives may include gifts of up to \$100 per person annually; an occasional meal, ticket to a sporting event or theater for entertainment for broker-dealers and their guests; and payment or reimbursement for travel expenses, including lodging and meals, in connection with attendance at training and educational meetings within and outside the U.S.

## SHAREHOLDER SERVICING AGENTS

The Trust has entered into shareholder servicing agreements with certain shareholder servicing agents under which the shareholder servicing agents have agreed to provide certain support services to their customers who beneficially own Class A and Class B shares of the Fund. These services include assisting with purchase and redemption transactions, maintaining shareholder accounts and records, furnishing customer statements, transmitting shareholder reports and communications to customers and other similar shareholder liaison services. For performing these services, each shareholder servicing agent receives an annual fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Class A or Class B shares, as the case may be, of the Fund held by investors for whom the shareholder servicing agent maintains a servicing relationship. With respect to the Fund's Class A shares, such fees are payable only to shareholder servicing agents other

than Chase or its affiliates. Shareholder servicing agents may subcontract with other parties for the provision of shareholder support services.

Shareholder servicing agents may offer additional services to their customers, such as pre-authorized or systematic purchase and redemption plans. Each shareholder servicing agent may establish its own terms and conditions, including limitations on the amounts of subsequent transactions, with respect to such services. Certain shareholder servicing agents may (although they are not required by the Trust to do so) credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees an amount not exceeding such other fees or the fees for their services as shareholder servicing agents.

Chase and/or VFD may from time to time, at their own expense out of compensation retained by them from the Fund or other sources

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available to them, make additional payments to certain selected dealers or other shareholder servicing agents for performing administrative services for their customers. These services include maintaining account records, processing orders to purchase, redeem and exchange Fund shares and responding to certain customer inquiries. The amount of such compensation may be up to an additional 0.10% annually of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to shares of the Fund held by customers of such shareholder servicing agents. Such compensation does not represent an additional expense to the Fund or its shareholders, since it will be paid by Chase and/or VFD.

ADMINISTRATOR AND SUB-ADMINISTRATOR

Chase acts as the Fund's administrator and is entitled to receive a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

VFD provides certain sub-administrative services to the Fund pursuant to a distribution and sub-administration agreement and is entitled to receive a fee for these services from the Fund at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of the Fund's average daily net assets. VFD has agreed to use a portion of this fee to pay for certain expenses incurred in connection with organizing new series of the Trust and certain other ongoing expenses of the Trust. VFD is located at 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10178.

## CUSTODIAN

Chase acts as the Fund's custodian and fund accountant and receives compensation under an agreement with the Trust. Fund securities and cash may be held by sub-custodian banks if such arrangements are reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

# EXPENSES

The Fund pays the expenses incurred in its operations, including its pro rata share of expenses of the Trust. These expenses include investment advisory and administrative fees; the compensation of the Trustees; registration fees; interest charges; taxes; expenses connected with the execution, recording and settlement of security transactions; fees and expenses of the Fund's custodian for all services to the Fund, including safekeeping of funds and securities and maintaining required books and accounts; expenses of preparing and mailing reports to investors and to government offices and commissions; expenses of meetings of investors; fees and expenses of independent accountants, of legal counsel and of any transfer agent, registrar or dividend disbursing agent of the Trust; insurance premiums; and expenses of calculating the net asset value of, and the net income on, shares of the Fund. Shareholder servicing and distribution fees are allocated to specific classes of the Fund. In addition, the Fund may allocate transfer agency and certain other expenses by class. Service providers to the Fund may, from time to time, voluntarily waive all or a portion of any fees to which they are entitled.

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# ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SHARES

The Fund is a portfolio of Mutual Fund Group, an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust in 1987 (the "Trust"). The Trust has reserved the right to create and issue additional series and classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The shares of each series or class participate equally in the earnings, dividends and assets of the particular series or class. Shares have no preemptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully paid and non-assessable, except

as set forth below. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each whole share held, and each fractional share shall be entitled to a proportionate fractional vote, except that Trust shares held in the treasury of the Trust shall not be voted. Shares of each class of the Fund generally vote together except when required under federal securities laws to vote separately on matters that only affect a particular class, such as the approval of distribution plans for a particular class.

The Fund issues multiple classes of shares. This Prospectus relates only to Class A and Class B shares of the Fund. The Fund offers other classes of shares in addition to these classes. The categories of investors that are eligible to purchase shares and minimum investment requirements may differ for each class of Fund shares. In addition, other classes of Fund shares may be subject to differences in sales charge arrangements, ongoing distribution and service fee levels, and levels of certain other expenses, which will affect the relative performance of the different classes. Investors may call 1-800-34-VISTA to obtain additional information about other classes of shares of the Fund that are offered. Any person entitled to receive compensation for selling or servicing shares of the Fund may receive different levels of compensation with respect to one class of shares over another.

The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the general direction and supervision of its Board of Trustees. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders but will hold special meetings of shareholders of all series or classes when in the judgment of the Trustees it is necessary or desirable to submit matters for a shareholder vote. The Trustees will promptly call a meeting of shareholders to remove a trustee(s) when requested to do so in writing by record holders of not less than 10% of all outstanding shares of the Trust.

Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Trust itself was unable to meet its obligations.

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The Fund's investment performance may from time to time be included in advertisements about the Fund. Performance is calculated

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separately for each class of shares, in the manner described in the SAI. "Yield" for each class of shares is calculated by dividing the annualized net investment income per share during a recent 30-day period by the maximum public offering price per share of such class on the last day of that period.

"Total return" for the one-, five- and ten-year periods (or since inception, if shorter) through the most recent calendar quarter represents the average annual compounded rate of return on an investment of \$1,000 in the Fund invested at the maximum public offering price (in the case of Class A shares) or reflecting the deduction of any applicable contingent deferred sales charge (in the case of Class B shares). Total return may also be presented for other periods or without reflecting sales charges. Any quotation of investment performance not reflecting the maximum initial sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge would be reduced if such sales charges were used.

All performance data is based on the Fund's past investment results and does not predict future performance. Investment performance, which will vary, is based on many factors, including market conditions, the composition of the Fund's portfolio, the Fund's operating expenses and which class of shares you purchase. Investment performance also often reflects the risks associated with the Fund's investment objectives and policies. These factors should be considered when comparing the Fund's investment results to those of other mutual funds and other investment vehicles. Quotation of investment performance for any period when a fee waiver or expense limitation was in effect will be greater than if the waiver or limitation had not been in effect. The Fund's performance may be compared to other mutual funds, relevant indices and rankings prepared by independent services. See the SAI.

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MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISTA PRIVILEGES

The following services are available to you as a Vista mutual fund shareholder.

- o SYSTEMATIC INVESTMENT PLAN--Invest as much as you wish (\$100 or more) in the first or third week of any month. The amount will be automatically transferred from your checking or savings account.
- o SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL PLAN--Make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more (\$100 or more for Class B accounts) monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan for Class A accounts.
- o SYSTEMATIC EXCHANGE--Transfer assets automatically from one Vista account to another on a regular, prearranged basis. There is no additional charge for this service.
- o FREE EXCHANGE PRIVILEGE--Exchange money between Vista funds in the same class of shares without charge. The exchange privilege allows you to adjust your investments as your objectives change. Investors may not maintain, within the same fund, simultaneous plans for systematic investment or exchange and systematic withdrawal or exchange.
- o REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE--Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value next determined subject to written request within 90 calendar days of the redemption, accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption).

Class B shareholders who have redeemed their shares and paid a CDSC with such redemption may purchase Class A shares with no initial sales charge (in an amount not in excess of their redemption proceeds) if the purchase occurs within 90 days of the redemption of the Class B shares.

For more information about any of these services and privileges, call your shareholder servicing agent, investment representative or the Vista Service Center at  $1-800-34-{\rm VISTA}$ . These privileges are subject to change or termination.

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Vista Family of Mutual Funds & Retirement Products

VISTA INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUNDS Southeast Asian Fund Japan Fund European Fund International Equity Fund

VISTA U.S. EQUITY FUNDS
Small Cap Equity Fund
The Growth Fund of Washington
Capital Growth Fund
Growth and Income Fund
Large Cap Equity Fund
Balanced Fund
Equity Income Fund

VISTA FIXED INCOME FUNDS
Bond Fund
U.S. Government Securities Fund
U.S. Treasury Income Fund Short-Term Bond Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE FUNDS(1)
New York Tax Free Income Fund
California Intermediate Tax Free Fund
Tax Free Income Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE MONEY MARKET FUNDS (1,2)
New York Tax Free Money Market Fund
Connecticut Daily Tax Free Income Fund
Select Shares3 New Jersey Daily Municipal Income Fund
Select Shares3 Tax Free Money Market Fund
California Tax Free Money Market Fund

VISTA TAXABLE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(2)
Cash Management Money Market Fund
Federal Money Market Fund
100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund
U.S. Government Money Market Fund
Treasury Plus Money Market Fund

VISTA RETIREMENT PRODUCTS Vista Capital Advantage Variable Annuity(4) Vista 401(k) Advantage For complete information on the Vista Mutual Funds or Retirement Products, including information about fees and expenses, call your investment professional or 1-800-34-VISTA for a prospectus. Please read it carefully before you invest or send money.

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- (1) Some income may be subject to certain state and local taxes. A portion of the income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax for some investors.
- (2) An investment in a Money Market Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Yields will fluctuate, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per share.
- (3) Vista Select Shares of these funds are not a part of, or affiliated with, the Vista Family of Mutual Funds. Reich & Tang Distributors L.P. and New England Investment Companies L.P., which are unaffiliated with Chase, are the funds' distributor and investment adviser, respectively.
- (4) The variable annuity contract is issued by First SunAmerica Life Insurance Company in New York; in other states, but not necessarily all states, it is issued by Anchor National Life Insurance Company.

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PROSPECTUS

VISTA(SM) BOND FUND

Class A and B Shares

INVESTMENT STRATEGY: INCOME

February 28, 1997

This Prospectus explains concisely what you should know before investing. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. You can find more detailed information about the Fund in its February 28, 1997 Statement of Additional Information, as amended periodically (the "SAI"). For a free copy of the SAI, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA. The SAI has been filled with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION, NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

Investments in the Fund are not bank deposits or obligations of, or guaranteed or endorsed by, The Chase Manhattan Bank or any of its affiliates and are not insured by the FDIC, the Federal Reserve Board or any other government agency. Investments in mutual funds involve risk, including the possible loss of the principal amount invested.

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## EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses are one of several factors to consider when investing. The following table summarizes your costs from investing in the Fund based on expenses incurred in the most recent fiscal year. The examples show the cumulative expenses attributable to a hypothetical \$1,000 investment over specified periods.

	Class A Shares	Class B Shares
SHAREHOLDER TRANSACTION EXPENSES		
Maximum Sales Charge Imposed on Purchases (as a		
percentage of offering price)	4.50%	None

percentaç	ge of	None	5.00%
ssets)			
mated waiv	rer)	0.00%**	0.00%
		0.25%	0.75%
timated wa	iver,		
			0.25%
		0.65%	0.65%
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		=====	======
			\$151
\$68	\$85	\$113	\$175
\$17	\$52	\$ 90	\$175
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- \* The maximum deferred sales charge on Class B shares applies to redemptions during the first year after purchase; the charge generally declines by 1% annually thereafter (except in the fourth year), reaching zero after six years. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares."
- \*\* Reflects current waiver arrangements to maintain Total Fund Operating Expenses at the levels indicated in the table above. Absent such waivers, the Investment Advisory Fee would be 0.30% for Class A and Class B shares, the Shareholder Servicing Fee would be 0.25% for Class A shares, and Total Fund Operating Expenses would be 1.45% and 1.95% for Class A and Class B shares, respectively.
- \*\*\* Long-term shareholders in mutual funds with 12b-1 fees, such as Class A and Class B shareholders of the Fund, may pay more than the economic equivalent of the maximum front-end sales charge permitted by rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.
  - + Assumes deduction at the time of purchase of the maximum sales charge.
- ++ Assumes deduction at the time of redemption of the maximum applicable deferred sales charge.
- +++ Ten-year figures assume conversion of Class B shares to Class A shares at the beginning of the ninth year after purchase. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares."

The table is provided to help you understand the expenses of investing in the Fund and your share of the operating expenses that the Fund incurs. The examples should not be considered representations of past or future expenses or returns; actual expenses and returns may be greater or less than shown.

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Charges and credits, not reflected in the expense table above, may be incurred directly by customers of financial institutions in connection with an investment in the Fund. The Fund understands that Shareholder Servicing Agents may credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees amounts not exceeding such other fees or the fees received by the Shareholder Servicing Agent from the Fund with respect to those accounts. See "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

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# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The table set forth below provides selected per share data and ratios for both Class A and Class B Shares outstanding throughout the period shown. This information is supplemented by financial statements and accompanying notes appearing in the Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, which is incorporated by reference into the SAI. Shareholders may obtain a copy of this annual report by contacting the Fund or their Shareholder Servicing Agent. The financial statements and notes, as well as the financial information set forth in the table below, has been audited by Price Waterhouse, independent accountants, whose report thereon is also included in the Annual Report to Shareholders.

Class A	Class B
5/6/96*	5/6/96*
through	through
10/31/96	10/31/96

PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period Income from Investment Operations
Net Investment Income
Total from Investment Operations
Less dividends from net investment income
Net Asset Value, End of Period

Total Return (1)
Ratios/Supplemental Data
Net Assets, End of Perod (000 omitted)
Ratio of Exepnses to Average Net Assets #
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets #
Ratio of expenses
without waivers and assumption of expenses to
average net assets #
Ratio of net investment income without waivers and assumption of
expenses to average net assets #

- # Annualized.
- \* Commencement of offering shares.

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#### FUND OBJECTIVE

Vista Bond Fund seeks as high a level of income as is consistent with reasonable risk. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program, and there is no assurance it will achieve its objective.

# INVESTMENT POLICIES -----INVESTMENT APPROACH

The Fund invests primarily in a broad range of investment-grade corporate bonds as well as other fixed-income securities. Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 65% of its total assets in debt obligations of the U.S. Government, its agencies and instrumentalities, and investment- grade fixed income securities. Investment-grade fixed income securities are securities rated in the category Baa or higher by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), or BBB or higher by Standard & Poor's Corporation ("S&P") or the equivalent by another national rating organization, and unrated securities determined by the Fund's advisers to be of comparable quality.

In making investment decisions for the Fund, its advisers consider many factors in addition to current yield, including preservation of capital, maturity and yield to maturity. They will adjust the Fund's investments in particular securities or types of debt securities based upon their appraisal of changing economic conditions and trends. The Fund's advisers may sell one security and purchase another security of comparable quality and maturity to take advantage of what they believe to be short-term differentials in market values or yield disparities.

There is no restriction on the maturity of the Fund's portfolio or any individual portfolio security. The Fund's advisers may adjust the average maturity of the Fund's portfolio based upon their assessment of the relative yields available on securities of different maturities and their expectations of future changes in interest rates.

Fixed-income securities in the Fund's portfolio may include, in any proportion, bonds, notes, mortgage-backed securities, asset- backed securities, government and government agency and instrumentality obligations, zero coupon securities, convertible securities and money market instruments. For temporary defensive purposes, the Fund may invest without limitation in high quality money market instruments and repurchase agreements, which generally carry lower yields than longer-term securities.

The Fund is classified as a "diversified" fund under federal securities law.

Instead of investing directly in underlying securities, the Fund is authorized to seek to achieve its objective by investing all of its investable assets in an investment company having substantially the same investment objective and policies as the Fund.

WHO MAY WANT TO INVEST

This Fund may be most suitable for investors who...

- o Are seeking current income
- o Are investing for mid- to long-term investment goals

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- o Own or plan to own other types of investments for diversification purposes
- o Can assume a moderate degree of bond market risk

This Fund may NOT be appropriate for investors who are unable to tolerate any up and down price changes, are investing for very short-term goals or who are in need of high growth potential.

OTHER INVESTMENT PRACTICES

The Fund may also engage in the following investment practices, when consistent with the Fund's overall objective and policies. These practices, and certain associated risks, are more fully described in the SAI.

MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest in cash or high-quality, short-term money market instruments. Such instruments may include U.S. Government securities, commercial paper of domestic and foreign issuers and obligations of domestic and foreign banks. Investments in foreign money market instruments may involve certain risks associated with foreign investment.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS, SECURITIES LOANS AND FORWARD COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into agreements to purchase and resell securities at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund also has the ability to lend portfolio securities in an amount equal to not more than 30% of its total assets to generate additional income. These transactions must be fully collateralized at all times. The Fund may purchase securities for delivery at a future date, which may increase its overall investment exposure and involves a risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction.

BORROWINGS AND REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. The Fund may borrow money from banks for temporary or short-term purposes, but will not borrow money to buy additional securities, known as "leveraging." The Fund may also sell and simultaneously commit to repurchase a portfolio security at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund may use this practice to generate cash for shareholder redemptions without selling securities in a down market. Whenever the Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will establish a segregated account in which it will maintain liquid assets on a daily basis in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest). The Fund would be required to pay interest on amounts obtained through reverse repurchase agreements, which are considered borrowings under federal securities laws.

STAND-BY COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into put transactions, including those sometimes referred to as stand-by commitments, with respect to securities in its portfolio. In these transactions, the Fund would acquire the right to sell a security at an agreed upon price within a specified period prior to its maturity date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other

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party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction. A put transaction will increase the cost of the underlying security and consequently reduce the available yield.

ZERO COUPON SECURITIES, PAYMENT-IN-KIND OBLIGATIONS AND STRIPPED OBLIGATIONS. The Fund may invest in zero coupon securities issued by governmental and private

issuers. Zero coupon securities are debt securities that do not pay regular interest payments, and instead are sold at substantial discounts from their value at maturity. Payment-in-kind obligations are obligations on which the interest is payable in additional securities rather than cash. The Fund may also invest in stripped obligations, which are separately traded principal and interest components of an underlying obligation. The value of these instruments tends to fluctuate more in response to changes in interest rates than the value of ordinary interest-paying debt securities with similar maturities. The risk is greater when the period to maturity is longer.

FLOATING AND VARIABLE RATE SECURITIES; PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES. The Fund may invest in floating rate securities, whose interest rates adjust automatically whenever a specified interest rate changes, and variable rate securities, whose interest rates are periodically adjusted. Certain of these instruments permit the holder to demand payment of principal and accrued interest upon a specified number of days' notice from either the issuer or a third party. The securities in which the Fund may invest include participation certificates and certificates of indebtedness or safekeeping. Participation certificates are pro rata interests in securities held by others; certificates of indebtedness or safekeeping are documentary receipts for such original securities held in custody by others. As a result of the floating or variable rate nature of these investments, the Fund's yield may decline and it may forego the opportunity for capital appreciation during periods when interest rates decline; however, during periods when interest rates increase, the Fund's yield may increase and it may have reduced risk of capital depreciation. Demand features on certain floating or variable rate securities may obligate the Fund to pay a "tender fee" to a third party. Demand features provided by foreign banks involve certain risks associated with foreign investments.

INVERSE FLOATERS AND INTEREST RATE CAPS. The Fund may invest in inverse floaters and in securities with interest rate caps. Inverse floaters are instruments whose interest rates bear an inverse relationship to the interest rate on another security or the value of an index. The market value of an inverse floater will vary inversely with changes in market interest rates, and will be more volatile in response to interest rates changes than that of a fixed-rate obligation. Interest rate caps are financial instruments under which payments occur if an interest rate index exceeds a certain predetermined interest rate level, known as the cap

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rate, which is tied to a specific index. These financial products will be more volatile in price than securities which do not include such a structure.

MORTGAGE-RELATED SECURITIES. The Fund may invest in mortgage-related securities. Mortgage pass-through securities are securities representing interests in "pools" of mortgages in which payments of both interest and principal on the securities are made monthly, in effect "passing through" monthly payments made by the individual borrowers on the residential mortgage loans which underlie the securities. Early repayment of principal on mortgage pass-through securities held by the Fund (due to prepayments of principal on the underlying mortgage loans) may result in a lower rate of return when the Fund reinvests such principal. In addition, as with callable fixed-income securities generally, if the Fund purchased the securities at a premium, sustained early repayment would limit the value of the premium. Like other fixed-income securities, when interest rates rise the value of a mortgage-related security generally will decline; however, when interest rates decline, the value of mortgage-related securities with prepayment features may not increase as much as other fixed-income, fixed-maturity securities which have no prepayment or call features.

Payment of principal and interest on some mortgage pass-through securities (but not the market value of the securities themselves) may be guaranteed by the U.S. Government, or by agencies or instrumentalities of the U.S. Government (which guarantees are supported only by the discretionary authority of the U.S. Government to purchase the agency's obligations). Certain mortgage pass-through securities created by nongovernmental issuers may be supported by various forms of insurance or guarantees, while other such securities may be backed only by the underlying mortgage collateral.

The Fund may also invest in investment grade Collateralized Mortgage Obligations ("CMOS"), which are hybrid instruments with characteristics of both mortgage-backed bonds and mortgage pass-through securities. Similar to a bond, interest and prepaid principal on a CMO are paid, in most cases, monthly. CMOS may be collateralized by whole residential or commercial mortgage loans but are more typically collateralized by portfolios of mortgage pass-through securities guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities. CMOs are structured into multiple classes, with each class having a different expected average life and/or stated maturity. Monthly payments of principal, including prepayments, are allocated to different classes in accordance with the terms of the instruments, and changes in prepayment rates or assumptions may significantly affect the expected average life and value of a particular class.

The Fund may invest in principal-only or interest-only stripped mortgage-backed securities. Stripped mortgage-backed securities have greater volatility than other

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types of mortgage-related securities. Stripped mortgage-backed securities which are purchased at a substantial premium or discount generally are extremely sensitive not only to changes in prevailing interest rates but also to the rate of principal payments (including prepayments) on the related underlying mortgage assets, and a rapid rate of principal payments may have a material adverse effect on such securities' yield to maturity. In addition, stripped mortgage securities may be illiquid.

The Fund expects that governmental, government-related or private entities may create other mortgage-related securities in addition to those described above. As new types of mortgage-related securities are developed and offered to investors, the Fund will consider making investments in such securities.

DOLLAR ROLLS. The Fund may enter into mortgage "dollar rolls" in which the Fund sells mortgage-backed securities for delivery in the current month and simultaneously contracts to repurchase substantially similar (same type, coupon and maturity) securities on a specified future date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from completing the transaction.

ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES. The Fund may invest in asset-backed securities, which represent a participation in, or are secured by and payable from, a stream of payments generated by particular assets, most often a pool of assets similar to one another, such as motor vehicle receivables or credit card receivables.

OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its total assets in shares of other investment companies, when consistent with its investment objective and policies, subject to applicable regulatory limitations. Additional fees may be charged by other investment companies.

DERIVATIVES AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest its assets in derivative and related instruments to hedge various market risks or to increase the Fund's income or gain. Some of these instruments will be subject to asset segregation requirements to cover the Fund's obligations. The Fund may (i) purchase, write and exercise call and put options on securities and securities indexes (including using options in combination with securities, other options or derivative instruments); (ii) enter into swaps, futures contracts and options on futures contracts; (iii) employ forward interest rate contracts; (iv) purchase and sell mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities; and (v) purchase and sell structured products, which are instruments designed to restructure or reflect the characteristics of certain other investments.

There are a number of risks associated with the use of derivatives and related instruments and no assurance can be given that any strategy will succeed. The value of certain derivatives or related instruments in which the Fund invests may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing economic

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conditions and market value. The ability of the Fund to successfully utilize these instruments may depend in part upon the ability of the Fund's advisers to forecast these factors correctly. Inaccurate forecasts could expose the Fund to a risk of loss. There can be no quarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in a hedging instrument and in the portfolio assets being hedged. The Fund is not required to use any hedging strategies. Hedging strategies, while reducing risk of loss, can also reduce the opportunity for gain. Derivatives transactions not involving hedging may have speculative characteristics, involve leverage and result in losses that may exceed the original investment of the Fund. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Fund seeks to close out a derivatives position. Activities of large traders in the futures and securities markets involving arbitrage, "program trading," and other investment strategies may cause price distortions in derivatives markets. In certain instances, particularly those involving over-the-counter transactions or forward contracts, there is a greater potential that a counterparty or broker may default. In the event of a default, the Fund may experience a loss. For additional information concerning derivatives, related instruments and the associated risks, see the SAI.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER. The frequency of the Fund's portfolio transactions will vary from year to year. The Fund's investment policies may lead to frequent changes in investments, particularly in periods of rapidly changing market conditions. High portfolio turnover rates would generally result in higher transaction costs, including dealer mark-ups, and would make it more difficult for the Fund to qualify as a registered investment company under federal tax law. See "How Distributions are Made; Tax Information."

#### LIMITING INVESTMENT RISKS

Specific investment restrictions help the Fund limit investment risks for its shareholders. These restrictions prohibit the Fund from: (a) with respect to 75% of its total assets, holding more than 10% of the voting securities of any issuer or investing more than 5% of its total assets in the securities of any one issuer (other than U.S. Government obligations); (b) investing more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (which include securities restricted as to resale unless they are determined to be readily marketable in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees); or (c) investing more than 25% of its total assets in any one industry. A complete description of these and other investment policies is included in the SAI. Except for restriction (c) above and investment policies designated as fundamental in the SAI, the Fund's investment policies (including its investment objectives) are not fundamental. The Trustees may change any non-fundamental investment policy without shareholder approval.

RISK FACTORS

The Fund does not constitute a balanced or complete investment program, and the net asset value its shares will fluctuate based on the value of the securities in the Fund's

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portfolio. The Fund is subject to the general risks and considerations associated with the types of investments it may make, as described above, as well as the risks discussed herein.

The performance of the Fund depends in part on interest rate changes. As interest rates increase, the value of the fixed income securities held by the Fund tends to decrease. This effect will be more pronounced with respect to investments by the Fund in mortgage-related securities, the value of which are more sensitive to interest rate changes. There is no restriction on the maturity of the Fund's portfolio or any individual portfolio security, and to the extent the Fund invests in securities with longer maturities, the volatility of the Fund in response to changes in interest rates can be expected to be greater than if the Fund had invested in comparable securities with shorter maturities. The performance of the Fund will also depend on the quality of its investments. While securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government generally are of high quality, the other fixed income securities in which the Fund may invest, while of investment-grade quality, may be of lesser credit quality. Securities rated in the category Baa by Moody's or BBB by S&P lack certain investment characteristics and may have speculative characteristics.

For a discussion of certain other risks associated with the Fund's additional investment activities, see "Other Investment Practices" above.

## MANAGEMENT

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THE FUND'S ADVISERS

The Chase Manhattan Bank ("Chase") is the Fund's investment adviser under an Investment Advisory Agreement and has overall responsibility for investment decisions of the Fund, subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees. Chase is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation, a bank holding company. CHASE AND ITS PREDECESSORS HAVE OVER 100 YEARS OF MONEY MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

For its investment advisory services to the Fund, Chase is entitled to receive an annual fee computed daily and paid monthly based at an annual rate equal to 0.30% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Chase is located at 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Chase Asset Management, Inc. ("CAM"), a registered investment adviser, is the Fund's sub-investment adviser under a Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement between CAM and Chase. CAM is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Chase. CAM makes investment decisions for the Fund on a day-to-day basis. For these services, CAM is entitled to receive a fee, payable by Chase from its advisory fee, at an annual rate equal to 0.15% of the Fund's average daily net assets. CAM was recently formed for the purpose of providing discretionary investment advisory services to institutional clients and to consolidate Chase's investment management function. The same individuals who serve as portfolio managers for

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portfolio managers for CAM. CAM is located at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS. Patrick Quilty has been responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund since December 1996. Mr. Quilty joined Chase in December 1996. Prior to joining Chase, from 1994 through 1996, Mr. Quilty was a Vice President and Portfolio Manager at ARM Capital Advisors, Inc. where he managed mutual fund and institutional portfolios. From 1991 to 1994, Mr. Quilty was a Portfolio Strategist at Lehman Brothers, Inc. where he analyzed taxable fixed income portfolios. Mr. Quilty is also a manager of the Vista U.S. Treasury Income Fund.

Susan Huang, a Vice President and the Director of Fixed Income Management of Chase, also participates in the management of the Fund. Ms. Huang is responsible for developing the allocation and risk management strategy for U.S. fixed income portfolios, and managing the institutional U.S. fixed income assets under management. Prior to joining Chase in June of 1995, Ms. Huang was Director of the Insurance Asset Management Group at Hyperion Capital Management Inc. Prior to joining Hyperion, Ms. Huang was a senior portfolio manager with CS First Boston. Prior to joining CS First Boston in 1992, Ms. Huang spent 14 years at The Equitable, where she worked in the pension consulting group and the U.S. Fixed Income Management Group. Ms. Huang is also a manager of Vista Balanced Fund, Vista Short-Term Bond Fund, Vista U.S. Government Securities Fund and Vista U.S. Treasury Income Fund.

# ABOUT YOUR INVESTMENT

#### CHOOSING A SHARE CLASS

CLASS A SHARES. An investor who purchases Class A shares pays a sales charge at the time of purchase. As a result, Class A shares are not subject to any sales charges when they are redeemed. Certain purchases of Class A shares qualify for reduced sales charges. Class A shares have lower combined 12b-1 and service fees than Class B shares. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares" and "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

CLASS B SHARES. Class B shares are sold without an initial sales charge, but are subject to a contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") if redeemed within a specified period after purchase. Class B shares also have higher combined 12b-1 and service fees than Class A shares.

Class B shares automatically convert into Class A shares, based on relative net asset value, at the beginning of the ninth year after purchase. For more information about the conversion of Class B shares, see the SAI. This discussion will include information about how shares acquired through reinvestment of distributions are treated for conversion purposes. Class B shares provide an investor the benefit of putting all of the investor's dollars to work from the time the investment is made. Until conversion, Class B shares will have a higher expense ratio and pay lower

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dividends than Class A shares because of the higher combined 12b-1 and service fees. See "How to Buy, Sell and Exchange Shares" and "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

WHICH ARRANGEMENT IS BEST FOR YOU? The decision as to which class of shares provides a more suitable investment for you depends on a number of factors, including the amount and intended length of the investment. If you are making an investment that qualifies for reduced sales charges you might consider Class A shares. If you prefer not to pay an initial sales charge you might consider Class B shares. In almost all cases, if you are planning to purchase \$250,000 or more of the Fund's shares you will pay lower aggregate charges and expenses by purchasing Class A shares.

You can open a Fund account with as little as \$2,500 for regular accounts or

\$1,000 for IRAs, SEP-IRAs and the Systematic Investment Plan. Additional investments can be made at any time with as little as \$100. You can buy Fund shares three ways-through an investment representative, through the Fund's distributor by calling the Vista Service Center or through the Systematic Investment Plan.

All purchases made by check should be in U.S. dollars and made payable to the Vista Funds. Third party checks, credit cards and cash will not be accepted. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order or cease offering shares for purchase at any time. When purchases are made by check, redemptions will not be allowed until the purchase check clears, which may take the 15 calendar days or longer. In addition, the redemption of shares purchased through Automated Clearing House (ACH) will not be allowed until your payment clears, which may take 7 business days or longer.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH THE FUND'S DISTRIBUTOR. Complete and return the enclosed application and your check in the amount you wish to invest to the Vista Service Center.

BUYING SHARES THROUGH SYSTEMATIC INVESTING. You can make regular investments of \$100 or more per transaction through automatic periodic deduction from your bank checking or savings account. Shareholders electing to start this Systematic Investment Plan when opening an account should complete Section 8 of the account application. Current shareholders may begin such a plan at any time by sending a signed letter and a deposit slip or voided check to the Vista Service Center. Call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions.

Shares are purchased at the public offering price, which is based on the net asset value next determined after the Vista Service Center receives your order in proper form. In most cases, in order to receive that day's public offering price, the Vista Service Center must receive your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange. If you buy shares through your investment representative, the representative must receive your order before the

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close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's public offering price. Orders for shares are accepted by the Fund after funds are converted to federal funds. Orders paid by check and received by 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time will generally be available for the purchase of shares the following business day.

If you are considering redeeming or exchanging shares or transferring shares to another person shortly after purchase, you should pay for those shares with a certified check to avoid any delay in redemption, exchange or transfer. Otherwise the Fund may delay payment until the purchase price of those shares has been collected or, if you redeem by telephone, until 15 calendar days after the purchase date. To eliminate the need for safekeeping, the Fund will not issue certificates for your Class A shares unless you request them. Due to the conversion feature of Class B shares, certificates for Class B shares will not be issued and all Class B shares will be held in book entry form.

# Class A Shares

The public offering price of Class A shares is the net asset value plus a sales charge that varies depending on the size of your purchase. The Fund receives the net asset value. The sales charge is allocated between your broker-dealer and the Fund's distributor as shown in the following table, except when the Fund's distributor, in its discretion, allocates the entire amount to your broker-dealer.

# Sales charge as a percentage of:

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			Amount of sales charge
Amount of transaction at offering price(\$)	Offering Price	Net amount invested	reallowed to dealers as a percentage of offering price
Under 100,000	4.50	4.71	4.00
100,000 but under 250,000	3.75	3.90	3.25
250,000 but under 500,000	2.50	2.56	2.25
500,000 but under 1,000,000	2.00	2.04	1.75

There is no initial sales charge on purchases of Class A shares of \$1 million or more.

The Fund's distributor pays broker-dealers commission on net sales of Class A shares of \$1 million or more based on an investor's cumulative purchases. Such commissions are paid at the rate of 0.75% of the amount under \$2.5 million, 0.50% of the next \$7.5 million, 0.25% of the next \$40 million and 0.15% thereafter. The Fund's distributor may withhold such payments with respect to

# Class B Shares

Class B shares are sold without an initial sales charge, although a CDSC will be imposed if you redeem shares within a specified period after purchase, as shown in the table below. The following types of shares may be redeemed without charge at any time: (i) shares acquired by reinvestment of distributions and (ii) shares otherwise exempt from the CDSC, as described below. For other shares, the

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amount of the charge is determined as a percentage of the lesser of the current market value or the purchase price of shares being redeemed.

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+
CDSC	5%	4 %	3%	3%	2%	1 %	0%	0%

In determining whether a CDSC is payable on any redemption, the Fund will first redeem shares not subject to any charge, and then shares held longest during the CDSC period. When a share that has appreciated in value is redeemed during the CDSC period, a CDSC is assessed only on its initial purchase price. For information on how sales charges are calculated if you exchange your shares, see "How to Exchange Your Shares." The Fund's distributor pays broker-dealers a commission of 4.00% of the offering price on sales of Class B shares, and the distributor receives the entire amount of any CDSC you pay.

#### GENERAL

You may be eligible to buy Class A shares at reduced sales charges. Consult your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for details about Vista's combined purchase privilege, cumulative quantity discount, statement of intention, group sales plan, employee benefit plans, and other plans. Descriptions are also included in the enclosed application and in the SAI. In addition, sales charges are waived if you are using redemption proceeds received within the prior ninety days from non-Vista mutual funds to buy your shares, and on which you paid a front-end or contingent deferred sales charge.

Some participant-directed employee benefit plans participate in a "multi-fund" program which offers both Vista and non-Vista mutual funds. With Board of Trustee approval, the money that is invested in the Vista funds may be combined with the other mutual funds in the same program when determining the plan's eligibility to buy Class A shares without a sales charge. These investments will also be included for purposes of the discount privileges and programs described above.

The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge to the current and retired Trustees (and their immediate families), current and retired employees (and their immediate families) of Chase, the Fund's distributor and transfer agent or any affiliates or subsidiaries thereof, registered representatives and other employees (and their immediate families) of broker-dealers having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor, employees (and their immediate families) of financial institutions having selected dealer agreements with the Fund's distributor (or otherwise having an arrangement with a broker-dealer or financial institution with respect to sales of Vista fund shares), financial institution trust departments investing an aggregate of \$1 million or more in the Vista Family of Funds and clients of certain administrators of tax-qualified plans when proceeds from repayments of loans to participants are invested (or reinvested) in the Vista Family of Funds.

No initial sales charge will apply to the purchase of the Fund's Class A shares if you are investing the

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proceeds of a qualified retirement plan where a portion of the plan was invested in the Vista Family of Funds, any qualified retirement plan with 50 or more participants, or an individual participant in a tax-qualified plan making a tax-free rollover or transfer of assets from the plan in which Chase or an affiliate serves as trustee or custodian of the plan or manages some portion of the plan's assets.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge through an investment adviser or financial planner that charges a fee for its services. Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge (i) by an investment adviser, broker or financial planner, provided arrangements are preapproved and purchases are placed through an omnibus account

with the Fund or (ii) by clients of such investment adviser or financial planner who place trades for their own accounts, if such accounts are linked to a master account of such investment adviser or financial planner on the books and records of the broker or agent. Such purchases may also be made for retirement and deferred compensation plans and trusts used to fund those plans.

Purchases of the Fund's Class A shares may be made with no initial sales charge in accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which is acting as a fiduciary exercising investment discretion, provided that appropriate notification of such fiduciary relationship is reported at the time of the investment to the Fund, the Fund's distributor or the Vista Service Center.

Shareholders of record of any Vista fund as of November 30, 1990 and certain immediate family members may purchase the Fund's Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own Class A shares of any Vista fund, provided there is no change in account registration. Shareholders of record of any portfolio of The Hanover Funds, Inc. or The Hanover Investment Funds, Inc. as of May 3, 1996 and certain related investors may purchase the Fund's Class A shares with no initial sales charge for as long as they continue to own shares of any Vista fund following this date, provided there is no change in account registration.

The Fund may sell Class A shares at net asset value without an initial sales charge in connection with the acquisition by the Fund of assets of an investment company or personal holding company. The CDSC will be waived on redemption of Class B shares arising out of death or disability or in connection with certain withdrawals from IRA or other retirement plans. Up to 12% of the value of Class B shares subject to a systematic withdrawal plan may also be redeemed each year without a CDSC, provided that the Class B account had a minimum balance of \$20,000 at the time the systematic withdrawal plan was established. The SAI contains additional information about purchasing the Fund's shares at reduced sales charges.

The Fund reserves the right to change any of these policies on purchases without an initial sales charge at any time and may reject any such purchase request.

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For shareholders that bank with Chase, Chase may aggregate investments in the Vista Funds with balances held in Chase bank accounts for purposes of determining eligibility for certain bank privileges that are based on specified minimum balance requirements, such as reduced or no fees for certain banking services or preferred rates on loans and deposits. Chase and certain broker-dealers and other shareholder servicing agents may, at their own expense, provide gifts, such as computer software packages, guides and books related to investment or additional Fund shares valued up to \$250 to their customers that invest in the Vista Funds.

Shareholders of other Vista funds may be entitled to exchange their shares for, or reinvest distributions from their funds in, shares of the Fund at net asset value.

HOW TO SELL SHARES

You can sell your Fund shares any day the New York Stock Exchange is open, either directly to the Fund or through your investment representative. The Fund will only forward redemption payments on shares for which it has collected payment of the purchase price.

SELLING SHARES DIRECTLY TO THE FUND. Send a signed letter of instruction to the Vista Service Center, along with any certificates that represent shares you want to sell. The price you will receive is the next net asset value calculated after the Fund receives your request in proper form, less any applicable CDSC. In order to receive that day's net asset value, the Vista Service Center must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

SIGNATURE GUARANTEES. If you sell shares having a net asset value of \$100,000 or more, the signatures of registered owners or their legal representatives must be guaranteed by a bank, broker-dealer or certain other financial institutions. See the SAI for more information about where to obtain a signature guarantee.

If you want your redemption proceeds sent to an address other than your address as it appears on Vista's records, a signature guarantee is required. The Fund may require additional documentation for the sale of shares by a corporation, partnership, agent or fiduciary, or a surviving joint owner. Contact the Vista Service Center for details.

DELIVERY OF PROCEEDS. The Fund generally sends you payment for your shares the business day after your request is received in proper form, assuming the Fund has collected payment of the purchase price of your shares. Under unusual circumstances, the Fund may suspend redemptions, or postpone payment for more than seven days, as permitted by federal securities law.

TELEPHONE REDEMPTIONS. You may use Vista's Telephone Redemption Privilege to redeem shares from your account unless you have notified the Vista Service Center of an address change within the preceding 30 days. Telephone redemption requests in excess of \$25,000 will only be made by wire to a bank account on record with the Fund. Unless an investor indicates otherwise on the account

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application, the Fund will be authorized to act upon redemption and transfer instructions received by telephone from a shareholder, or any person claiming to act as his or her representative, who can provide the Fund with his or her account registration and address as it appears on the Fund's records.

The Vista Service Center will employ these and other reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine; if it fails to employ reasonable procedures, the Fund may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. An investor agrees, however, that to the extent permitted by applicable law, neither the Fund nor its agents will be liable for any loss, liability, cost or expense arising out of any redemption request, including any fraudulent or unauthorized request. For information, consult the Vista Service Center.

During periods of unusual market changes and shareholder activity, you may experience delays in contacting the Vista Service Center by telephone. In this event, you may wish to submit a written redemption request, as described above, or contact your investment representative. The Telephone Redemption Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. The Telephone Redemption Privilege may be modified or terminated without notice.

SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL. You can make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more (\$100 or more for Class B accounts) monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan for Class A accounts. Call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-34-VISTA for complete instructions

SELLING SHARES THROUGH YOUR INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVE. Your investment representative must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's net asset value. Your investment representative will be responsible for furnishing all necessary documentation to the Vista Service Center, and may charge you for its services.

INVOLUNTARY REDEMPTION OF ACCOUNTS. The Fund may involuntarily redeem your shares if at such time the aggregate net asset value of the shares in your account is less than \$500 or if you purchase through the Systematic Investment Plan and fail to meet the Fund's investment minimum within a twelve month period. In the event of any such redemption, you will receive at least 60 days notice prior to the redemption. In the event the Fund redeems Class B shares pursuant to this provision, no CDSC will be imposed.

# HOW TO EXCHANGE YOUR SHARES

You can exchange your shares for shares of the same class of certain other Vista funds at net asset value beginning 15 days after purchase. Not all Vista funds offer all classes of shares. The prospectus of the other Vista fund into which shares are being exchanged should be read carefully and retained for future

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reference. If you exchange shares subject to a CDSC, the transaction will not be subject to the CDSC. However, when you redeem the shares acquired through the exchange, the redemption may be subject to the CDSC, depending upon when you originally purchased the shares. The CDSC will be computed using the schedule of any fund into or from which you have exchanged your shares that would result in your paying the highest CDSC applicable to your class of shares. In computing the CDSC, the length of time you have owned your shares will be measured from the date of original purchase and will not be affected by any exchange.

EXCHANGING TO MONEY MARKET FUNDS. An exchange of Class B shares into any of the Vista money market funds other than the Class B shares of the Vista Prime Money Market Fund will be treated as a redemption—and therefore subject to the conditions of the CDSC —and a subsequent purchase. Class B shares of any Vista non—money market fund may be exchanged into the Class B shares of the Vista Prime Money Market Fund in order to continue the aging of the initial purchase of such shares.

For federal income tax purposes, an exchange is treated as a sale of shares and generally results in a capital gain or loss.

EXCHANGING BY PHONE. A Telephone Exchange Privilege is currently available. Call the Vista Service Center for procedures for telephone transactions. The Telephone Exchange Privilege is not available if you were issued certificates for shares that remain outstanding. Ask your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for prospectuses of other Vista funds. Shares of certain Vista funds are not available to residents of all states.

EXCHANGE PARAMETERS. The exchange privilege is not intended as a vehicle for short-term trading. Excessive exchange activity may interfere with portfolio management and have an adverse effect on all shareholders. In order to limit excessive exchange activity and in other circumstances where Vista management or the Trustees believe doing so would be in the best interests of the Fund, the Fund reserves the right to revise or terminate the exchange privilege, limit the amount or number of exchanges or reject any exchange. In addition, any shareholder who makes more than ten exchanges of shares involving the Fund in a year or three in a calendar quarter will be charged a \$5.00 administration fee for each such exchange. Shareholders would be notified of any such action to the extent required by law. Consult the Vista Service Center before requesting an exchange. See the SAI to find out more about the exchange privilege.

REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE. Upon written request, Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value within 90 calendar days of the redemption. The reinstatement request must be accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption), and shares will be purchased at the next determined net asset value. Class B

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shareholders who have redeemed their shares and paid a CDSC with such redemption may purchase Class A shares with no initial sales charge (in an amount not in excess of their redemption proceeds) if the purchase occurs within 90 days of the redemption of the Class B shares.

HOW THE FUND VALUES ITS SHARES

The net asset value of each class of the Fund's shares is determined once daily based upon prices determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, however, options are priced at 4:15 p.m., Eastern time), on each business day of the Fund, by dividing the net assets of the Fund attributable to that class by the total number of outstanding shares of that class. Values of assets held by the Fund are determined on the basis of their market or other fair value, as described in the SAI.

HOW DISTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE; TAX INFORMATION

The Fund declares dividends daily and distributes any net investment income at least monthly. The Fund distributes any net realized capital gains at least annually. Capital gains are distributed after deducting any available capital loss carryovers. Distributions paid by the Fund with respect to Class A shares will generally be greater than those paid with respect to Class B shares because expenses attributable to Class B shares will generally be higher.

DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT OPTION. You can choose from three distribution options: (1) reinvest all distributions in additional Fund shares without sales charge; (2) receive distributions from net investment income in cash or by ACH to a pre-established bank account while reinvesting capital gains distributions in additional shares without a sales charge; or (3) receive all distributions in cash or by ACH. You can change your distribution option by notifying the Vista Service Center in writing. If you do not select an option when you open your account, all distributions will be reinvested. All distributions not paid in cash or by ACH will be reinvested in shares of the same share class. You will receive a statement confirming reinvestment of distributions in additional Fund shares promptly following the quarter in which the reinvestment occurs.

If a check representing a Fund distribution is not cashed within a specified period, the Vista Service Center will notify you that you have the option of requesting another check or reinvesting the distribution in the Fund or in another Vista fund without a sales charge. If the Vista Service Center does not receive your election, the distribution will be reinvested in the Fund. Similarly, if the Fund or the Vista Service Center sends you correspondence returned as "undeliverable," distributions will automatically be reinvested in the Fund.

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necessary for it to be relieved of federal taxes on income and gains it distributes to shareholders. The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gain net income on a current basis. If the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company for any taxable year or does not make such distributions, the Fund will be subject to tax on all of its income and gains.

TAXATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS. Fund distributions other than net long-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions of net long-term capital gains will be taxable as such, regardless of how long you have held the shares. The taxation of your distribution is the same whether received in cash or in shares through the reinvestment of distributions.

You should carefully consider the tax implications of purchasing shares just prior to a distribution. This is because you will be taxed on the entire amount of the distribution received, even though the net asset value per share will be higher on the date of such purchase as it will include the distribution amount.

Early in each calendar year the Fund will notify you of the amount and tax status of distributions paid to you by the Fund for the preceding year.

The above is only a summary of certain federal income tax consequences of investing in the Fund. You should consult your tax adviser to determine the precise effect of an investment in the Fund on your particular tax situation (including possible liability for state and local taxes and, for foreign shareholders, U.S. withholding taxes).

OTHER INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE FUND
----DISTRIBUTION PLANS

The Fund's distributor is Vista Fund Distributors, Inc. ("VFD"). VFD is a subsidiary of The BISYS Group, Inc. and is unaffiliated with Chase. The Trust has adopted Rule 12b-1 distribution plans for Class A and Class B shares which provide for the payment of distribution fees at annual rates of up to 0.25% and 0.75% of the average daily net assets attributable to Class A and Class B shares of the Fund, respectively. Payments under the distribution plans shall be used to compensate or reimburse the Fund's distributor and broker-dealers for services provided and expenses incurred in connection with the sale of Class A and Class B shares, and are not tied to the amount of actual expenses incurred. Payments may be used to compensate broker-dealers with trail or maintenance commissions at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of the average daily net asset value of Class A or Class B shares maintained in the Fund by customers of these broker-dealers. Trail or maintenance commissions are paid to broker-dealers beginning the 13th month following the purchase of shares by their customers. Promotional activities for the sale of Class A and Class B shares will be conducted generally by the Vista Family of Funds, and activities intended to promote the Fund's Class A or Class B shares may also benefit the Fund's other shares and other Vista funds.

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VFD may provide promotional incentives to broker-dealers that meet specified sales targets for one or more Vista funds. These incentives may include gifts of up to \$100 per person annually; an occasional meal, ticket to a sporting event or theater for entertainment for broker-dealers and their guests; and payment or reimbursement for travel expenses, including lodging and meals, in connection with attendance at training and educational meetings within and outside the U.S.

SHAREHOLDER SERVICING AGENTS

The Trust has entered into shareholder servicing agreements with certain shareholder servicing agents (including Chase) under which the shareholder servicing agents have agreed to provide certain support services to their customers who beneficially own Class A or Class B shares of the Fund. These services include assisting with purchase and redemption transactions, maintaining shareholder accounts and records, furnishing customer statements, transmitting shareholder reports and communications to customers and other similar shareholder liaison services. For performing these services, each shareholder servicing agent receives an annual fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Class A and Class B shares of the Fund held by investors for whom the shareholder servicing agent maintains a servicing relationship.

Shareholder servicing agents may subcontract with other parties for the provision of shareholder support services.

Shareholder servicing agents may offer additional services to their customers, such as pre-authorized or systematic purchase and redemption plans. Each shareholder servicing agent may establish its own terms and conditions, including limitations on the amounts of subsequent transactions, with respect to such services. Certain shareholder servicing agents may (although they are not required by the Trust to do so) credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees an amount not exceeding such other fees or the fees for their services as shareholder servicing agents.

Chase and/or VFD may from time to time, at their own expense out of compensation retained by them from the Fund or other sources available to them, make additional payments to certain selected dealers or other shareholder servicing agents for performing administrative services for their customers. These services include maintaining account records, processing orders to purchase, redeem and exchange Fund shares and responding to certain customer inquiries. The amount of such compensation may be up to an additional 0.10% annually of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to shares of the Fund held by customers of such shareholder servicing agents. Such compensation does not represent an additional expense to the Fund or its shareholders, since it will be paid by Chase and/or VFD.

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# ADMINISTRATOR AND SUB-ADMINISTRATOR

Chase acts as the Fund's administrator and is entitled to receive a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

VFD provides certain sub-administrative services to the Fund pursuant to a distribution and sub-administration agreement and is entitled to receive a fee for these services from the Fund at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of the Fund's average daily net assets. VFD has agreed to use a portion of this fee to pay for certain expenses incurred in connection with organizing new series of the Trust and certain other ongoing expenses of the Trust. VFD is located at 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10178.

## CUSTODIAN

Chase acts as the Fund's custodian and fund accountant and receives compensation under an agreement with the Trust. Fund securities and cash may be held by sub-custodian banks if such arrangements are reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

## EXPENSES

The Fund pays the expenses incurred in its operations, including its pro rata share of expenses of the Trust. These expenses include investment advisory and administrative fees; the compensation of the Trustees; registration fees; interest charges; taxes; expenses connected with the execution, recording and settlement of security transactions; fees and expenses of the Fund's custodian for all services to the Fund, including safekeeping of funds and securities and maintaining required books and accounts; expenses of preparing and mailing reports to investors and to government offices and commissions; expenses of meetings of investors; fees and expenses of independent accountants, of legal counsel and of any transfer agent, registrar or dividend disbursing agent of the Trust; insurance premiums; and expenses of calculating the net asset value of, and the net income on, shares of the Fund. Shareholder servicing and distribution fees are allocated to specific classes of the Fund. In addition, the Fund may allocate transfer agency and certain other expenses by class. Service providers to the Fund may, from time to time, voluntarily waive all or a portion of any fees to which they are entitled.

# ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SHARES

The Fund is a portfolio of Mutual Fund Group, an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust in 1987 (the "Trust"). The Trust has reserved the right to create and issue additional series and classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The shares of each series or class participate equally in the earnings, dividends and assets of the particular series or class. Shares have no preemptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Shareholders are

entitled to one vote for each whole share held, and each fractional share shall be entitled to a proportionate fractional vote, except that Trust shares held in the treasury of the Trust shall not be voted. Shares of each class of the Fund generally vote together except when required under federal securities laws to vote separately on matters that only affect a particular class, such as the approval of distribution plans for a particular class.

The Fund issues multiple classes of shares. This Prospectus relates only to Class A and Class B shares of the Fund. The Fund offers other classes of shares in addition to these classes. The categories of investors that are eligible to purchase shares and minimum investment requirements may differ for each class of Fund shares. In addition, other classes of Fund shares may be subject to differences in sales charge arrangements, ongoing distribution and service fee levels, and levels of certain other expenses, which will affect the relative performance of the different classes. Investors may call 1-800-34-VISTA to obtain additional information about other classes of shares of the Fund that are offered. Any person entitled to receive compensation for selling or servicing shares of the Fund may receive different levels of compensation with respect to one class of shares over another.

The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the general direction and supervision of its Board of Trustees. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders but will hold special meetings of shareholders of all series or classes when in the judgment of the Trustees it is necessary or desirable to submit matters for a shareholder vote. The Trustees will promptly call a meeting of shareholders to remove a trustee(s) when requested to do so in writing by record holders of not less than 10% of all outstanding shares of the Trust.

Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Trust itself was unable to meet its obligations.

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF MASTER/FEEDER FUND STRUCTURE

Unlike other mutual funds which directly acquire and manage their own portfolio securities, the Fund is permitted to invest all of its investable assets in a separate registered investment company (a "Portfolio"). In that event, a shareholder's interest in the Fund's underlying investment securities would be indirect. In addition to selling a beneficial interest to the Fund, a Portfolio could also sell beneficial interests to other mutual funds or institutional investors. Such investors would invest in such Portfolio on the same terms and conditions and would pay a proportionate share of such Portfolio's expenses. However, other investors in a Portfolio would not be required to sell their shares at the same public offering price as the Fund, and might bear different levels of ongoing expenses than the

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Fund. Shareholders of the Fund should be aware that these differences may result in differences in returns experienced in the different funds that invest in a Portfolio. Such differences in return are also present in other mutual fund structures.

Smaller funds investing in a Portfolio could be materially affected by the actions of larger funds investing the Portfolio. For example, if a large fund were to withdraw from a Portfolio, the remaining funds might experience higher pro rata operating expenses, thereby producing lower returns. Additionally, the Portfolio could become less diverse, resulting in increased portfolio risk. However, this possibility also exists for traditionally structured funds which have large or institutional investors. Funds with a greater pro rata ownership in a Portfolio could have effective voting control of such Portfolio. Under this master/feeder investment approach, whenever the Trust was requested to vote on matters pertaining to a Portfolio, the Trust would hold a meeting of shareholders of the Fund and would cast all of its votes in the same proportion as did the Fund's shareholders. Shares of the Fund for which no voting instructions had been received would be voted in the same proportion as those shares for which voting instructions had been received. Certain changes in a Portfolio's objective, policies or restrictions might require the Trust to withdraw the Fund's interest in such Portfolio. Any such withdrawal could result in a distribution in kind of portfolio securities (as opposed to a cash distribution from such Portfolio). The Fund could incur brokerage fees or other transaction costs in converting such securities to cash. In addition, a distribution in kind could result in a less diversified portfolio of investments or adversely affect the liquidity of the Fund.

The same individuals who are disinterested Trustees of the Trust serve as Trustees of the Portfolio. The Trustees of the Trust, including a majority of

the disinterested Trustees, have adopted procedures they believe are reasonably appropriate to deal with resulting potential conflicts of interest, up to and including creating a separate Board of Trustees.

If the Fund invests all of its investable assets in a Portfolio, investors in the Fund will be able to obtain information about whether investment in the Portfolio might be available through other funds by contacting the Fund at  $1-800-34-{\rm VISTA}$ . In the event the Fund adopts a master/feeder structure and invests all of its investable assets in a Portfolio, shareholders of the Fund will be given at least 30 days' prior written notice.

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The Fund's investment performance may from time to time be included in advertisements about the Fund. Performance is calculated separately for each class of shares, in the manner described in the SAI. "Yield" for each class of shares is calculated by dividing the annualized net investment income calculated pursuant to federal rules

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per share during a recent 30-day period by the maximum public offering price per share of such class on the last day of that period.

"Total return" for the one-, five- and ten-year periods (or since inception, if shorter) through the most recent calendar quarter represents the average annual compounded rate of return on an investment of \$1,000 in the Fund invested at the maximum public offering price (in the case of Class A shares) or reflecting the deduction of any applicable contingent deferred sales charge (in the case of Class B shares). Total return may also be presented for other periods or without reflecting sales charges. Any quotation of investment performance not reflecting the maximum initial sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge would be reduced if such sales charges were used.

All performance data is based on the Fund's past investment results and does not predict future performance. Investment performance, which will vary, is based on many factors, including market conditions, the composition of the Fund's portfolio, the Fund's operating expenses and which class of shares you purchase. Investment performance also often reflects the risks associated with the Fund's investment objectives and policies. These factors should be considered when comparing the Fund's investment results to those of other mutual funds and other investment vehicles. Quotation of investment performance for any period when a fee waiver or expense limitation was in effect will be greater than if the waiver or limitation had not been in effect. The Fund's performance may be compared to other mutual funds, relevant indices and rankings prepared by independent services. See the SAI.

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# MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISTA PRIVILEGES

The following services are available to you as a Vista mutual fund shareholder.

- o SYSTEMATIC INVESTMENT PLAN--Invest as much as you wish (\$100 or more) in the first or third week of any month. The amount will be automatically transferred from your checking or savings account.
- o SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL PLAN--Make regular withdrawals of \$50 or more (\$100 or more for Class B accounts) monthly, quarterly or semiannually. A minimum account balance of \$5,000 is required to establish a systematic withdrawal plan for Class A accounts.
- SYSTEMATIC EXCHANGE--Transfer assets automatically from one Vista account to another on a regular, prearranged basis. There is no additional charge for this service.
- o FREE EXCHANGE PRIVILEGE--Exchange money between Vista funds in the same class of shares without charge. The exchange privilege allows you to adjust your investments as your objectives change. Investors may not maintain, within the same fund, simultaneous plans for systematic investment or exchange and systematic withdrawal or exchange.
- o REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE--Class A shareholders have a one time privilege of reinstating their investment in the Fund at net asset value next determined subject to written request within 90 calendar days of the redemption,

accompanied by payment for the shares (not in excess of the redemption).

Class B shareholders who have redeemed their shares and paid a CDSC with such redemption may purchase Class A shares with no initial sales charge (in an amount not in excess of their redemption proceeds) if the purchase occurs within 90 days of the redemption of the Class B shares.

For more information about any of these services and privileges, call your shareholder servicing agent, investment representative or the Vista Service Center at  $1-800-34-{\rm VISTA}$ . These privileges are subject to change or termination.

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Vista Family of Mutual Funds & Retirement Products

VISTA INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUNDS Southeast Asian Fund Japan Fund European Fund International Equity Fund

VISTA U.S. EQUITY FUNDS
Small Cap Equity Fund
The Growth Fund of Washington
Capital Growth Fund
Growth and Income Fund
Large Cap Equity Fund
Balanced Fund Equity Income Fund

VISTA FIXED INCOME FUNDS Bond Fund U.S. Government Securities Fund U.S. Treasury Income Fund Short-Term Bond Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE FUNDS(1) New York Tax Free Income Fund California Intermediate Tax Free Fund Tax Free Income Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(1,2)
New York Tax Free Money Market Fund
Connecticut Daily Tax Free Income Fund Select Shares(3)
New Jersey Daily Municipal Income Fund Select Shares(3)
Tax Free Money Market Fund
California Tax Free Money Market Fund

VISTA TAXABLE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(2)
Cash Management Money Market Fund
Federal Money Market Fund
100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund
U.S. Government Money Market Fund
Treasury Plus Money Market Fund

VISTA RETIREMENT PRODUCTS Vista Capital Advantage Variable Annuity(4) Vista 401(k) Advantage

For complete information on the Vista Mutual Funds or Retirement Products, including information about fees and expenses, call your investment professional or 1-800-34-VISTA for a prospectus. Please read it carefully before you invest or send money.

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- (1) Some income may be subject to certain state and local taxes. A portion of the income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax for some investors.
- (2) An investment in a Money Market Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Yields will fluctuate, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per
- (3) Vista Select Shares of these funds are not a part of, or affiliated with, the Vista Family of Mutual Funds. Reich & Tang Distributors L.P. and New England Investment Companies L.P., which are unaffiliated with Chase, are the funds' distributor and investment adviser, respectively.
- (4) The variable annuity contract is issued by First SunAmerica Life Insurance Company in New York; in other states, but not necessarily all states, it is

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PROSPECTUS
VISTA(SM) BOND FUND
INSTITUTIONAL SHARES

INVESTMENT STRATEGY: INCOME

February 28, 1997

This Prospectus explains concisely what you should know before investing. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. You can find more detailed information about the Fund in its February 28, 1997 Statement of Additional Information, as amended periodically (the "SAI"). For a free copy of the SAI, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-662-4273. The SAI has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION, NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

Investments in the Fund are not bank deposits or obligations of, or guaranteed or endorsed by, The Chase Manhattan Bank or any of its affiliates and are not insured by the FDIC, the Federal Reserve Board or any other government agency. Investments in mutual funds involve risk, including the possible loss of the principal amount invested.

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## EXPENSE SUMMARY

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Expenses are one of several factors to consider when investing. The following table summarizes your costs from investing in the Fund based on expenses incurred in the most recent fiscal year. The example shows the cumulative expenses attributable to a hypothetical \$1,000 investment over specified periods.

### ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES

### EXAMPLE

Your investment of \$1,000 would incur the following expenses, assuming 5% annual return:

assuming 5%	annual return:	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Institutional	Shares	\$6	\$19	\$33	\$75

\* Reflects current waiver arrangements to maintain Total Fund Operating Expenses at the level indicated in the table above. Absent such waivers, the Investment Advisory Fee and Shareholder Servicing Fee would be 0.30% and 0.25%, respectively, and Total Fund Operating Expenses would be 1.15%.

The table is provided to help you understand the expenses of investing in the Fund and your share of the operating expenses that the Fund incurs. The example should not be considered a representation of past or future expenses or returns; actual expenses and returns may be greater or less than shown.

Charges or credits, not reflected in the expense table above, may be incurred directly by customers of financial institutions in connection with an investment in the Fund. The Fund understands that Shareholder Servicing Agents may credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees amounts not exceeding such other fees or the fees received by the Shareholder Servicing Agent from the Fund with respect to those accounts. See "Other Information Concerning the Fund."

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### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following information on selected per share data and ratios with respect to each of the four fiscal periods commencing after June 30, 1992, and the related financial statements, have been audited by Price Waterhouse LLP, independent accountants, whose report expressed an unqualified opinion thereon. The information on selected per share data and ratios with respect to the fiscal year ended June 30, 1992 and the period November 30, 1990 to June 30, 1991, has

been audited by other independent accountants, whose report expressed an unqualified opinion thereon. The following information should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto appearing in the Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, which is incorporated by reference into the SAI.

### VISTA BOND FUND

<TABLE>

	Year Ended			7/1/92** Year	11/1/90*		
	10/31/96	10/31/95	10/31/94		through 10/31/92	Ended 6/30/92	through 6/30/91
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PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE							
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period		\$ 10.08	\$ 11.30	\$ 10.76	\$ 10.70	\$ 10.14	\$ 10.00
Income from Investment Operations:							
Net Investment Income		0.687	0.667	0.622	0.240	0.760	0.410
Net gain or (Losses) in Securities							
(both realized and unrealized)		0.854	(1.140)	0.629	0.110	0.570	0.080
Total from Investment Operations		1.541	(0.473)	1.251	0.350	1.330	0.490
Less Distributions:							
Dividends from Net Investment Income		0.687	0.667	0.684	0.240	0.760	0.350
Distributions from Capital Gains		0.024	0.081	0.026	0.050	0.010	0.000
Total Distributions:		0.711	0.748	0.710	0.290	0.770	0.350
Net Asset Value, End of Period		\$ 10.91	\$ 10.08	\$ 11.30	\$ 10.76	\$ 10.70	\$ 10.14
		======	======	======	======	======	======
Total Return		15.83%	(4.30%)	12.63%	3.36%	13.67%	4.82%
Ratios/Supplemental Data:		657 005	¢50 400	AC1 155	CAE 401	641 201	626 701
Net Assets, End of Period (000 omitted)		\$57,285	\$52,439	\$61,155	\$45,401	\$41,321	\$36,791
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets		0.31%	0.31%	0.31%	0.30%#	0.30%	0.29%#
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets		6.56%	6.27%	6.15%	6.74%#	7.20%	7.30%#
Ratio of Expenses without waivers and		0.87%	0.92%	0.82%	0.73%#	1.03%	1.04%#
assumption of expenses to Average Net Assets Ratio of Net Investment Income without waivers		0.076	0.928	0.026	0.736#	1.035	1.046#
		6.00%	5.66%	5.64%	6.31%#	6.47%	6.55%#
and assumption of expenses to Average Net Assets Portfolio Turnover Rate		30%	5.66% 17%	20%	6.31%# 3%	0.4/8	6.55%# 35%
		30%	1/6	2015	36	214	336

- # Annualized.
- \* Commencement of operations.
- \*\* In 1992, the fund's fiscal year-end was changed from June 30 to October 31.

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## FUND OBJECTIVE

Vista Bond Fund seeks as high a level of income as is consistent with reasonable risk. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program, and there is no assurance it will achieve its objective.

INVESTMENT POLICIES

INVESTMENT APPROACH

The Fund invests primarily in a broad range of investment-grade corporate bonds as well as other fixed-income securities. Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 65% of its total assets in debt obligations of the U.S. Government, its agencies and instrumentalities, and investment-grade fixed income securities. Investment-grade fixed income securities are securities rated in the category Baa or higher by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), or BBB or higher by Standard & Poor's Corporation ("S&P") or the equivalent by another national rating organization, and unrated securities determined by the Fund's advisers to be of comparable quality.

In making investment decisions for the Fund, its advisers consider many factors in addition to current yield, including preservation of capital, maturity and yield to maturity. They will adjust the Fund's investments in particular securities or types of debt securities based upon their appraisal of changing economic conditions and trends. The Fund's advisers may sell one security and purchase another security of comparable quality and maturity to take advantage of what they believe to be short-term differentials in market values or yield

There is no restriction on the maturity of the Fund's portfolio or any individual portfolio security. The Fund's advisers may adjust the average maturity of the Fund's portfolio based upon their assessment of the relative yields available on securities of different maturities and their expectations of future changes in interest rates.

Fixed-income securities in the Fund's portfolio may include, in any proportion, bonds, notes, mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities, government and government agency and instrumentality obligations, zero coupon securities, convertible securities and money market instruments. For temporary defensive purposes, the Fund may invest without limitation in high quality money market instruments and repurchase agreements, which generally carry lower yields than longer-term securities.

The Fund is classified as a "diversified" fund under the federal securities law.

Instead of investing directly in underlying securities, the Fund is authorized to seek to achieve its objective by investing all of its investable assets in an investment company having substantially the same investment objective and policies as the Fund.

WHO MAY WANT TO INVEST

This Fund may be most suitable for investors who...

o Are seeking current income

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- o Are investing for mid- to long-term investment goals
- o Own or plan to own other types of investments for diversification purposes
- o Can assume a moderate degree of bond market risk

This Fund may NOT be appropriate for investors who are unable to tolerate any up and down price changes, are investing for short-term goals or who are in need of high growth potential.

### OTHER INVESTMENT PRACTICES

The Fund may also engage in the following investment practices, when consistent with the Fund's overall objective and policies. These practices, and certain associated risks, are more fully described in the SAI.

MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest in cash or high-quality, short-term money market instruments. These instruments may include U.S. Government securities, commercial paper of domestic and foreign issuers and obligations of domestic and foreign banks. Investments in foreign money market instruments may involve certain risks associated with foreign investment.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS, SECURITIES LOANS AND FORWARD COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into agreements to purchase and resell securities at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund also has the ability to lend portfolio securities in an amount equal to not more than 30% of its total assets to generate additional income. These transactions must be fully collateralized at all times. The Fund may purchase securities for delivery at a future date, which may increase its overall investment exposure and involves a risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction.

BORROWINGS AND REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. The Fund may borrow money from banks for temporary or short-term purposes, but will not borrow money to buy additional securities, known as "leveraging." The Fund may also sell and simultaneously commit to repurchase a portfolio security at an agreed-upon price and time. The Fund may use this practice to generate cash for shareholder redemptions without selling securities in a down market. Whenever the Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will establish a segregated account in which it will maintain liquid assets on a daily basis in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest). The Fund would be required to pay interest on amounts obtained through reverse repurchase

agreements, which are considered borrowings under federal securities laws.

STAND-BY COMMITMENTS. The Fund may enter into put transactions, including those sometimes referred to as stand-by commitments, with respect to securities in its portfolio. In these transactions, the Fund would acquire the right to sell a security at

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an agreed upon price within a specified period prior to its maturity date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from recovering the collateral or completing the transaction. A put transaction will increase the cost of the underlying security and consequently reduce the available yield.

ZERO COUPON SECURITIES, PAYMENT-IN-KIND OBLIGATIONS AND STRIPPED OBLIGATIONS. The Fund may invest in zero coupon securities issued by governmental and private issuers. Zero coupon securities are debt securities that do not pay regular interest payments, and instead are sold at substantial discounts from their value at maturity. Payment-in-kind obligations are obligations on which the interest is payable in additional securities rather than cash. The Fund may also invest in stripped obligations, which are separately traded principal and interest components of an underlying obligation. The value of these instruments tends to fluctuate more in response to changes in interest rates than the value of ordinary interest-paying debt securities with similar maturities. The risk is greater when the period to maturity is longer.

FLOATING AND VARIABLE RATE SECURITIES; PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES. The Fund may invest in floating rate securities, whose interest rates adjust automatically whenever a specified interest rate changes, and variable rate securities, whose interest rates are periodically adjusted. Certain of these instruments permit the holder to demand payment of principal and accrued interest upon a specified number of days' notice from either the issuer or a third party. The securities in which the Fund may invest include participation certificates and certificates of indebtedness or safekeeping. Participation certificates are pro rata interests in securities held by others; certificates of indebtedness or safekeeping are documentary receipts for such original securities held in custody by others. As a result of the floating or variable rate nature of these investments, the Fund's yield may decline and it may forego the opportunity for capital appreciation during periods when interest rates decline; however, during periods when interest rates increase, the Fund's yield may increase and it may have reduced risk of capital depreciation. Demand features on certain floating or variable rate securities may obligate the Fund to pay a "tender fee" to a third party. Demand features provided by foreign banks involve certain risks associated with foreign investments.

INVERSE FLOATERS AND INTEREST RATE CAPS. The Fund may invest in inverse floaters and in securities with interest rate caps. Inverse floaters are instruments whose interest rates bear an inverse relationship to the interest rate on another security or the value of an index. The market value of an inverse floater will vary inversely with changes in market interest rates, and will be more volatile in response to interest rates changes than that of a fixed-rate obligation. Interest rate caps are financial

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instruments under which payments occur if an interest rate index exceeds a certain predetermined interest rate level, known as the cap rate, which is tied to a specific index. These financial products will be more volatile in price than securities which do not include such a structure.

MORTGAGE-RELATED SECURITIES. The Fund may invest in mortgage-related securities. Mortgage pass-through securities are securities representing interests in "pools" of mortgages in which payments of both interest and principal on the securities are made monthly, in effect "passing through" monthly payments made by the individual borrowers on the residential mortgage loans which underlie the securities. Early repayment of principal on mortgage pass-through securities held by the Fund (due to prepayments of principal on the underlying mortgage loans) may result in a lower rate of return when the Fund reinvests such principal. In addition, as with callable fixed-income securities generally, if the Fund purchased the securities at a premium, sustained early repayment would limit the value of the premium. Like other fixed-income securities, when interest rates rise the value of a mortgage-related security generally will decline; however, when interest rates decline, the value of mortgage-related securities with prepayment features may not increase as much as other fixed-income, fixed maturity securities which have no prepayment or call features.

Payment of principal and interest on some mortgage pass-through securities (but not the market value of the securities themselves) may be guaranteed by the U.S. Government, or by agencies or instrumentalities of the U.S. Government (which guarantees are supported only by the discretionary authority of the U.S. Government to purchase the agency's obligations). Certain mortgage pass-through securities created by nongovernmental issuers may be supported by various forms of insurance or guarantees, while other such securities may be backed only by the underlying mortgage collateral.

The Fund may also invest in investment grade Collateralized Mortgage Obligations ("CMOs"), which are hybrid instruments with characteristics of both mortgage-backed bonds and mortgage pass-through securities. Similar to a bond, interest and prepaid principal on a CMO are paid, in most cases, monthly. CMOs may be collateralized by whole residential or commercial mortgage loans but are more typically collateralized by portfolios of mortgage pass-through securities guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities. CMOs are structured into multiple classes, with each class having a different expected average life and/or stated maturity. Monthly payments of principal, including prepayments, are allocated to different classes in accordance with the terms of the instruments, and changes in prepayment rates or assumptions may significantly affect the expected average life and value of a particular class.

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The Fund may invest in principal-only or interest-only stripped mortgage-backed securities. Stripped mortgage-backed securities have greater volatility than other types of mortgage-related securities. Stripped mortgage-backed securities which are purchased at a substantial premium or discount generally are extremely sensitive not only to changes in prevailing interest rates but also to the rate of principal payments (including prepayments) on the related underlying mortgage assets, and a rapid rate of principal payments may have a material adverse effect on such securities' yield to maturity. In addition, stripped mortgage securities may be illiquid.

The Fund expects that governmental, government-related or private entities may create other mortgage-related securities in addition to those described above. As new types of mortgage-related securities are developed and offered to investors, the Fund will consider making investments in such securities.

DOLLAR ROLLS. The Fund may enter into mortgage "dollar rolls" in which the Fund sells mortgage-backed securities for delivery in the current month and simultaneously contracts to repurchase substantially similar (same type, coupon and maturity) securities on a specified future date. These transactions involve some risk to the Fund if the other party should default on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from completing the transaction.

ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES. The Fund may invest in asset-backed securities, which represent a participation in, or are secured by and payable from, a stream of payments generated by particular assets, most often a pool of assets similar to one another, such as motor vehicle receivables or credit card receivables.

OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its total assets in shares of other investment companies when consistent with its investment objective and policies, subject to applicable regulatory limitations. Additional fees may be charged by other investment companies.

DERIVATIVES AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS. The Fund may invest its assets in derivative and related instruments to hedge various market risks or to increase the Fund's income or gain. Some of these instruments will be subject to asset segregation requirements to cover the Fund's obligations. The Fund may (i) purchase, write and exercise call and put options on securities and securities indexes (including using options in combination with securities, other options or derivative instruments); (ii) enter into swaps, futures contracts and options on futures contracts; (iii) employ forward interest rate contracts; (iv) purchase and sell mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities; and (v) purchase and sell structured products, which are instruments designed to restructure or reflect the characteristics of certain other investments.

There are a number of risks associated with the use of derivatives and related instruments and no assurance can be given that any

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strategy will succeed. The value of certain derivatives or related instruments in which the Fund invests may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing economic conditions and market value. The ability of the Fund to successfully utilize these instruments may depend in part upon the ability of its advisers to forecast these factors correctly. Inaccurate forecasts could expose the Fund to

a risk of loss. There can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in a hedging instrument and in the portfolio assets being hedged. The Fund is not required to use any hedging strategies. Hedging strategies, while reducing risk of loss, can also reduce the opportunity for gain. Derivatives transactions not involving hedging may have speculative characteristics, involve leverage and result in losses that may exceed the original investment of the Fund. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Fund seeks to close out a derivatives position. Activities of large traders in the futures and securities markets involving arbitrage, "program trading," and other investment strategies may cause price distortions in derivatives markets. In certain instances, particularly those involving over-the-counter transactions or forward contracts, there is a greater potential that a counterparty or broker may default. In the event of a default, the Fund may experience a loss. For additional information concerning derivatives, related instruments and the associated risks, see the SAI.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER. The frequency of the Fund's buy and sell transactions will vary from year to year. The Fund's investment policies may lead to frequent changes in investments, particularly in periods of rapidly changing market conditions. High portfolio turnover rates would generally result in higher transaction costs, including dealer mark-ups, and would make it more difficult for the Fund to qualify as a registered investment company under federal tax law. See "How Distributions are Made; Tax Information."

#### LIMITING INVESTMENT RISKS

Specific investment restrictions help the Fund limit investment risks for its shareholders. These restrictions prohibit the Fund from: (a) with respect to 75% of its total assets, holding more than 10% of the voting securities of any issuer or investing more than 5% of its total assets in the securities of any one issuer (other than U.S. Government obligations); (b) investing more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (which include securities restricted as to resale unless they are determined to be readily marketable in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees); or (c) investing more than 25% of its total assets in any one industry. A complete description of these and other investment policies is included in the SAI. Except for restriction (c) above and investment policies designated as fundamental in the SAI, the Fund's investment policies (including its investment objective) are not fundamental. The Trustees may change any non-fundamental investment policy without shareholder approval.

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### RISK FACTORS

The Fund does not constitute a balanced or complete investment program, and the net asset value of its shares will fluctuate based on the value of the securities in the Fund's portfolio. The Fund is subject to the general risks and considerations associated with the types of investments it may make, as described above, as well as the risks discussed herein.

The performance of the Fund depends in part on interest rate changes. As interest rates increase, the value of the fixed income securities held by the Fund tends to decrease. This effect will be more pronounced with respect to investments by the Fund in mortgage-related securities, the values of which are more sensitive to interest rate changes. There is no restriction on the maturity of the Fund's portfolio or any individual portfolio security, and to the extent the Fund invests in securities with longer maturities, the volatility of the Fund in response to changes in interest rates can be expected to be greater than if the Fund had invested in comparable securities with shorter maturities. The performance of the Fund will also depend on the quality of its investments. While securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government generally are of high quality, the other fixed income securities in which the Fund may invest, while of investment-grade quality, may be of lesser credit quality. Securities rated in the category Baa by Moody's or BBB by S&P lack certain investment characteristics and may have speculative characteristics.

For a discussion of certain other risks associated with the Fund's additional investment activities, see "Other Investment Practices" above.

### MANAGEMENT

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THE FUND'S ADVISERS

The Chase Manhattan Bank ("Chase") is the Fund's investment adviser under an Investment Advisory Agreement and has overall responsibility for investment decisions of the Fund, subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees. Chase

is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation, a bank holding company. CHASE AND ITS PREDECESSORS HAVE OVER 100 YEARS OF MONEY MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE.

For its investment advisory services to the Fund, Chase is entitled to receive an annual fee computed daily and paid monthly based at an annual rate equal to 0.30% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Chase is located at 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Chase Asset Management, Inc. ("CAM"), a registered investment adviser, is the Fund's sub-investment adviser under a Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement between CAM and Chase. CAM is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Chase. CAM makes investment decisions for the Fund on a day-to-day basis. For these services, CAM is entitled to receive a fee, payable by Chase from its advisory fee, at an annual rate equal to 0.15% of the Fund's average daily net assets. CAM was recently formed for the purpose of providing discretionary

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investment advisory services to institutional clients and to consolidate Chase's investment management function. The same individuals who serve as portfolio managers for CAM. CAM is located at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS. Patrick Quilty, Jr., has been responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund since December 1996. Mr. Quilty joined Chase in December 1996. Prior to joining Chase, from 1994 through 1996, Mr. Quilty was a Vice President and Portfolio Manager at ARM Capital Advisors, Inc. where he managed mutual fund and institutional portfolios. From 1991 to 1994, Mr. Quilty was a Portfolio Strategist at Lehman Brothers, Inc. where he analyzed taxable fixed income portfolios. Mr. Quilty is also a manager of the Vista U.S. Treasury Income Fund.

Susan Huang, a Vice President and the Director of Fixed Income Management of Chase, also participates in the management of the Fund. Ms. Huang is responsible for developing the allocation and risk management strategy for U.S. fixed income portfolios, and managing the institutional U.S. fixed income assets under management. Prior to joining Chase in June of 1995, Ms. Huang was Director of the Insurance Asset Management Group at Hyperion Capital Management Inc. Prior to joining Hyperion, Ms. Huang was a senior portfolio manager with CS First Boston. Prior to joining CS First Boston in 1992, Ms. Huang spent 14 years at The Equitable, where she worked in the pension consulting group and the U.S. Fixed Income Management Group. Ms. Huang is also a manager of Vista Balanced Fund, Vista Short-Term Bond Fund, Vista U.S. Government Securities Fund and Vista U.S. Treasury Income Fund.

HOW TO PURCHASE, REDEEM
AND EXCHANGE SHARES
----HOW TO PURCHASE SHARES

Institutional Shares may be purchased through selected financial service firms, such as broker-dealer firms and banks ("Dealers") who have entered into a selected dealer agreement with the Fund's distributor on each business day during which the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading ("Fund Business Day"). Qualified investors are defined as institutions, trusts, partnerships, corporations, qualified and other retirement plans and fiduciary accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which exercises investment authority over such accounts. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order or cease offering shares for purchase at any time.

Institutional Shares are purchased at their public offering price, which is their next determined net asset value. Orders received by Dealers in proper form prior to the New York Stock Exchange closing time are confirmed at that day's net asset value, provided the order is received by the Vista Service Center prior to its close of business. Dealers are responsible for forwarding orders for the purchase of shares on a timely basis. Institutional Shares will be maintained in book entry

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form and share certificates will not be issued. Management reserves the right to refuse to sell shares of the Fund to any institution.

Federal regulations require that each investor provide a certified Taxpayer Identification Number upon opening an account.

MINIMUM INVESTMENTS

The Fund has established a minimum initial investment amount of \$1,000,000 for the purchase of Institutional Shares. There is no minimum for subsequent investments. Purchases of Institutional Shares offered by other non-money market Vista funds may be aggregated with purchases of Institutional Shares of the Fund to meet the \$1,000,000 minimum initial investment amount requirement.

#### HOW TO REDEEM SHARES

You may redeem all or any portion of the shares in your account at any time at the net asset value next determined after a redemption request in proper form is furnished by you to your Dealer and transmitted to and received by the Vista Service Center. A wire redemption may be requested by telephone to the Vista Service Center. For telephone redemptions, call the Vista Service Center at 1-800-622-4273.

In making redemption requests, the names of the registered shareholders on your account and your account number must be supplied, along with any certificates that represent shares you want to sell. The price you will receive is the next net asset value calculated after the Fund receives your request in proper form. In order to receive that day's net asset value, the Vista Service Center must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

DELIVERY OF PROCEEDS. The Fund generally sends you payment for your shares by wire in federal funds on the business day after your request is received in proper form. Under unusual circumstances, the Fund may suspend redemptions, or postpone payment for more than seven days, as permitted by federal securities law.

TELEPHONE REDEMPTIONS. You may use Vista's Telephone Redemption Privilege to redeem shares from your account unless you have notified the Vista Service Center of an address change within the preceding 30 days. Telephone redemption requests in excess of \$25,000 will only be made by wire to a bank account on record with the Fund. Unless an investor indicates otherwise on the account application, the Fund will be authorized to act upon redemption and transfer instructions received by telephone from a shareholder, or any person claiming to act as his or her representative, who can provide the Fund with his or her account registration and address as it appears on the Fund's records.

The Vista Service Center will employ these and other reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine; if it fails to employ reasonable procedures, the Fund may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. An investor agrees, however, that to the extent

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permitted by applicable law, neither the Fund nor its agents will be liable for any loss, liability, cost or expense arising out of any redemption request, including any fraudulent or unauthorized request. For information, consult the Vista Service Center.

During periods of unusual market changes and shareholder activity, you may experience delays in contacting the Vista Service Center by telephone. In this event, you may wish to submit a written redemption request or contact your Dealer. The Telephone Redemption Privilege may be modified or terminated without notice.

SELLING SHARES THROUGH YOUR DEALER. Your Dealer must receive your request before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange to receive that day's net asset value. Your Dealer will be responsible for furnishing all necessary documentation to the Vista Service Center, and may charge you for its services.

REDEMPTION OF ACCOUNTS OF LESS THAN \$1,000,000. The Fund may involuntarily redeem your shares if at such time the aggregate net asset value of the shares in your account is less than \$1,000,000. In the event of any such redemption, you will receive at least 60 days notice prior to the redemption.

### HOW TO EXCHANGE YOUR SHARES

You can exchange your shares for Institutional Shares of certain other Vista funds at net asset value beginning 15 days after purchase. Not all Vista funds offer Institutional Shares. The prospectus of the other Vista fund into which shares are being exchanged should be read carefully prior to any exchange and retained for future reference.

For federal income tax purposes, an exchange is treated as a sale of shares and generally results in a capital gain or loss.

EXCHANGING BY PHONE. A Telephone Exchange Privilege is currently available. Call

the Vista Service Center for procedures for telephone transactions. Ask your investment representative or the Vista Service Center for prospectuses of other Vista funds. Shares of certain Vista funds are not available to residents of all states.

EXCHANGE PARAMETERS. The exchange privilege is not intended as a vehicle for short-term trading. Excessive exchange activity may interfere with portfolio management and have an adverse effect on all shareholders. In order to limit excessive exchange activity and in other circumstances where Vista management or the Trustees believe doing so would be in the best interests of the Fund, the Fund reserves the right to revise or terminate the exchange privilege, limit the amount or number of exchanges or reject any exchange. In addition, any shareholder who makes more than ten exchanges of shares involving the Fund in a year or three in a calendar quarter will be charged a \$5.00 administration fee for each such exchange. Shareholders would be notified of any such action to the extent required by law. Consult the Vista Service Center before requesting an exchange. The exchange privilege is subject to change or termination. See the SAI to find out more about the exchange privilege.

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# HOW THE FUND VALUES ITS SHARES

The net asset value of each class of the Fund's shares is determined once daily based upon prices determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, however, options are priced at 4:15 p.m., Eastern time), on each Fund Business Day, by dividing the net assets of the Fund attributable to that class by the total number of outstanding shares of that class. Values of assets held by the Fund are determined on the basis of their market or other fair value, as described in the SAI.

HOW DISTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE; TAX INFORMATION

The Fund declares dividends daily and distributes any net investment income at least monthly. The Fund distributes any net realized capital gains at least annually. Capital gains are distributed after deducting any available capital loss carryover.

DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT OPTION. You can choose from three distribution options: (1) reinvest all distributions in additional Fund shares; (2) receive distributions from net investment income in cash or by Automated Clearing House (ACH) to a pre-established bank account while reinvesting capital gains distributions in additional shares; or (3) receive all distributions in cash or by ACH. You can change your distribution option by notifying the Vista Service Center in writing. If you do not select an option when you open your account, all distributions will be reinvested. All distributions not paid in cash or by ACH will be reinvested in shares of the same share class. You will receive a statement confirming reinvestment of distributions in additional Fund shares promptly following the quarter in which the reinvestment occurs.

If a check representing a Fund distribution is not cashed within a specified period, the Vista Service Center will notify you that you have the option of requesting another check or reinvesting the distribution in the Fund or in another Vista fund without a sales charge. If the Vista Service Center does not receive your election, the distribution will be reinvested in the Fund. Similarly, if the Fund or the Vista Service Center sends you correspondence returned as "undeliverable," distributions will automatically be reinvested in the Fund.

The Fund intends to qualify as a "regulated investment company" for federal income tax purposes and to meet all other requirements that are necessary for it to be relieved of federal taxes on income and gains it distributes to shareholders. The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gain net income on a current basis. If the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company for any taxable year or does not make such distributions, the Fund will be subject to tax on all of its income and gains.

TAXATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS. Fund distributions other than net long-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions of net long-term capital gains will be taxable as such,

regardless of how long you have held the shares. The taxation of your distribution is the same whether received in cash or in shares through the reinvestment of distributions.

You should carefully consider the tax implications of purchasing shares just prior to a distribution. This is because you will be taxed on the entire amount of the distribution received, even though the net asset value per share will be higher on the date of such purchase as it will include the distribution amount.

Early in each calendar year the Fund will notify you of the amount and tax status of distributions paid to you by the Fund for the preceding year.

The above is only a summary of certain federal income tax consequences of investing in the Fund. You should consult your tax adviser to determine the precise effect of an investment in the Fund on your particular tax situation (including possible liability for state and local taxes and, for foreign shareholders, U.S. withholding taxes).

OTHER INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE FUND

SHAREHOLDER SERVICING AGENTS

The Trust has entered into shareholder servicing agreements with certain shareholder servicing agents (including Chase) under which the shareholder servicing agents have agreed to provide certain support services to their customers who beneficially own Institutional Shares of the Fund. These services include assisting with purchase and redemption transactions, maintaining shareholder accounts and records, furnishing customer statements, transmitting shareholder reports and communications to customers and other similar shareholder liaison services. For performing these services, each shareholder servicing agent receives an annual fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Institutional Shares of the Fund held by investors for whom the shareholder servicing agent maintains a servicing relationship. Shareholder servicing agents may subcontract with other parties for the provision of shareholder support services.

Shareholder servicing agents may offer additional services to their customers, such as pre-authorized or systematic purchase and redemption plans. Each shareholder servicing agent may establish its own terms and conditions, including limitations on the amounts of subsequent transactions, with respect to such services. Certain shareholder servicing agents may (although they are not required by the Trust to do so) credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees an amount not exceeding such other fees or the fees for their services as shareholder servicing agents.

Chase and/or VFD may from time to time, at their own expense out of compensation retained by them from the Fund or other sources available to them, make additional payments to certain selected dealers or other shareholder servicing agents for performing administrative services for their customers. These services include maintaining account records,

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processing orders to purchase, redeem and exchange Fund shares and responding to certain customer inquiries. The amount of such compensation may be up to an additional 0.10% annually of the average net assets of the Fund attributable to shares of the Fund held by customers of such shareholder servicing agents. Such compensation does not represent an additional expense to the Fund or its shareholders, since it will be paid by Chase and/or VFD.

### ADMINISTRATOR

Chase acts as administrator of the Fund and is entitled to receive a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

SUB-ADMINISTRATOR

Vista Fund Distributors, Inc. ("VFD") acts as the Fund's sub-administrator and distributor. VFD is a subsidiary of The BISYS Group, Inc. and is unaffiliated with Chase. For the sub-administrative services it performs, VFD is entitled to receive a fee from the Fund at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of the Fund's average daily net assets. VFD has agreed to use a portion of this fee to pay for certain expenses incurred in connection with organizing new series of the Trust and certain other ongoing expenses of the Trust. VFD is located at 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10178.

Chase acts as the Fund's custodian and fund accountant and receives compensation under an agreement with the Trust. Fund securities and cash may be held by sub-custodian banks if such arrangements are reviewed and approved by the

### EXPENSES

The Fund pays the expenses incurred in its operations, including its pro rata share of expenses of the Trust. These expenses include investment advisory and administrative fees; the compensation of the Trustees; registration fees; interest charges; taxes; expenses connected with the execution, recording and settlement of security transactions; fees and expenses of the Fund's custodian for all services to the Fund, including safekeeping of funds and securities and maintaining required books and accounts; expenses of preparing and mailing reports to investors and to government offices and commissions; expenses of meetings of investors; fees and expenses of independent accountants, of legal counsel and of any transfer agent, registrar or dividend disbursing agent of the Trust; insurance premiums; and expenses of calculating the net asset value of, and the net income on, shares of the Fund. Shareholder servicing and distribution fees are allocated to specific classes of the Fund. In addition, the Fund may allocate transfer agency and certain other expenses by class. Service providers to the Fund may, from time to time, voluntarily waive all or a portion of any fees to which they are entitled.

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# ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SHARES

The Fund is a portfolio of Mutual Fund Group, an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust in 1987 (the "Trust"). The Trust has reserved the right to create and issue additional series and classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The shares of each series or class participate equally in the earnings, dividends and assets of the particular series or class. Shares have no pre-emptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each whole share held, and each fractional share shall be entitled to a proportionate fractional vote, except that Trust shares held in the treasury of the Trust shall not be voted. Shares of each class of the Fund generally vote together except when required under federal securities laws to vote separately on matters that only affect a particular class, such as the approval of distribution plans for a particular class.

The Fund issues multiple classes of shares. This Prospectus relates only to Institutional Shares of the Fund, one class of shares offered by the Fund. Institutional Shares may be purchased only by qualified investors that make an initial investment of \$1,000,000 or more. "Qualified investors" are defined as institutions, trusts, partnerships, corporations, qualified and other retirement plans and fiduciary accounts opened by a bank, trust company or thrift institution which exercises investment authority over such accounts. The Fund offers other classes of shares in addition to these classes. The categories of investors that are eligible to purchase shares may differ for each class of Fund shares. In addition, other classes of Fund shares may be subject to differences in sales charge arrangements, ongoing distribution and service fee levels, and levels of certain other expenses, which will affect the relative performance of the different classes. Investors may call 1-800-622-4273 to obtain additional information about other classes of shares of the Fund that are offered. Any person entitled to receive compensation for selling or servicing shares of the Fund may receive different levels of compensation with respect to one class of shares over another.

The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the general direction and supervision of its Board of Trustees. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders but will hold special meetings of shareholders of all series or classes when in the judgment of the Trustees it is necessary or desirable to submit matters for a shareholder vote. The Trustees will promptly call a meeting of shareholders to remove a trustee(s) when requested to do so in writing by record holders of not less than 10% of all outstanding shares of the Trust.

Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder

liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Trust itself was unable to meet its obligations.

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF MASTER/FEEDER FUND STRUCTURE

Unlike other mutual funds which directly acquire and manage their own portfolio securities, the Fund is permitted to invest all of its investable assets in a separate registered investment company (a "Portfolio"). In that event, a shareholder's interest in the Fund's underlying investment securities would be indirect. In addition to selling a beneficial interest to the Fund, a Portfolio could also sell beneficial interests to other mutual funds or institutional investors. Such investors would invest in such Portfolio on the same terms and conditions and would pay a proportionate share of such Portfolio's expenses. However, other investors in a Portfolio would not be required to sell their shares at the same public offering price as the Fund, and might bear different levels of ongoing expenses than the Fund. Shareholders of the Fund should be aware that these differences may result in differences in returns experienced in the different funds that invest in a Portfolio. Such differences in return are also present in other mutual fund structures.

Smaller funds investing in a Portfolio could be materially affected by the actions of larger funds investing in the Portfolio. For example, if a large fund were to withdraw from a Portfolio, the remaining funds might experience higher pro rata operating expenses, thereby producing lower returns. Additionally, the Portfolio could become less diverse, resulting in increased portfolio risk. However, this possibility also exists for traditionally structured funds which have large or institutional investors. Funds with a greater pro rata ownership in a Portfolio could have effective voting control of such Portfolio. Under this master/feeder investment approach, whenever the Trust was requested to vote on matters pertaining to a Portfolio, the Trust would hold a meeting of shareholders of the Fund and would cast all of its votes in the same proportion as did the Fund's shareholders. Shares of the Fund for which no voting instructions had been received would be voted in the same proportion as those shares for which voting instructions had been received. Certain changes in a Portfolio's objective, policies or restrictions might require the Trust to withdraw the Fund's interest in such Portfolio. Any such withdrawal could result in a distribution in kind of portfolio securities (as opposed to a cash distribution from such Portfolio). The Fund could incur brokerage fees or other transaction costs in converting such securities to cash. In addition, a distribution in kind could result in a less diversified portfolio of investments or adversely affect the liquidity of the Fund.

The same individuals who are disinterested Trustees of the Trust serve as Trustees of the Portfolio. The Trustees of the Trust, including a majority of the disinterested Trustees, have adopted procedures they believe are reasonably appropriate to deal with resulting potential conflicts of interest, up to

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and including creating a separate Board of Trustees.

If the Fund invests all of its investable assets in a Portfolio, investors in the Fund will be able to obtain information about whether investment in the Portfolio might be available through other funds by contacting the Fund at 1-800-622-4273. In the event the Fund adopts a master/feeder structure and invests all of its investable assets in a Portfolio, shareholders of the Fund will be given at least 30 days' prior written notice.

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The Fund's investment performance may from time to time be included in advertisements about the Fund. Performance is calculated separately for each class of shares, in the manner described in the SAI. "Yield" for each class of shares is calculated by dividing the annualized net investment income per share during a recent 30-day period by the maximum public offering price per share of such class on the last day of that period.

"Total return" for the one-, five- and ten-year periods (or since inception, if shorter) through the most recent calendar quarter represents the average annual compounded rate of return on an investment of \$1,000 in the Fund invested at the public offering price. Total return may also be presented for other periods.

All performance data is based on the Fund's past investment results and does not predict future performance. Investment performance, which will vary, is based on many factors, including market conditions, the composition of the Fund's portfolio, the Fund's operating expenses and which class of shares you purchase. Investment performance also often reflects the risks associated with the Fund's investment objectives and policies. These factors should be considered when comparing the Fund's investment results to those of other mutual funds and other investment vehicles. Quotation of investment performance for any period when a fee waiver or expense limitation was in effect will be greater than if the waiver or limitation had not been in effect. The Fund's performance may be compared to other mutual funds, relevant indices and rankings prepared by independent services. See the SAI.

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Vista Family of Mutual Funds & Retirement Products

VISTA INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUNDS Southeast Asian Fund Japan Fund European Fund International Equity Fund

VISTA U.S. EQUITY FUNDS Small Cap Equity Fund The Growth Fund of Washington Capital Growth Fund Growth and Income Fund Large Cap Equity Fund Balanced Fund Equity Income Fund

VISTA FIXED INCOME FUNDS Bond Fund U.S. Government Securities Fund U.S. Treasury Income Fund Short-Term Bond Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE FUNDS(1)
New York Tax Free Income Fund
California Intermediate Tax Free Fund
Tax Free Income Fund

VISTA TAX-FREE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(1,2)
New York Tax Free Money Market Fund
Connecticut Daily Tax Free Income Fund Select Shares(3)
New Jersey Daily Municipal Income Fund Select Shares(3)
Tax Free Money Market Fund
California Tax Free Money Market Fund

VISTA TAXABLE MONEY MARKET FUNDS(2)
Cash Management Money Market Fund
Federal Money Market Fund
100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund
U.S. Government Money Market Fund
Treasury Plus Money Market Fund

VISTA RETIREMENT PRODUCTS Vista Capital Advantage Variable Annuity(4) Vista 401(k) Advantage

For complete information on the Vista Mutual Funds or Retirement Products, including information about fees and expenses, call your investment professional or 1-800-34-VISTA for a prospectus. Please read it carefully before you invest or send money.

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- (1) Some income may be subject to certain state and local taxes. A portion of the income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax for some investors
- (2) An investment in a Money Market Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Yields will fluctuate, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per share.
- (3) Vista Select Shares of these funds are not a part of, or affiliated with, the Vista Family of Mutual Funds. Reich & Tang Distributors L.P. and New England Investment Companies L.P., which are unaffiliated with Chase, are the

funds' distributor and investment adviser, respectively.

(4) The variable annuity contract is issued by First SunAmerica Life Insurance Company in New York; in other states, but not necessarily all states, it is issued by Anchor National Life Insurance Company.

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This Statement of Additional Information sets forth information which may be of interest to investors but which is not necessarily included in the Prospectuses offering shares of the Funds. This Statement of Additional Information should be read in conjunction with the Prospectuses offering shares of Vista U.S. Government Securities Fund, Vista U.S. Treasury Income Fund, Vista Bond Fund and Vista Short-Term Bond Fund (collectively the "Income Funds"), and Vista American Value Fund, Vista Balanced Fund, Vista New Growth Opportunities Fund, Vista Equity Income Fund, Vista Growth and Income Fund, Vista Capital Growth Fund, Vista Large Cap Equity Fund and Vista Small Cap Equity Fund (collectively the "Equity Funds"). Any references to a "Prospectus" in this Statement of Additional Information is a reference to one or more of the foregoing Prospectuses, as the context requires. Copies of each Prospectus may be obtained by an investor without charge by contacting

Vista Fund Distributors, Inc.("VFD"), the Funds' distributor (the "Distributor"), at the above-listed address.

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### THE FUNDS

Mutual Fund Group (the "Trust") is an open-end management investment company which was organized as a business trust under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on May 11, 1987. The Trust presently consists of 17 separate series (the "Funds"). Certain of the Funds are diversified and other Funds are non- diversified, as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). The shares of the Funds are collectively referred to in this Statement of Additional Information as the "Shares."

The Growth and Income Fund and Capital Growth Fund converted to a master fund/feeder fund structure in December 1993. The Vista New Growth Opportunities Fund has been organized with a master fund/ feeder fund structure. Under this structure, each of these Funds seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing all of its investable assets in an open-end management investment company which has the same investment objective as that Fund. The Growth and Income Fund invests in the Growth and Income Portfolio and the Capital Growth Fund invests in the Capital Growth Portfolio and the New Growth Opportunities Fund invests in the New Growth Opportunities Portfolio (collectively the "Portfolios"). Each of the Portfolios is a New York trust with its principal office in New York. Certain qualified investors, in addition to a Fund, may invest in a Portfolio. For purposes of this Statement of Additional Information, any information or references to either or both of the Portfolios refer to the operations and activities after implementation of the master fund/ feeder fund structure.

On May 3, 1996, The Hanover American Value Fund merged into Vista American Value Fund, The Hanover Large Cap Equity Fund merged into the Institutional Shares of Vista Large Cap Equity Fund, The Hanover Short-Term Bond Fund merged into the Class A shares of Vista Short-Term Bond Fund, Investor Shares of The Hanover Small Cap Equity Fund merged into the Class A shares of Vista Small Cap Equity Fund, CBC Benefit Shares of The Hanover Small Cap Equity Fund merged into the Institutional Shares of Vista Small Cap Equity Fund and The Hanover U.S. Government Securities Fund merged into the Institutional Shares of Vista U.S. Government Securities Fund. The foregoing mergers are referred to herein as the "Hanover Reorganization."

Effective as of May 6, 1996, Vista U.S. Government Income Fund changed its name to Vista U.S. Treasury Income Fund and Vista Equity Fund changed its name to Vista Large Cap Equity Fund.

The Board of Trustees of the Trust provides broad supervision over the affairs of the Trust including the Funds. In the case of the Portfolios, separate Boards of Trustees, the same members as the Board of Trustees of the Trust, provide broad supervision. The Chase Manhattan Bank ("Chase") is the investment adviser for the Funds (other than the Growth and Income Fund, New Growth Opportunities Fund, and Capital Growth Fund, which do not have their own advisers) and the three Portfolios. Chase also serves as the Trust's administrator (the "Administrator") and supervises the overall administration of the Trust, including the Funds, and is the administrator of the Portfolios. A majority of the Trustees of the Trust are not affiliated with the investment adviser or sub-advisers. Similarly, a majority of the Trustees of the Portfolios are not affiliated with the investment adviser or sub-advisers.

### INVESTMENT POLICIES AND RESTRICTIONS

#### Investment Policies

The Prospectuses set forth the various investment policies of each Fund and Portfolio. The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the related sections of each Prospectus. For descriptions of the securities ratings of Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), Standard & Poor's Corporation ("S&P") and Fitch Investors Service, Inc. ("Fitch"), see Appendix B.

U.S. Government Securities. U.S. Government Securities include (1) U.S. Treasury obligations, which generally differ only in their interest rates, maturities and times of issuance, including: U.S. Treasury bills (maturities of one year or less), U.S. Treasury notes (maturities of one to ten years) and U.S. Treasury bonds

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(generally maturities of greater than ten years); and (2) obligations issued or guaranteed by U.S. Government agencies and instrumentalities which are supported by any of the following: (a) the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury, (b) the right of the issuer to borrow any amount listed to a specific line of credit from the U.S. Treasury, (c) discretionary authority of the U.S. Government to purchase certain obligations of the U.S. Government agency or instrumentality or (d) the credit of the agency or instrumentality. Agencies and instrumentalities of the U.S. Government include but are not limited to: Federal Land Banks, Federal Financing Banks, Banks for Cooperatives, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, Farm Credit Banks, Federal Home Loan Banks, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal National Mortgage Association, Student Loan Marketing Association, United States Postal Service, Chrysler Corporate Loan Guarantee Board, Small Business Administration, Tennessee Valley Authority and any other enterprise established or sponsored by the U.S. Government. Certain U.S. Government Securities, including U.S. Treasury bills, notes and bonds, Government National Mortgage Association certificates and Federal Housing Administration debentures, are supported by the full faith and credit of the United States. Other U.S. Government Securities are issued or guaranteed by federal agencies or government sponsored enterprises and are not supported by the full faith and credit of the United States. These securities include obligations that are supported by the right of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury, such as obligations of the Federal Home Loan Banks, and obligations that are supported by the creditworthiness of the particular instrumentality, such as obligations of the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation. For a description of certain obligations issued or guaranteed by U.S. Government agencies and instrumentalities, see Appendix A.

In addition, certain U.S. Government agencies and instrumentalities issue specialized types of securities, such as guaranteed notes of the Small Business Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Defense, Bureau of Indian Affairs and Private Export Funding Corporation, which often provide higher yields than are available from the more common types of government-backed instruments. However, such specialized instruments may only be available from a few sources, in limited amounts, or only in very large denominations; they may also require specialized capability in portfolio servicing and in legal matters related to government guarantees. While they may frequently offer attractive yields, the limited-activity markets of many of these securities means that, if a Fund or Portfolio were required to liquidate any of them, it might not be able to do so advantageously; accordingly, each Fund and Portfolio investing in such

securities normally to hold such securities to maturity or pursuant to repurchase agreements, and would treat such securities (including repurchase agreements maturing in more than seven days) as illiquid for purposes of its limitation on investment in illiquid securities.

Bank Obligations. Investments in bank obligations are limited to those of U.S. banks (including their foreign branches) which have total assets at the time of purchase in excess of \$1 billion and the deposits of which are insured by either the Bank Insurance Fund or the Savings Association Insurance Fund of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and foreign banks (including their U.S. branches) having total assets in excess of \$10 billion (or the equivalent in other currencies), and such other U.S. and foreign commercial banks which are judged by the advisers to meet comparable credit standing criteria.

Bank obligations include negotiable certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances, fixed time deposits and deposit notes. A certificate of deposit is a short-term negotiable certificate issued by a commercial bank against funds deposited in the bank and is either interest-bearing or purchased on a discount basis. A bankers' acceptance is a short-term draft drawn on a commercial bank by a borrower, usually in connection with an international commercial transaction. The borrower is liable for payment as is the bank, which unconditionally guarantees to pay the draft at its face amount on the maturity date. Fixed time deposits are obligations of branches of United States banks or foreign banks which are payable at a stated maturity date and bear a fixed rate of interest. Although fixed time deposits do not have a market, there are no contractual restrictions on the right to transfer a beneficial interest in the deposit to a third party. Fixed time deposits subject to withdrawal penalties and with respect to which a Fund or Portfolio cannot realize the proceeds thereon within seven days are deemed "illiquid" for the purposes of its restriction on investments in illiquid securities. Deposit notes are notes issued by commercial banks which generally bear fixed rates of interest and typically have original maturities ranging from eighteen months to five years.

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Banks are subject to extensive governmental regulations that may limit both the amounts and types of loans and other financial commitments that may be made and the interest rates and fees that may be charged. The profitability of this industry is largely dependent upon the availability and cost of capital funds for the purpose of financing lending operations under prevailing money market conditions. Also, general economic conditions play an important part in the operations of this industry and exposure to credit losses arising from possible financial difficulties of borrowers might affect a bank's ability to meet its obligations. Bank obligations may be general obligations of the parent bank or may be limited to the issuing branch by the terms of the specific obligations or by government regulation. Investors should also be aware that securities of foreign banks and foreign branches of United States banks may involve foreign investment risks in addition to those relating to domestic bank obligations.

Depositary Receipts. A Fund or Portfolio will limit its investment in Depositary Receipts not sponsored by the issuer of the underlying security to no more than 5% of the value of its net assets (at the time of investment). A purchaser of an unsponsored Depositary Receipt may not have unlimited voting rights and may not receive as much information about the issuer of the underlying securities as with a sponsored Depositary Receipt.

ECU Obligations. The specific amounts of currencies comprising the ECU may be adjusted by the Council of Ministers of the European Community to reflect changes in relative values of the underlying currencies. The Trustees do not believe that such adjustments will adversely affect holders of ECU-denominated securities or the marketability of such securities.

Supranational Obligations. Supranational organizations, include organizations such as The World Bank, which was chartered to finance development projects in developing member countries; the European Community, which is a twelve-nation organization engaged in cooperative economic activities; the European Coal and Steel Community, which is an economic union of various European nations steel and coal industries; and the Asian Development Bank, which is an international development bank established to lend funds, promote investment and provide technical assistance to member nations of the Asian and Pacific regions.

Corporate Reorganizations. In general, securities that are the subject of a tender or exchange offer or proposal sell at a premium to their historic market price immediately prior to the announcement of the offer or proposal. The increased market price of these securities may also discount what the stated or appraised value of the security would be if the contemplated action were approved or consummated. These investments may be advantageous when the

discount significantly overstates the risk of the contingencies involved; significantly undervalues the securities, assets or cash to be received by shareholders of the prospective portfolio company as a result of the contemplated transaction; or fails adequately to recognize the possibility that the offer or proposal may be replaced or superseded by an offer or proposal of greater value. The evaluation of these contingencies requires unusually broad knowledge and experience on the part of the advisers that must appraise not only the value of the issuer and its component businesses as well as the assets or securities to be received as a result of the contemplated transaction, but also the financial resources and business motivation of the offeror as well as the dynamics of the business climate when the offer or proposal is in progress. Investments in reorganization securities may tend to increase the turnover ratio of a Fund and increase its brokerage and other transaction expenses.

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

Commercial Paper. Commercial paper consists of short-term (usually from 1 to 270 days) unsecured promissory notes issued by corporations in order to finance their current operations. A variable amount master demand note (which is a type of commercial paper) represents a direct borrowing arrangement involv-

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ing periodically fluctuating rates of interest under a letter agreement between a commercial paper issuer and an institutional lender pursuant to which the lender may determine to invest varying amounts.

Repurchase Agreements. A Fund or Portfolio will enter into repurchase agreements only with member banks of the Federal Reserve System and securities dealers believed creditworthy, and only if fully collateralized by securities in which such Fund or Portfolio is permitted to invest. Under the terms of a typical repurchase agreement, a Fund or Portfolio would acquire an underlying instrument for a relatively short period (usually not more than one week) subject to an obligation of the seller to repurchase the instrument and the Fund or Portfolio to resell the instrument at a fixed price and time, thereby determining the yield during the Fund's or Portfolio's holding period. This procedure results in a fixed rate of return insulated from market fluctuations during such period. A repurchase agreement is subject to the risk that the seller may fail to repurchase the security. Repurchase agreements are considered under the 1940 Act to be loans collateralized by the underlying securities. All repurchase agreements entered into by a Fund or Portfolio will be fully collateralized at all times during the period of the agreement in that the value of the underlying security will be at least equal to 102% of the amount of the loan, including the accrued interest thereon, and the Fund or Portfolio or its custodian or sub-custodian will have possession of the collateral, which the Board of Trustees believes will give it a valid, perfected security interest in the collateral. Whether a repurchase agreement is the purchase and sale of a security or a collateralized loan has not been conclusively established. This might become an issue in the event of the bankruptcy of the other party to the transaction. In the event of default by the seller under a repurchase agreement construed to be a collateralized loan, the underlying securities would not be owned by the Fund or Portfolio, but would only constitute collateral for the seller's obligation to pay the repurchase price. Therefore, a Fund or Portfolio may suffer time delays and incur costs in connection with the disposition of the collateral. The Board of Trustees believes that the collateral underlying repurchase agreements may be more susceptible to claims of the seller's creditors than would be the case with securities owned by a Fund or Portfolio. Repurchase agreements maturing in more than seven days are treated as illiquid for purposes of the Funds' and Portfolios' restrictions on purchases of illiquid securities. Repurchase agreements are also subject to the risks described below with respect to stand-by commitments.

Forward Commitments. In order to invest a Fund's assets immediately, while awaiting delivery of securities purchased on a forward commitment basis, short-term obligations that offer same-day settlement and earnings will normally be purchased. When a commitment to purchase a security on a forward commitment basis is made, procedures are established consistent with the General Statement of Policy of the Securities and Exchange Commission concerning such purchases. Since that policy currently recommends that an amount of the respective Fund's or Portfolio's assets equal to the amount of the purchase be held aside or segregated to be used to pay for the commitment, a separate account of such Fund or Portfolio consisting of cash, cash equivalents or high quality debt securities equal to the amount of such

Fund's or Portfolio's commitments securities will be established at such Fund's or Portfolio's custodian bank. For the purpose of determining the adequacy of the securities in the account, the deposited securities will be valued at market value. If the market value of such securities declines, additional cash, cash equivalents or highly liquid securities will be placed in the account daily so that the value of the account will equal the amount of such commitments by the respective Fund or Portfolio.

Although it is not intended that such purchases would be made for speculative purposes, purchases of securities on a forward commitment basis may involve more risk than other types of purchases. Securities purchased on a forward commitment basis and the securities held in the respective Fund's or Portfolio's portfolio are subject to changes in value based upon the public's perception of the issuer and changes, real or anticipated, in the level of interest rates. Purchasing securities on a forward commitment basis can involve the risk that the yields available in the market when the delivery takes place may actually be higher or lower than those obtained in the transaction itself. On the settlement date of the forward commitment transaction, the respective Fund or Portfolio will meet its obligations from then available cash flow, sale of securities held in the separate account, sale of other securities or, although it would not normally expect to do so, from sale of the forward commitment securities themselves (which may have a value greater or lesser than such Fund's

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or Portfolio's payment obligations). The sale of securities to meet such obligations may result in the realization of capital gains or losses.

To the extent a Fund or Portfolio engages in forward commitment transactions, it will do so for the purpose of acquiring securities consistent with its investment objective and policies and not for the purpose of investment leverage, and settlement of such transactions will be within 90 days from the trade date.

Floating and Variable Rate Securities; Participation Certificates. The securities in which certain Funds and Portfolios may be invested include participation certificates issued by a bank, insurance company or other financial institution in securities owned by such institutions or affiliated organizations ("Participation Certificates"). A Participation Certificate gives a Fund or Portfolio an undivided interest in the security in the proportion that the Fund's or Portfolio's participation interest bears to the total principal amount of the security and generally provides the demand feature described below. Each Participation Certificate is backed by an irrevocable letter of credit or guaranty of a bank (which may be the bank issuing the Participation Certificate, a bank issuing a confirming letter of credit to that of the issuing bank, or a bank serving as agent of the issuing bank with respect to the possible repurchase of the Participation Certificate) or insurance policy of an insurance company that the Board of Trustees of the Trust has determined meets the prescribed quality standards for a particular Fund or Portfolio.

A Fund or Portfolio may have the right to sell the Participation Certificate back to the institution and draw on the letter of credit or insurance on demand after the prescribed notice period, for all or any part of the full principal amount of the Fund's or Portfolio's participation interest in the security, plus accrued interest. The institutions issuing the Participation Certificates would retain a service and letter of credit fee and a fee for providing the demand feature, in an amount equal to the excess of the interest paid on the instruments over the negotiated yield at which the Participation Certificates were purchased by a Fund or Portfolio. The total fees would generally range from 5% to 15% of the applicable prime rate or other short-term rate index. With respect to insurance, a Fund or Portfolio will attempt to have the issuer of the participation certificate bear the cost of any such insurance, although the Funds and Portfolios retain the option to purchase insurance if deemed appropriate. Obligations that have a demand feature permitting a Fund or Portfolio to tender the obligation to a foreign bank may involve certain risks associated with foreign investment. A Fund's or Portfolio's ability to receive payment in such circumstances under the demand feature from such foreign banks may involve certain risks such as future political and economic developments, the possible establishments of laws or restrictions that might adversely affect the payment of the bank's obligations under the demand feature and the difficulty of obtaining or enforcing a judgment against the bank.

The advisers have been instructed by the Board of Trustees to monitor on an ongoing basis the pricing, quality and liquidity of the floating and variable rate securities held by the Funds and Portfolios, including Participation Certificates, on the basis of published financial information and reports of the rating agencies and other bank analytical services to which the Funds and Portfolios may subscribe. Although these instruments may be sold by a Fund or Portfolio, it is intended that they be held until maturity.

Past periods of high inflation, together with the fiscal measures adopted to attempt to deal with it, have seen wide fluctuations in interest rates, particularly "prime rates" charged by banks. While the value of the underlying floating or variable rate securities may change with changes in interest rates generally, the floating or variable rate nature of the underlying floating or variable rate securities should minimize changes in value of the instruments. Accordingly, as interest rates decrease or increase, the potential for capital appreciation and the risk of potential capital depreciation is less than would be the case with a portfolio of fixed rate securities. A Fund's or Portfolio's portfolio may contain floating or variable rate securities on which stated minimum or maximum rates, or maximum rates set by state law, limit the degree to which interest on such floating or variable rate securities may fluctuate; to the extent it does, increases or decreases in value may be somewhat greater than would be the case without such limits. Because the adjustment of interest rates on the floating or variable rate securities is made in relation to movements of the applicable banks' "prime rates" or other short-term rate adjustment indices, the floating or variable rate securities are not comparable to long-

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term fixed rate securities. Accordingly, interest rates on the floating or variable rate securities may be higher or lower than current market rates for fixed rate obligations of comparable quality with similar maturities.

The maturity of variable rate securities is deemed to be the longer of (i) the notice period required before a Fund or Portfolio is entitled to receive payment of the principal amount of the security upon demand or (ii) the period remaining until the security's next interest rate adjustment.

Reverse Repurchase Agreements. Reverse repurchase agreements involve the sale of securities held by a Fund or Portfolio with an agreement to repurchase the securities at an agreed upon price and date. The repurchase price is generally equal to the original sales price plus interest. Reverse repurchase agreements are usually for seven days or less and cannot be repaid prior to their expiration dates. Reverse repurchase agreements involve the risk that the market value of the portfolio securities transferred may decline below the price at which the Fund or Portfolio is obliged to purchase the securities.

Zero Coupon, Payment-in-Kind and Stripped Obligations. The principal and interest components of United States Treasury bonds with remaining maturities of longer than ten years are eligible to be traded independently under the Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities ("STRIPS") program. Under the STRIPS program, the principal and interest components are separately issued by the United States Treasury at the request of depository financial institutions, which then trade the component parts separately. The interest component of STRIPS may be more volatile than that of United States Treasury bills with comparable maturities.

Zero coupon obligations are sold at a substantial discount from their value at maturity and, when held to maturity, their entire return, which consists of the amortization of discount, comes from the difference between their purchase price and maturity value. Because interest on a zero coupon obligation is not distributed on a current basis, the obligation tends to be subject to greater price fluctuations in response to changes in interest rates than are ordinary interest-paying securities with similar maturities. The value of zero coupon obligations appreciates more than such ordinary interest-paying securities during periods of declining interest rates and depreciates more than such ordinary interest-paying securities during periods of rising interest rates. Under the stripped bond rules of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, investments by a Fund or Portfolio in zero coupon obligations will result in the accrual of interest income on such investments in advance of the receipt of the cash corresponding to such income.

Zero coupon securities may be created when a dealer deposits a U.S. Treasury or federal agency security with a custodian and then sells the coupon payments and principal payment that will be generated by this security separately. Proprietary receipts, such as Certificates of Accrual on Treasury Securities, Treasury Investment Growth Receipts and generic Treasury Receipts, are examples of stripped U.S. Treasury securities separated into their component parts through such custodial arrangements.

Payment-in-kind ("PIK") bonds are debt obligations which provide that the issuer thereof may, at its option, pay interest on such bonds in cash or in the form of additional debt obligations. Such investments benefit the issuer by mitigating its need for cash to meet debt service, but also require a higher rate of return to attract investors who are willing to defer receipt of such cash. Such investments experience greater volatility in market value due to changes in interest rates than debt obligations which provide for regular payments of interest. A Fund or Portfolio will accrue income on such investments for tax and accounting purposes, as required, which is

distributable to shareholders and which, because no cash is received at the time of accrual, may require the liquidation of other portfolio securities to satisfy the Fund's or Portfolio's distribution obligations.

Illiquid Securities. For purposes of its limitation on investments in illiquid securities, each Fund and Portfolio may elect to treat as liquid, in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees, certain investments in restricted securities for which there may be a secondary market of qualified institutional buyers as contemplated by Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and commercial obligations issued in reliance on the so-called "private placement" exemption from regis-

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tration afforded by Section 4(2) of the Securities Act ("Section 4(2) paper"). Rule 144A provides an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act for the resale of certain restricted securities to qualified institutional buyers. Section 4(2) paper is restricted as to disposition under the federal securities laws, and generally is sold to institutional investors such as a Fund or Portfolio who agree that they are purchasing the paper for investment and not with a view to public distribution. Any resale of Section 4(2) paper by the purchaser must be in an exempt transaction.

One effect of Rule 144A and Section 4(2) is that certain restricted securities may now be liquid, though there is no assurance that a liquid market for Rule 144A securities or Section 4(2) paper will develop or be maintained. The Trustees have adopted policies and procedures for the purpose of determining whether securities that are eligible for resale under Rule 144A and Section 4(2) paper are liquid or illiquid for purposes of the limitation on investment in illiquid securities. Pursuant to those policies and procedures, the Trustees have delegated to the advisers the determination as to whether a particular instrument is liquid or illiquid, requiring that consideration be given to, among other things, the frequency of trades and quotes for the security, the number of dealers willing to sell the security and the number of potential purchasers, dealer undertakings to make a market in the security, the nature of the security and the time needed to dispose of the security. The Trustees will periodically review the Funds' and Portfolios' purchases and sales of Rule 144A securities and Section 4(2)paper.

Stand-By Commitments. In a put transaction, a Fund or Portfolio acquires the right to sell a security at an agreed upon price within a specified period prior to its maturity date, and a stand-by commitment entitles a Fund or Portfolio to same-day settlement and to receive an exercise price equal to the amortized cost of the underlying security plus accrued interest, if any, at the time of exercise. Stand-by commitments are subject to certain risks, which include the inability of the issuer of the commitment to pay for the securities at the time the commitment is exercised, the fact that the commitment is not marketable by a Fund or Portfolio, and that the maturity of the underlying security will generally be different from that of the commitment.

Securities Loans. To the extent specified in its Prospectus, each Fund and Portfolio is permitted to lend its securities to broker-dealers and other institutional investors in order to generate additional income. Such loans of portfolio securities may not exceed 30% of the value of a Fund's or Portfolio's total assets. In connection with such loans, a Fund or Portfolio will receive collateral consisting of cash, cash equivalents, U.S. Government securities or irrevocable letters of credit issued by financial institutions. Such collateral will be maintained at all times in an amount equal to at least 102% of the current market value plus accrued interest of the securities loaned. A Fund or Portfolio can increase its income through the investment of such collateral. A Fund or Portfolio continues to be entitled to the interest payable or any dividend-equivalent payments received on a loaned security and, in addition, to receive interest on the amount of the loan. However, the receipt of any dividend-equivalent payments by a Fund or Portfolio on a loaned security from the borrower will not qualify for the dividends-received deduction. Such loans will be terminable at any time upon specified notice. A Fund or Portfolio might experience risk of loss if the institutions with which it has engaged in portfolio loan transactions breach their agreements with such Fund or Portfolio. The risks in lending portfolio securities, as with other extensions of secured credit, consist of possible delays in receiving additional collateral or in the recovery of the securities or possible loss of rights in the collateral should the borrower experience financial difficulty. Loans will be made only to firms deemed by the advisers to be of good standing and will not be made unless, in the judgment of the advisers, the consideration to be earned from such loans justifies the risk.

Additional Policies Regarding Derivative and Related Transactions

Introduction. As explained more fully below, the Funds and Portfolios may employ derivative and related instruments as tools in the management of portfolio assets. Put briefly, a "derivative" instrument may be considered a security or other instrument which derives its value from the value or performance of other instruments or assets, interest or currency exchange rates, or indexes. For instance, derivatives include futures, options, forward contracts, structured notes and various over-the-counter instruments.

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Like other investment tools or techniques, the impact of using derivatives strategies or similar instruments depends to a great extent on how they are used. Derivatives are generally used by portfolio managers in three ways: First, to reduce risk by hedging (offsetting) an investment position. Second, to substitute for another security particularly where it is quicker, easier and less expensive to invest in derivatives. Lastly, to speculate or enhance portfolio performance. When used prudently, derivatives can offer several benefits, including easier and more effective hedging, lower transaction costs, quicker investment and more profitable use of portfolio assets. However, derivatives also have the potential to significantly magnify risks, thereby leading to potentially greater losses for a Fund or Portfolio.

Each Fund and Portfolio may invest its assets in derivative and related instruments subject only to the Fund's or Portfolio's investment objective and policies and the requirement that the Fund or Portfolio maintain segregated accounts consisting of liquid assets, such as cash, U.S. Government securities, or other high-grade debt obligations (or, as permitted by applicable regulation, enter into certain offsetting positions) to cover its obligations under such instruments with respect to positions where there is no underlying portfolio asset so as to avoid leveraging the Fund or Portfolio

The value of some derivative or similar instruments in which the Funds or Portfolios may invest may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing interest rates or other economic factors, and--like other investments of the Funds and Portfolios--the ability of a Fund or Portfolio to successfully utilize these instruments may depend in part upon the ability of the advisers to forecast interest rates and other economic factors correctly. If the advisers inaccurately forecast such factors and has taken positions in derivative or similar instruments contrary to prevailing market trends, a Fund or Portfolio could be exposed to the risk of a loss. The Funds and Portfolios might not employ any or all of the strategies described herein, and no assurance can be given that any strategy used will succeed.

Set forth below is an explanation of the various derivatives strategies and related instruments the Funds or Portfolios may employ along with risks or special attributes associated with them. This discussion is intended to supplement the Funds' current prospectuses as well as provide useful information to prospective investors.

Risk Factors. As explained more fully below and in the discussions of particular strategies or instruments, there are a number of risks associated with the use of derivatives and related instruments. There can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in a hedging vehicle and in the portfolio assets being hedged. An incorrect correlation could result in a loss on both the hedged assets in a Fund or Portfolio and the hedging vehicle so that the portfolio return might have been greater had hedging not been attempted. This risk is particularly acute in the case of "cross-hedges" between currencies. The advisers may inaccurately forecast interest rates, market values or other economic factors in utilizing a derivatives strategy. In such a case, a Fund or Portfolio may have been in a better position had it not entered into such strategy. Hedging strategies, while reducing risk of loss, can also reduce the opportunity for gain. In other words, hedging usually limits both potential losses as well as potential gains. Strategies not involving hedging may increase the risk to a Fund or Portfolio. Certain strategies, such as yield enhancement, can have speculative characteristics and may result in more risk to a Fund or Portfolio than hedging strategies using the same instruments. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when a Fund or Portfolio seeks to close out an option, futures contract or other derivative or related position. Many exchanges and boards of trade limit the amount of fluctuation permitted in option or futures contract prices during a single day; once the daily limit has been reached on particular contract, no trades may be made that day at a price beyond that limit. In addition, certain instruments are relatively new and without a significant trading history. As a result, there is no assurance that an active secondary market will develop or continue to exist. Finally, over-the-counter instruments typically do not have a liquid market. Lack of a liquid market for any reason may prevent a Fund from liquidating an unfavorable position. Activities of large traders in the futures and securities markets involving arbitrage, "program trading," and other investment strategies may cause price distortions in these markets. In certain instances, particularly those involving over-the-counter transactions, forward contracts there is a greater potential that a

unable to perform on its commitments. In the event of such a default, a Fund or Portfolio may experience a loss. In transactions involving currencies, the value of the currency underlying an instrument may fluctuate due to many factors, including economic conditions, interest rates, governmental policies and market forces.

Specific Uses and Strategies. Set forth below are explanations of various strategies involving derivatives and related instruments which may be used by a Fund or Portfolio

Options on Securities, Securities Indexes and Debt Instruments. A Fund or Portfolio may PURCHASE, SELL or EXERCISE call and put options on (i) securities, (ii) securities indexes, and (iii) debt instruments.

Although in most cases these options will be exchange-traded, the Funds and Portfolios may also purchase, sell or exercise over-the-counter options. Over-the-counter options differ from exchange-traded options in that they are two-party contracts with price and other terms negotiated between buyer and seller. As such, over-the-counter options generally have much less market liquidity and carry the risk of default or nonperformance by the other party.

One purpose of purchasing put options is to protect holdings in an  $\,$ underlying or related security against a substantial decline in market value. One purpose of purchasing call options is to protect against substantial increases in prices of securities the Fund intends to purchase pending its ability to invest in such securities in an orderly manner. A Fund or Portfolio may also use combinations of options to minimize costs, gain exposure to markets or take advantage of price disparities or market movements. For example, a Fund or Portfolio may sell put or call options it has previously purchased or purchase put or call options it has previously sold. These transactions may result in a net gain or loss depending on whether the amount realized on the sale is more or less than the premium and other transaction costs paid on the put or call option which is sold. A Fund or Portfolio may write a call or put option in order to earn the related premium from such transactions. Prior to exercise or expiration, an option may be closed out by an offsetting purchase or sale of a similar option. The Funds will not write uncovered options.

In addition to the general risk factors noted above, the purchase and writing of options involve certain special risks. During the option period, a Fund or Portfolio writing a covered call (i.e., where the underlying securities are held by the Fund or Portfolio) has, in return for the premium on the option, given up the opportunity to profit from a price increase in the underlying securities above the exercise price, but has retained the risk of loss should the price of the underlying securities decline. The writer of an option has no control over the time when it may be required to fulfill its obligation as a writer of the option. Once an option writer has received an exercise notice, it cannot effect a closing purchase transaction in order to terminate its obligation under the option and must deliver the underlying securities at the exercise price.

If a put or call option purchased by a Fund or Portfolio is not sold when it has remaining value, and if the market price of the underlying security, in the case of a put, remains equal to or greater than the exercise price or, in the case of a call, remains less than or equal to the exercise price, such Fund or Portfolio will lose its entire investment in the option. Also, where a put or call option on a particular security is purchased to hedge against price movements in a related security, the price of the put or call option may move more or less than the price of the related security. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist when a Fund or Portfolio seeks to close out an option position. Furthermore, if trading restrictions or suspensions are imposed on the options markets, a Fund or Portfolio may be unable to close out a position.

Futures Contracts and Options on Futures Contracts. A Fund or Portfolio may purchase or sell (i) interest-rate futures contracts, (ii) futures contracts on specified instruments or indices, and (iii) options on these futures contracts ("futures options").

The futures contracts and futures options may be based on various instruments or indices in which the Funds and Portfolios may invest such as foreign currencies, certificates of deposit, Eurodollar time deposits, securities indices, economic indices (such as the Consumer Price Indices compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor).

Futures contracts and futures options may be used to hedge portfolio positions and transactions as well as to gain exposure to markets. For example, a Fund or Portfolio may sell a futures contract—or buy a futures option—to protect against a decline in value, or reduce the duration, of portfolio holdings. Likewise, these instruments may be used where a Fund or Portfolio intends to acquire an instrument or enter into a position. For example, a Fund or Portfolio may purchase a futures contract—or buy a futures option—to gain immediate exposure in a market or otherwise offset increases in the purchase price of securities or currencies to be acquired in the future. Futures options may also be written to earn the related premiums.

When writing or purchasing options, the Funds and Portfolios may simultaneously enter into other transactions involving futures contracts or futures options in order to minimize costs, gain exposure to markets, or take advantage of price disparities or market movements. Such strategies may entail additional risks in certain instances. The Funds and Portfolios may engage in cross-hedging by purchasing or selling futures or options on a security or currency different from the security or currency position being hedged to take advantage of relationships between the two securities or currencies.

Investments in futures contracts and options thereon involve risks similar to those associated with options transactions discussed above. The Funds and Portfolios will only enter into futures contracts or options on futures contracts which are traded on a U.S. or foreign exchange or board of trade, or similar entity, or quoted on an automated quotation system.

Forward Contracts. A Fund and Portfolio may use foreign currency and interest-rate forward contracts for various purposes as described below.

Foreign currency exchange rates may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time. They generally are determined by the forces of supply and demand in the foreign exchange markets and the relative merits of investments in different countries, actual or perceived changes in interest rates and other complex factors, as seen from an international perspective. A Fund or Portfolio that may invest in securities denominated in foreign currencies may, in addition to buying and selling foreign currency futures contracts and options on foreign currencies and foreign currency futures, enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts to reduce the risks or otherwise take a position in anticipation of changes in foreign exchange rates. A forward foreign currency exchange contract involves an obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency at a future date, which may be a fixed number of days from the date of the contract agreed upon by the parties, at a price set at the time of the contract. By entering into a forward foreign currency contract, a Fund or Portfolio "locks in" the exchange rate between the currency it will deliver and the currency it will receive for the duration of the contract. As a result, a Fund or Portfolio reduces its exposure to changes in the value of the currency it will deliver and increases its exposure to changes in the value of the currency it will exchange into. The effect on the value of a Fund or Portfolio is similar to selling securities denominated in one currency and purchasing securities denominated in another. Transactions that use two foreign currencies are sometimes referred to as "cross-hedges."

A Fund or Portfolio may enter into these contracts for the purpose of hedging against foreign exchange risk arising from the Fund's or Portfolio' investments or anticipated investments in securities denominated in foreign currencies. A Fund or Portfolio may also enter into these contracts for purposes of increasing exposure to a foreign currency or to shift exposure to foreign currency fluctuations from one country to another.

A Fund or Portfolio may also use forward contracts to hedge against changes in interest rates, increase exposure to a market or otherwise take advantage of such changes. An interest-rate forward contract involves the obligation to purchase or sell a specific debt instrument at a fixed price at a future date.

Interest Rate and Currency Transactions. A Fund or Portfolio may employ currency and interest rate management techniques, including transactions in options (including yield curve options), futures, options on futures, forward foreign currency exchange contracts, currency options and futures and currency and interest rate swaps. The aggregate amount of a Fund's or Portfolio's net currency exposure will not exceed the total net asset value of its portfolio. However, to the extent that a Fund or Portfolio is fully invested while also maintaining currency positions, it may be exposed to greater combined risk.

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The Funds and Portfolios will only enter into interest rate and currency swaps on a net basis, i.e., the two payment streams are netted out, with the Fund or Portfolio receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments. Interest rate and currency swaps do not involve

the delivery of securities, the underlying currency, other underlying assets or principal. Accordingly, the risk of loss with respect to interest rate and currency swaps is limited to the net amount of interest or currency payments that a Fund or Portfolio is contractually obligated to make. If the other party to an interest rate or currency swap defaults, a Fund's or Portfolio's risk of loss consists of the net amount of interest or currency payments that the Fund or Portfolio is contractually entitled to receive. Since interest rate and currency swaps are individually negotiated, the Funds and Portfolios expect to achieve an acceptable degree of correlation between their portfolio investments and their interest rate or currency swap positions.

A Fund or Portfolio may hold foreign currency received in connection with investments in foreign securities when it would be beneficial to convert such currency into U.S. dollars at a later date, based on anticipated changes in the relevant exchange rate.

A Fund or Portfolio may purchase or sell without limitation as to a percentage of its assets forward foreign currency exchange contracts when the advisers anticipate that the foreign currency will appreciate or depreciate in value, but securities denominated in that currency do not present attractive investment opportunities and are not held by such Fund or Portfolio. In addition, a Fund or Portfolio may enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts in order to protect against adverse changes in future foreign currency exchange rates. A Fund or Portfolio may engage in cross-hedging by using forward contracts in one currency to hedge against fluctuations in the value of securities denominated in a different currency if its advisers believe that there is a pattern of correlation between the two currencies. Forward contracts may reduce the potential gain from a positive change in the relationship between the U.S. Dollar and foreign currencies. Unanticipated changes in currency prices may result in poorer overall performance for a Fund or Portfolio than if it had not entered into such contracts. The use of foreign currency forward contracts will not eliminate fluctuations in the underlying U.S. dollar equivalent value of the prices of or rates of return on a Fund's or Portfolio's foreign currency denominated portfolio securities and the use of such techniques will subject the Fund or Portfolio to certain risks.

The matching of the increase in value of a forward contract and the decline in the U.S. dollar equivalent value of the foreign currency denominated asset that is the subject of the hedge generally will not be precise. In addition, a Fund or Portfolio may not always be able to enter into foreign currency forward contracts at attractive prices, and this will limit a Fund's or Portfolio's ability to use such contract to hedge or cross-hedge its assets. Also, with regard to a Fund's or Portfolio's use of cross-hedges, there can be no assurance that historical correlations between the movement of certain foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar will continue. Thus, at any time poor correlation may exist between movements in the exchange rates of the foreign currencies underlying a Fund's or Portfolio's cross-hedges and the movements in the exchange rates of the foreign currencies in which the Fund's or Portfolio's assets that are the subject of such cross-hedges are denominated.

A Fund or Portfolio may enter into interest rate and currency swaps to the maximum allowed limits under applicable law. A Fund or Portfolio will typically use interest rate swaps to shorten the effective duration of its portfolio. Interest rate swaps involve the exchange by a Fund or Portfolio with another party of their respective commitments to pay or receive interest, such as an exchange of fixed rate payments for floating rate payments. Currency swaps involve the exchange of their respective rights to make or receive payments in specified currencies.

Mortgage-Related Securities. A Fund or Portfolio may purchase mortgage-backed securities—i.e., securities representing an ownership interest in a pool of mortgage loans issued by lenders such as mortgage bankers, commercial banks and savings and loan associations. Mortgage loans included in the pool—but not the security itself—may be insured by the Government National Mortgage Association or the Federal Housing Administration or guaranteed by the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Loan

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Mortgage Corporation or the Veterans Administration. Mortgage-backed securities provide investors with payments consisting of both interest and principal as the mortgages in the underlying mortgage pools are paid off. Although providing the potential for enhanced returns, mortgage-backed securities can also be volatile and result in unanticipated losses.

The average life of a mortgage-backed security is likely to be substantially less than the original maturity of the mortgage pools underlying the securities. Prepayments of principal by mortgagors and mortgage foreclosures will usually result in the return of the greater part of the principal invested far in advance of the maturity of the mortgages in

the pool. The actual rate of return of a mortgage-backed security may be adversely affected by the prepayment of mortgages included in the mortgage pool underlying the security.

A Fund or Portfolio may also invest in securities representing interests in collateralized mortgage obligations ("CMOs"), real estate mortgage investment conduits ("REMICs") and in pools of certain other asset- backed bonds and mortgage pass-through securities. Like a bond, interest and prepaid principal are paid, in most cases, monthly. CMOs may be collateralized by whole mortgage loans but are more typically collateralized by portfolios of mortgage pass-through securities guaranteed by the U.S. Government, or U.S. Government-related entities, and their income streams.

CMOs are structured into multiple classes, each bearing a different stated maturity. Actual maturity and average life will depend upon the prepayment experience of the collateral. Monthly payment of principal received from the pool of underlying mortgages, including prepayments, are allocated to different classes in accordance with the terms of the instruments, and changes in prepayment rates or assumptions may significantly affect the expected average life and value of a particular class.

REMICs include governmental and/or private entities that issue a fixed pool of mortgages secured by an interest in real property. REMICs are similar to CMOs in that they issue multiple classes of securities. REMICs issued by private entities are not U.S. Government securities and are not directly guaranteed by any government agency. They are secured by the underlying collateral of the private issuer.

The advisers expect that governmental, government-related or private entities may create mortgage loan pools and other mortgage-related securities offering mortgage pass-through and mortgage- collateralized investments in addition to those described above. The mortgages underlying these securities may include alternative mortgage instruments, that is, mortgage instruments whose principal or interest payments may vary or whose terms to maturity may differ from customary long-term fixed-rate mortgages. A Fund or Portfolio may also invest in debentures and other securities of real estate investment trusts. As new types of mortgage-related securities are developed and offered to investors, the Funds and Portfolios may consider making investments in such new types of mortgage-related securities.

Asset-Backed Securities. A Fund or Portfolio may invest in asset-backed securities, including conditional sales contracts, equipment lease certificates and equipment trust certificates. The advisers expect that other asset-backed securities (unrelated to mortgage loans) will be offered to investors in the future. Several types of asset-backed securities already exist, including, for example, "Certificates for Automobile ReceivablesSM" or "CARSSM" ("CARS"). CARS represent undivided fractional interests in a trust whose assets consist of a pool of motor vehicle retail installment sales contracts and security interests in the vehicles securing the contracts. Payments of principal and interest on CARS are passed-through monthly to certificate holders, and are guaranteed up to certain amounts and for a certain time period by a letter of credit issued by a financial institution unaffiliated with the trustee or originator of the CARS trust. An investor's return on CARS may be affected by early prepayment of principal on the underlying vehicle sales contracts. If the letter of credit is exhausted, the CARS trust may be prevented from realizing the full amount due on a sales contract because of state law requirements and restrictions relating to foreclosure sales of vehicles and the obtaining of deficiency judgments following such sales or because of depreciation, damage or loss of a vehicle, the application of federal and state bankruptcy and insolvency laws, the failure of servicers to take appropriate steps to perfect the CARS trust's rights in the underlying loans and the servicer's sale of such loans to bona fide purchasers, giving rise to interests in such loans superior to those of the CARS trust, or other factors.

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As a result, certificate holders may experience delays in payments or losses if the letter of credit is exhausted. A Fund or Portfolio also may invest in other types of asset-backed securities. In the selection of other asset-backed securities, the advisers will attempt to assess the liquidity of the security giving consideration to the nature of the security, the frequency of trading in the security, the number of dealers making a market in the security and the overall nature of the marketplace for the security.

Structured Products. A Fund or Portfolio may invest in interests in entities organized and operated solely for the purpose of restructuring the investment characteristics of certain other investments. This type of restructuring involves the deposit with or purchase by an entity, such as a corporation or trust, or specified instruments (such as commercial bank loans) and the issuance by that entity of one or more classes of securities ("structured products") backed by, or representing interests in, the underlying instruments. The cash flow on the underlying instruments may be

apportioned among the newly issued structured products to create securities with different investment characteristics such as varying maturities, payment priorities and interest rate provisions, and the extent of the payments made with respect to structured products is dependent on the extent of the cash flow on the underlying instruments. A Fund or Portfolio may invest in structured products which represent derived investment positions based on relationships among different markets or asset classes.

A Fund or Portfolio may also invest in other types of structured products, including, among others, inverse floaters, spread trades and notes linked by a formula to the price of an underlying instrument. Inverse floaters have coupon rates that vary inversely at a multiple of a designated floating rate (which typically is determined by reference to an index rate, but may also be determined through a dutch auction or a remarketing agent or by reference to another security) (the "reference rate"). As an example, inverse floaters may constitute a class of CMOs with a coupon rate that moves inversely to a designated index, such as LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate) or the Cost of Funds Index. Any rise in the reference rate of an inverse floater (as a consequence of an increase in interest rates) causes a drop in the coupon rate while any drop in the reference rate of an inverse floater causes an increase in the coupon rate. A spread trade is an investment position relating to a difference in the prices or interest rates of two securities where the value of the investment position is determined by movements in the difference between the prices or interest rates, as the case may be, of the respective securities. When a Fund or Portfolio invests in notes linked to the price of an underlying instrument, the price of the underlying security is determined by a multiple (based on a formula) of the price of such underlying security. A structured product may be considered to be leveraged to the extent its interest rate varies by a magnitude that exceeds the magnitude of the change in the index rate of interest. Because they are linked to their underlying markets or securities, investments in structured products generally are subject to greater volatility than an investment directly in the underlying market or security. Total return on the structured product is derived by linking return to one or more characteristics of the underlying instrument. Because certain structured products of the type in which a Fund or Portfolio may invest may involve no credit enhancement, the credit risk of those structured products generally would be equivalent to that of the underlying instruments. A Fund or Portfolio may invest in a class of structured products that is either subordinated or unsubordinated to the right of payment of another class. Subordinated structured products typically have higher yields and present greater risks than unsubordinated structured products. Although a Fund's or Portfolio's purchase of subordinated structured products would have similar economic effect to that of borrowing against the underlying securities, the purchase will not be deemed to be leverage for purposes of a Fund's or Portfolio' fundamental investment limitation related to borrowing and leverage.

Certain issuers of structured products may be deemed to be "investment companies" as defined in the 1940 Act. As a result, a Fund's investments in these structured products may be limited by the restrictions contained in the 1940 Act. Structured products are typically sold in private placement transactions, and there currently is no active trading market for structured products. As a result, certain structured products in which a Fund or Portfolio invests may be deemed illiquid and subject to its limitation on illiquid investments.

Investments in structured products generally are subject to greater volatility than an investment directly in the underlying market or security. In addition, because structured products are typically sold in private placement transactions, there currently is no active trading market for structured products.

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Additional Restrictions on the Use of Futures and Option Contracts. None of the Funds is a "commodity pool" (i.e., a pooled investment vehicle which trades in commodity futures contracts and options thereon and the operator of which is registered with the CFTC and futures contracts and futures options will be purchased, sold or entered into only for bona fide hedging purposes, provided that a Fund may enter into such transactions for purposes other than bona fide hedging if, immediately thereafter, the sum of the amount of its initial margin and premiums on open contracts and options would not exceed 5% of the liquidation value of the Fund's portfolio, provided, further, that, in the case of an option that is in-the-money, the in-the-money amount may be excluded in calculating the 5% limitation.

When a Fund or Portfolio purchases a futures contract, an amount of cash or cash equivalents or high quality debt securities will be deposited in a segregated account with such Fund's or Portfolio's custodian or sub-custodian so that the amount so segregated, plus the initial deposit and variation margin held in the account of its broker, will at all times equal the value of the futures contract, thereby insuring that the use of such futures is unleveraged.

A Fund's or Portfolio's ability to engage in the transactions described herein may be limited by the current federal income tax requirement that a Fund or Portfolio derive less than 30% of its gross income from the sale or other disposition of stock or securities held for less than three months.

### Investment Restrictions

The Funds and Portfolios have adopted the following investment restrictions which may not be changed without approval by a "majority of the outstanding shares" of a Fund or Portfolio which, as used in this Statement of Additional Information, means the vote of the lesser of (i) 67% or more of the shares of a Fund or total beneficial interests of a Portfolio present at a meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares of a Fund or total beneficial interests of a Portfolio are present or represented by proxy, or (ii) more than 50% of the outstanding shares of a Fund or total beneficial interests of a Portfolio.

Whenever the Trust is requested to vote on a fundamental policy of a Portfolio, the Trust will hold a meeting of shareholders of the Fund that invests in such Portfolio and will cast its votes as instructed by the shareholders of such Fund.

With respect to the Growth and Income Fund, New Growth Opportunities Fund and the Capital Growth Fund, it is a fundamental policy of each Fund that when the Fund holds no portfolio securities except interests in the Portfolio in which it invests, the Fund's investment objective and policies shall be identical to the Portfolio's investment objective and policies, except for the following: a Fund (1) may invest more than 10% of its net assets in the securities of a registered investment company, (2) may hold more than 10% of the voting securities of a registered investment company, and (3) will concentrate its investments in the investment company. It is a fundamental investment policy of each such Fund that when the Fund holds only portfolio securities other than interests in the Portfolio, the Fund's investment objective and policies shall be identical to the investment objective and policies of the Portfolio at the time the assets of the Fund were withdrawn from the Portfolio.

Each Fund and Portfolio may not:

- (1) borrow money, except that each Fund and Portfolio may borrow money for temporary or emergency purposes, or by engaging in reverse repurchase transactions, in an amount not exceeding 33-1/3% of the value of its total assets at the time when the loan is made and may pledge, mortgage or hypothecate no more than 1/3 of its net assets to secure such borrowings. Any borrowings representing more than 5% of a Fund's or Portfolio's total assets must be repaid before the Fund or Portfolio may make additional investments;
- (2) make loans, except that each Fund and Portfolio may: (i) purchase and hold debt instruments (including without limitation, bonds, notes, debentures or other obligations and certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances and fixed time deposits) in accordance with its investment objectives

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and policies; (ii) enter into repurchase agreements with respect to portfolio securities; and (iii) lend portfolio securities with a value not in excess of one-third of the value of its total assets;

- (3) purchase the securities of any issuer (other than securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or any of its agencies or instrumentalities, or repurchase agreements secured thereby) if, as a result, more than 25% of the Fund's or Portfolio's total assets would be invested in the securities of companies whose principal business activities are in the same industry. Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to a Fund's or Portfolio's permissible futures and options transactions in U.S. Government securities, positions in such options and futures shall not be subject to this restriction;
- (4) purchase or sell physical commodities unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities or other instruments but this shall not prevent a Fund or Portfolio from (i) purchasing or selling options and futures contracts or from investing in securities or other instruments backed by physical commodities or (ii) engaging in forward purchases or sales of foreign currencies or securities;
- (5) purchase or sell real estate unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities or other instruments (but this shall not prevent a Fund or Portfolio from investing insecurities or other instruments backed by real estate or securities of companies engaged in the real estate business).

Investments by a Fund or Portfolio in securities backed by mortgages on real estate or in marketable securities of companies engaged in such activities are not hereby precluded;

- (6) issue any senior security (as defined in the 1940 Act), except that (a) a Fund or Portfolio may engage in transactions that may result in the issuance of senior securities to the extent permitted under applicable regulations and interpretations of the 1940 Act or an exemptive order; (b) a Fund or Portfolio may acquire other securities, the acquisition of which may result in the issuance of a senior security, to the extent permitted under applicable regulations or interpretations of the 1940 Act; and (c) subject to the restrictions set forth above, a Fund or Portfolio may borrow money as authorized by the 1940 Act. For purposes of this restriction, collateral arrangements with respect to permissible options and futures transactions, including deposits of initial and variation margin, are not considered to be the issuance of a senior security; or
- (7) underwrite securities issued by other persons except insofar as a Fund or Portfolio may technically be deemed to be an underwriter under the Securities Act of 1933 in selling a portfolio security.

In addition, as a matter of fundamental policy, notwithstanding any other investment policy or restriction, each Fund may seek to achieve its investment objective by investing all of its investable assets in another investment company having substantially the same investment objective and policies as the Fund. For purposes of investment restriction (5) above, real estate includes Real Estate Limited Partnerships.

For purposes of investment restriction (3) above, industrial development bonds, where the payment of principal and interest is the ultimate responsibility of companies within the same industry, are grouped together as an "industry." Investment restriction (3) above, however, is not applicable to investments by a Fund or Portfolio in municipal obligations where the issuer is regarded as a state, city, municipality or other public authority since such entities are not members of an "industry." Supranational organizations are collectively considered to be members of a single "industry" for purposes of restriction (3) above.

In addition, each Fund and Portfolio is subject to the following nonfundamental restrictions which may be changed without shareholder approval:

(1) Each Fund other than the Capital Growth Fund, Growth and Income Fund, New Growth Opportunities Fund, Small Cap Equity Fund and U.S. Treasury Income Fund may not, with respect to 75% of its assets, hold more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of any issuer or invest more than 5% of its assets in the securities of any one issuer (other than obligations of the U.S. Government, its agencies and instrumentalities); Each Portfolio and each of the Capital Growth Fund,

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Growth and Income Fund, New Growth Opportunities Fund, Small Cap Equity Fund and U.S. Treasury Income Fund may not, with respect to 50% of its assets, hold more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of any issuer.

- (2) Each Fund and Portfolio may not make short sales of securities, other than short sales "against the box," or purchase securities on margin except for short-term credits necessary for clearance of portfolio transactions, provided that this restriction will not be applied to limit the use of options, futures contracts and related options, in the manner otherwise permitted by the investment restrictions, policies and investment program of a Fund or Portfolio.
- (3) Each Fund and Portfolio may not purchase or sell interests in oil, gas or mineral leases.
- (4) Each Fund and Portfolio may not invest more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities.
- (5) Each Fund and Portfolio may not write, purchase or sell any put or call option or any combination thereof, provided that this shall not prevent (i) the writing, purchasing or selling of puts, calls or combinations thereof with respect to portfolio securities or (ii) with respect to a Fund's or Portfolio's permissible futures and options transactions, the writing, purchasing, ownership, holding or selling of futures and options positions or of puts, calls or combinations thereof

(6) Except as specified above, each Fund and Portfolio may invest up to 5% of its total assets in the securities of any one investment company, but may not own more than 3% of the securities of any one investment company or invest more than 10% of its total assets in the securities of other investment companies.

It is the Trust's position that proprietary strips, such as CATS and TIGRS, are United States Government securities. However, the Trust has been advised that the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Division of Investment Management does not consider these to be United States Government securities, as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

For purposes of the Funds' and Portfolios' investment restrictions, the issuer of a tax-exempt security is deemed to be the entity (public or private) ultimately responsible for the payment of the principal of and interest on the security.

In order to permit the sale of its shares in certain states, a Fund or Portfolio may make commitments more restrictive than the investment policies and limitations described above and in its Prospectus. Should a Fund or Portfolio determine that any such commitment is no longer in its best interests, it will revoke the commitment by terminating sales of its shares in the state involved. In order to comply with certain regulatory policies, as a matter of operating policy, each Fund and Portfolio will not: (i) invest more than 5% of its assets in companies which, including predecessors, have a record of less than three years' continuous operation, except for the Small Cap Equity Fund which may invest up to 15% of its assets in such companies, (ii) invest in warrants, valued at the lower of cost or market, in excess of 5% of the value of its net assets, and no more than 2% of such value may be warrants which are not listed on the New York or American Stock Exchanges, or (iii) purchase or retain in its portfolio any securities issued by an issuer any of whose officers, directors, trustees or security holders is an officer or Trustee of the Trust or Portfolio, or is an officer or director of the adviser, if after the purchase of the securities of such issuer by the Fund or Portfolio one or more of such persons owns beneficially more than 1/2 of 1% of the shares or securities, or both, all taken at market value, of such issuer, and such persons owning more than 1/2 of 1% of such shares or securities together own beneficially more than 5% of such shares or securities, or both, all taken at market value.

If a percentage or rating restriction on investment or use of assets set forth herein or in a Prospectus is adhered to at the time a transaction is effected, later changes in percentage resulting from any cause other than actions by a Fund or Portfolio will not be considered a violation. If the value of a Fund's or Portfolio'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 of Trustees will consider what actions, if any, are appropriate to maintain adequate liquidity.

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### Portfolio Transactions and Brokerage Allocation

Specific decisions to purchase or sell securities for a Fund or Portfolio are made by a portfolio manager who is an employee of the adviser or sub-adviser to such Fund or Portfolio and who is appointed and supervised by senior officers of such adviser or sub-adviser. Changes in a Fund's or Portfolio's investments are reviewed by the Board of Trustees of the Trust or Portfolio. The port- folio managers may serve other clients of the advisers in a similar capacity.

The frequency of a Fund's or Portfolio's portfolio transactions—the portfolio turnover rate—will vary from year to year depending upon market conditions. Because a high turnover rate may increase transaction costs and the possibility of taxable short-term gains, the advisers will weigh the added costs of short-term investment against anticipated gains. Each Fund or Portfolio will engage in portfolio trading if its advisers believe a transaction, net of costs (including custodian charges), will help it achieve its investment objective. Funds investing in both equity and debt securities apply this policy with respect to both the equity and debt portions of their portfolios.

For the fiscal years ended October 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996, the annual rates of portfolio turnover for the following Funds were as follows:

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	1994	1995	1996
<s></s>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>
Balanced Fund	77%	68%	
U.S. Treasury Income Fund	163%	164%	
Growth and Income Fund	*	*	
Capital Growth Fund	*	*	
Equity Income Fund	75%	91%	
Bond Fund	17%	30%	
Short-Term Bond Fund	44%	62%	
Large Cap Equity Fund	53%	45%	

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For the period December 20, 1994 through October 31, 1995, the Small Cap Equity Fund had a portfolio turnover rate of 75%.

For the fiscal period May 6, 1996 through October 31, 1996, the annual portfolio turnover rates for the American Value Fund and U.S. Government Securities Fund were and , respectively.

For the fiscal year ending October 31, 1997, the annual rate of portfolio turnover for the New Growth Opportunities Portfolio is expected not to exceed 80%

Under the advisory agreement and the sub-advisory agreements, the adviser and sub-advisers shall use their best efforts to seek to execute portfolio transactions at prices which, under the circumstances, result in total costs or proceeds being the most favorable to the Funds and Portfolios. In assessing the best overall terms available for any transaction, the adviser and sub-advisers consider all factors they deem relevant, including the breadth of the market in the security, the price of the security, the financial condition and execution capability of the broker or dealer, research services provided to the adviser or sub-advisers, and the reasonableness of the commissions, if any, both for the specific transaction and on a continuing basis. The adviser and sub-advisers are not required to obtain the lowest commission or the best net price for any Fund or Portfolio on any particular transaction, and are not required to execute any order in a fashion either preferential to any or Portfolio Fund relative to other accounts they manage or otherwise materially adverse to such other accounts.

Debt securities are traded principally in the over-the-counter market through dealers acting on their own account and not as brokers. In the case of securities traded in the over-the-counter market (where no stated commissions are paid but the prices include a dealer's markup or markdown), the adviser or sub-adviser to a Fund or Portfolio normally seeks to deal directly with the primary market makers unless, in its opinion, best execution is available elsewhere. In the case of securities purchased from underwriters, the cost of such securities generally includes a fixed underwriting commission or concession. From time to time, soliciting dealer fees are available to the adviser or sub-adviser on the tender of a Fund's or Portfolio's portfolio securities in so-called tender or exchange offers. Such soliciting dealer fees are in effect recaptured for a Funds and Portfolios by the adviser and sub-advisers. At present, no other recapture arrangements are in effect.

Under the advisory and sub-advisory agreements and as permitted by Section

<sup>\*</sup> The Growth and Income Fund and the Capital Growth Fund invest all of their investable assets in their respective Portfolio and do not invest directly in a portfolio of assets, and therefore do not have reportable portfolio turnover rates. The portfolio turnover rates for the Growth and Income Portfolio and the Capital Growth Portfolio for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1994 were 57% and 60%, respectively, for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1995, the portfolio turnover rates were 71% and 86%, respectively, and for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, the Portfolio turnover rates were and , respectively.

28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the adviser or sub-advisers may cause the Funds and Portfolios to pay a broker-dealer which provides brokerage and research services to the adviser or sub-advisers, the Funds or Portfolios and/or other accounts for which they exercise investment discretion an amount of commission for effecting a securities transaction for a Fund or Portfolio in excess of the amount other broker-dealers would have charged for the transaction if they determine in good faith that the greater commission is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services provided by the executing broker-dealer viewed in terms of either a particular transaction or their overall responsibilities to accounts over which they exercise investment discretion. Not all of such services are useful or of value in advising the Funds and Portfolios. The adviser and sub-advisers report to the Board of Trustees regarding overall commissions paid by the Funds and Portfolios and their reasonableness in relation to the benefits to the Funds and Portfolios. The term "brokerage and research services" includes advice as to the value of securities, the advisability of investing in, purchasing or selling securities, and the availability of securities or of purchasers or sellers of securities, furnishing analyses and reports concerning issues, industries, securities, economic factors and trends, portfolio strategy and the performance of accounts, and effecting securities transactions and performing functions incidental thereto such as clearance and settlement.

The management fees that the Funds and Portfolios pay to the adviser will not be reduced as a consequence of the adviser's or sub-advisers' receipt of brokerage and research services. To the extent the Funds' or Portfolios' portfolio transactions are used to obtain such services, the brokerage commissions paid by the Funds or Portfolios will exceed those that might otherwise be paid by an amount which cannot be presently determined. Such services generally would be useful and of value to the adviser or sub-advisers in serving one or more of their other clients and, conversely, such services obtained by the placement of brokerage business of other clients generally would be useful to the adviser and sub-advisers in carrying out their obligations to the Funds and Portfolios. While such services are not expected to reduce the expenses of the adviser or sub-advisers, they advisers would, through use of the services, avoid the additional expenses which would be incurred if they should attempt to develop comparable information through their own staffs.

In certain instances, there may be securities that are suitable for one or more of the Funds and Portfolios as well as one or more of the adviser's or sub-advisers' other clients. Investment decisions for the Funds and Portfolios and for other clients are made with a view to achieving their respective investment objectives. It may develop that the same investment decision is made for more than one client or that a particular security is bought or sold for only one client even though it might be held by, or bought or sold for, other clients. Likewise, a particular security may be bought for one or more clients when one or more clients are selling that same security. Some simultaneous transactions are inevitable when several clients receive investment advice from the same investment adviser, particularly when the same security is suitable for the investment objectives of more than one client. When two or more Funds or Portfolios or other clients are simultaneously engaged in the purchase or sale of the same security, the securities are allocated among clients in a manner believed to be equitable to each. It is recognized that in some cases this system could have a detrimental effect on the price or volume of the security as far as the Funds or Portfolios are concerned. However, it is believed that the ability of the Funds and Portfolios to participate in volume transactions will generally produce better executions for the Funds and Portfolios.

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For the fiscal years ended October 31, 1991, 1992 and 1993, the Capital Growth Fund paid aggregate brokerage commissions of \$6,495, \$60,979 and \$283,972, respectively. For the fiscal years ended October 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996, the Capital Growth Portfolio paid aggregate brokerage commissions of \$1,242,652, \$2,311,291 and , respectively. For the fiscal years ended October 31, 1991, 1992 and 1993, the Growth and Income Fund paid aggregate brokerage commissions of \$146,944 , \$231,193 and \$1,092,931, respectively. For the fiscal years ended October 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996, the Growth and Income Portfolio paid aggregate brokerage commissions of \$1,515,504, \$2,352,596 and , respectively.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1992 and the fiscal period July 1, 1992 through October 31, 1992, the Vista Large Cap Equity Fund paid aggregate brokerage commissions of \$49,230 and \$37,288, respectively. For the fiscal year ended October 31, 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996, the Large Cap Equity Fund paid aggregate brokerage commissions of \$129,600, \$202,556, \$23,824 and , respectively.

For the period from November 4, 1992 through October 31, 1993, and the fiscal years ended October 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996, the Balanced Fund paid aggregate brokerage commissions of \$10,667, \$26,724, \$27,315\$ and , respectively.

For the period from July 16, 1993 through October 31, 1993, and the fiscal years ended October 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996, the Equity Income Fund paid aggregate brokerage commissions of \$1,241, \$23,520, \$23,824\$ and , respectively.

For the period December 20, 1994 through October 31, 1995 and the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, the Small Cap Equity Fund paid aggregate brokerage commissions of \$56,980\$ and , respectively.

No portfolio transactions are executed with the advisers or a Shareholder Servicing Agent, or with any affiliate of the advisers or a Shareholder Servicing Agent, acting either as principal or as broker.

#### PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

From time to time, a Fund may use hypothetical investment examples and performance information in advertisements, shareholder reports or other communications to shareholders. Because such performance information is based on past investment results, it should not be considered as an indication or representation of the performance of any classes of a Fund in the future. From time to time, the performance and yield of classes of a Fund may be quoted and compared to those of other mutual funds with similar investment objectives, unmanaged investment accounts, including savings accounts, or other similar products and to stock or other relevant indices or to rankings prepared by independent services or other financial or industry publications that monitor the performance of mutual funds. For example, the performance of a Fund or its classes may be compared to data prepared by Lipper Analytical Services, Inc. or Morningstar Mutual Funds on Disc, widely recognized independent services which monitor the performance of mutual funds. Performance and yield data as reported in national financial publications including, but not limited to, Money Magazine, Forbes, Barron's, The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times, or in local or regional publications, may also be used in comparing the performance and yield of a Fund or its classes. A Fund's performance may be compared with indices such as the Lehman Brothers Government/Corporate Bond Index, the Lehman Brothers Government Bond Index, the Lehman Government Bond 1-3 Year Index and the Lehman Aggregate Bond Index; the S&P 500 Index, the Dow Jones Industrial Average or any other commonly quoted index of common stock prices; and the Russell 2000 Index and the NASDAQ Composite Index. Additionally, a Fund may, with proper authorization, reprint articles written about such Fund and provide them to prospective shareholders.

A Fund may provide period and average annual "total rates of return." The "total rate of return" refers to the change in the value of an investment in a Fund over a period (which period shall be stated in any advertisement or communication with a shareholder) based on any change in net asset value per share including the value of any shares purchased through the reinvestment of any dividends or capital gains distributions declared during such period. For Class A shares, the average annual total rate of return figures will assume payment of the maximum initial sales load at the time of purchase. For Class B shares, the average annual

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total rate of return figures will assume deduction of the applicable contingent deferred sales charge imposed on a total redemption of shares held for the period. One-, five-, and ten-year periods will be shown, unless the class has been in existence for a shorter-period.

Unlike some bank deposits or other investments which pay a fixed yield for a stated period of time, the yields and the net asset values of the classes of shares of a Fund will vary based on market conditions, the current market value of the securities held by the Fund and changes in the Fund's expenses. The advisers, Shareholder Servicing Agents, the Administrator, the Distributor and other service providers may voluntarily waive a portion of their fees on a month-to-month basis. In addition, the Distributor may assume

a portion of a Fund's operating expenses on a month-to-month basis. These actions would have the effect of increasing the net income (and therefore the yield and total rate of return) of the classes of shares of the Fund during the period such waivers are in effect. These factors and possible differences in the methods used to calculate the yields and total rates of return should be considered when comparing the yields or total rates of return of the classes of shares of a Fund to yields and total rates of return published for other investment companies and other investment vehicles (including different classes of shares). The Trust is advised that certain Shareholder Servicing Agents may credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees amounts not exceeding the Shareholder Servicing Agent fees received, which will have the effect of increasing the net return on the investment of customers of those Shareholder Servicing Agents. Such customers may be able to obtain through their Shareholder Servicing Agents quotations reflecting such increased return.

Each Fund presents performance information for each class thereof since the commencement of operations of that Fund (or the related predecessor fund, as described below), rather than the date such class was introduced. Performance information for each class introduced after the commencement of operations of the related Fund (or predecessor fund) is therefore based on the performance history of a predecessor class. Performance information is restated to reflect the current maximum front-end sales charge (in the case of Class A Shares) or the maximum contingent deferred sales charge (in the case of Class B Shares) when presented inclusive of sales charges. Additional performance information may be presented which does not reflect the deduction of sales charges. Historical expenses reflected in performance information are based upon the distribution, shareholder servicing fees and other expenses actually incurred during the periods presented and have not been restated, for periods during which the performance information for a particular class is based upon the performance history of a predecessor class, to reflect the ongoing expenses currently borne by the particular class.

In connection with the Hanover Reorganization, the Vista U.S. Government Securities and Vista American Value Fund were established to receive the assets of The Hanover U.S. Government Securities Fund and The Hanover American Value Fund, respectively. Performance results presented for each class of the Vista U.S. Government Securities Fund and Vista American Value Fund include the performance of The Hanover U.S. Government Securities Fund and The Hanover American Value Fund, respectively, for periods prior to the consummation of the Hanover Reorganization.

Advertising or communications to shareholders may contain the views of the advisers as to current market, economic, trade and interest rate trends, as well as legislative, regulatory and monetary developments, and may include investment strategies and related matters believed to be of relevance to a Fund

Advertisements for the Vista funds may include references to the asset size of other financial products made available by Chase, such as the offshore assets of other funds.

### Total Rate of Return

A Fund's or class' total rate of return for any period will be calculated by (a) dividing (i) the sum of the net asset value per share on the last day of the period and the net asset value per share on the last day of the period of shares purchasable with dividends and capital gains declared during such period with respect to a share held at the beginning of such period and with respect to shares purchased with such dividends

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and capital gains distributions, by (ii) the public offering price per share on the first day of such period, and (b) subtracting 1 from the result. The average annual rate of return quotation will be calculated by (x) adding 1 to the period total rate of return quotation as calculated above, (y) raising such sum to a power which is equal to 365 divided by the number of days in such period, and (z) subtracting 1 from the result.

# Average Annual Total Returns\* (excluding sales charges)

The average annual total rate of return figures for the following Funds, reflecting the initial investment and assuming the reinvestment of all distributions (but excluding the effects of any applicable sales charges) for the one and five year periods ended October 31, 1996 and for the period from commencement of business operations of each such Fund to October 31, 1996 were as follows:

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				11/4/93
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				9/8/87
				11/5/93
				11/4/95
				0.40.407
				9/8/87
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				11/30/30
				12/20/94
				3/28/95
				11/4/95
				11/1/20
				2/19/93
				2/19/93
				2,13,33

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\*The ongoing fees and expenses borne by Class B Shares are greater than those borne by Class A Shares; the ongoing fees and expenses borne by a Fund's Class A and Class B Shares are greater than those borne by the Fund's Institutional Shares. As indicated above, the performance information for each class introduced after the commencement of operations of the related Fund (or predecessor fund) is based on the performance history of a predecessor class and historical expenses have not been restated, for periods during which the performance information for a particular class is based upon the performance history of a predecessor class, to reflect the ongoing expenses currently borne by the particular class. Accordingly, the performance information presented in the table above and in each table that follows may be used in assessing each Fund's performance history but does not reflect how the distinct classes would have performed on a relative basis prior to the introduction of those classes, which would require an adjustment to the ongoing expenses. The performance quoted reflects fee waivers that subsidize and reduce the total operating expenses of certain Funds (or classes thereof). Returns on these Funds (or classes) would have been lower if there were not such waivers. With respect to certain Funds, Chase and/or other service providers are obligated to waive certain fees and/or reimburse certain expenses for a stated period of time. In other instances, there is no obligation to waive fees or to reimburse expenses. Each Fund's Prospectus discloses the extent of any agreements to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses.

\*\*Performance presented in the table above and in each table that follows for each class of these Funds includes the performance of their respective predecessor funds for periods prior to the consummation of the Hanover Reorganization. Performance presented for each class of each of these Funds is based on the historical expenses and performance of a single class of shares of its predecessor fund and does not reflect the current distribution, service and/or other expenses that an investor would incur as a holder of such class of such Fund. Date of Fund inception shown for these Funds is the date of inception of their respective predecessor

- funds. These Funds commenced operations as part of the Trust on May 6,
- \*\*\*Performance information presented in the table above and in each table that follows for this class of this Fund prior to the date the class was introduced does not reflect shareholder servicing and distribution fees and certain other expenses borne by this class which, if reflected, would reduce the performance quoted.
- + Performance information presented in the table above and in each table that follows for this class of this Fund prior to the date the class was introduced does not reflect distribution fees and certain other expenses borne by this class which, if reflected, would reduce the performance quoted.
- ++ Performance information presented in the table above and in each table that follows for this class of this Fund prior to the date the class was introduced is based upon historical expenses of a predecessor class which are higher than the actual expenses that an investor would incur as a holder of shares of this class.

## Average Annual Total Returns\* (including sales charges)

With the current maximum sales charge for Class A shares (4.50% for the U.S. Treasury Income Fund, Balanced Fund and Equity Income Fund and 4.75% for the Small Cap Equity Fund, Growth and Income Fund and Capital Growth Fund) reflected and the currently applicable CDSC for Class B shares for each period length, the average annual total rate of return figures for the same periods would be as follows:

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	One	Five	Since Fund
Fund	Year	Years	Inception
<\$>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>

American Value Fund

U.S. Treasury Income Fund

A Shares

B Shares

Balanced Fund

A Shares

B Shares

Equity Income Fund

A Shares

B Shares

Growth and Income Fund

A Shares

B Shares

Institutional Shares

Capital Growth Fund

A Shares

B Shares

Institutional Shares

Bond Fund

Class A Shares

Class B Shares

Institutional Shares Short-Term Bond Fund

Class A Shares

Institutional Shares

Large Cap Equity Fund

Class A Shares

Class B Shares

Institutional Shares

Small Cap Equity Fund

A Shares

B Shares

Institutional Shares

U.S. Government Securities Fund

A Shares

Institutional Shares

</TABLE>

 $<sup>{}^{\</sup>star}\mathrm{See}$  the notes to the preceding table.

The Funds may also from time to time include in advertisements or other communications a total return figure that is not calculated according to the formula set forth above in order to compare more accurately the performance of a Fund with other measures of investment return.

#### Yield Quotations

Any current "yield" quotation for a class of shares shall consist of an annualized hypothetical yield, carried at least to the nearest hundredth of one percent, based on a thirty calendar day period and shall be calculated by (a) raising to the sixth power the sum of 1 plus the quotient obtained by dividing the Fund's net investment income earned during the period by the product of the average daily number of shares outstanding during the period that were entitled to receive dividends and the maximum offering price per share on the last day of the period, (b) subtracting 1 from the result, and (c) multiplying the result by 2.

The yields of the shares of the Funds for the thirty-day period ended October 31, 1996 were as follows:

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U.S. Treasury Income Fund
Capital Growth Fund
Balanced Fund
Large Cap Equity Fund
Equity Income Fund
Bond Fund
Growth and Income Fund
Short-Term Bond Fund
Small Cap Equity Fund
U.S. Government Securities Fund
American Value Fund
</TABLE>

Class A	Class B	Institutional
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- \* Commencement of offering of class of shares on May 6, 1996.
- \*\* The Institutional Shares of the Growth and Income, Capital Growth and Small Cap Equity Funds were first offered January 8, 1996.

Advertisements for the Funds may include references to the asset size of other financial products made available by Chase, such as the offshore assets of other funds advised by Chase.

# Non-Standardized Performance Results\* (excluding sales charges)

The table below reflects the net change in the value of an assumed initial investment of \$10,000 in each class of Fund shares in the following Funds (excluding the effects of any applicable sale charges) for the period from the commencement date of business for each such Fund through October 31, 1996. The values reflect an assumption that capital gain distributions and income dividends, if any, have been invested in additional shares of the same class. From time to time, the Funds may provide these performance results in addition to the total rate of return quotations required by the Securities and Exchange Commission. As discussed more fully in the Prospectuses, neither these performance results, nor total rate of return quotations, should be considered as representative of the performance of the Funds in the future. These factors and the possible differences in the methods used to calculate performance results and total rates of return should be considered when comparing such performance results and total rate of return quotations of the Funds with those published for other investment companies and other investment vehicles.

<TABLE>

Value of Initial \$10,000 Investment	Value of Capital Gains Distributions	Value of Reinvested Dividends	Total Value
<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>

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U.S. Treasury

Income Fund

A Shares

B Shares

Balanced Fund

A Shares B Shares

Equity Income Fund

A Shares

B Shares

Growth and Income Fund

A Shares

B Shares

Institutional Shares

Capital Growth Fund

A Shares

B Shares

Institutional Shares

Large Cap Equity Fund

A Shares

B Shares

Institutional Shares

Small Cap Equity Fund A Shares

A Shares

B Shares

Institutional Shares

Bond Fund

A Shares

B Shares

Institutional Shares

Short Term Bond Fund

A Shares

Institutional Shares

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Investment	Distributions	Dividends	Total Value
\$10,000	Gains	Reinvested	
Initial	Capital	Value of	
Value of	Value of		

U.S. Government
Securities Fund
A Shares
Institutional Shares
American Value Fund
</TABLE>

\*See the notes to the table captioned "Average Annual Total Return (excluding sales charges)" above. The table above assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 in a particular class of a Fund for the period from the Fund's commencement of operations, although the particular class may have been introduced at a subsequent date. As indicated above, performance information for each class introduced after the commencement of operations of the related Fund (or predecessor fund) is based on the performance history of a predecessor class, and historical expenses have not been restated, for periods during which the performance information for a particular class is based upon the performance history of a predecessor class, to reflect the ongoing expenses currently borne by the particular class.

## Non-Standardized Performance Results\* (excludes sales charges)

With the current maximum sales charge for Class A shares (4.50% for the U.S. Treasury Income Fund, Balanced Fund and Equity Income Fund and 4.75% for the Growth and Income Fund, Capital Growth Fund and Small Cap Equity Fund) reflected , and the currently applicable CDSC for Class B shares for each period length, the performance figures for the same periods would be as follows:

<TABLE>

Period Ended October 31, 1996 U.S. Treasury

Income Fund

A Shares

B Shares Balanced Fund

A Shares

B Shares

Equity Income Fund

A Shares

B Shares

Growth and Income Fund

A Shares

B Shares

Institutional Shares

Capital Growth Fund

A Shares

B Shares

Institutional Shares

Large Cap Equity Fund

A Shares

B Shares

Institutional Shares

Small Cap Equity Fund A Shares

B Shares Bond Fund

A Shares

B Shares

Institutional Shares

Short-Term Bond Fund

A Shares

Institutional Shares

U.S. Government Securities Fund

A Shares

Institutional Shares

American Value Fund

</TABLE>

\*See the notes to the table captioned "Average Annual Total Return (excluding sales charges)" above. The table above assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 in a particular class of a Fund for the period from the Fund's commencement of operations, although the particular class may have been introduced at a sub-

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sequent date. As indicated above, performance information for each class introduced after the commencement of operations of the related Fund (or predecessor fund) is based on the performance history of a predecessor class, and historical expenses have not been restated, for periods during which the performance information for a particular class is based upon the performance history of a predecessor class, to reflect the ongoing expenses currently borne by the particualar class.

## DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

As of the date of this Statement of Additional Information, the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading every weekday except for the following holidays: New Year's Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Equity securities in a Fund's or Portfolio's portfolio are valued at the last sale price on the exchange on which they are primarily traded or on the NASDAQ National Market System, or at the last quoted bid price for securities in which there were no sales during the day or for other unlisted (over-the-counter) securities not reported on the NASDAQ National Market System. Bonds and other fixed income securities (other than short-term obligations, but including listed issues) in a Fund's or Portfolio's portfolio are valued on the basis of valuations furnished by a pricing service, the use of which has been approved by the Board of Trustees. In making such valuations, the pricing service utilizes both dealer-supplied valuations and electronic data processing techniques that take into account

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appropriate factors such as institutional-size trading in similar groups of securities, yield, quality, coupon rate, maturity, type of issue, trading characteristics and other market data, without exclusive reliance upon quoted prices or exchange or over-the-counter prices, since such valuations are believed to reflect more accurately the fair value of such securities. Short-term obligations which mature in 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, which constitutes fair value as determined by the Board of Trustees. Futures and option contracts that are traded on commodities or securities exchanges are normally valued at the settlement price on the exchange on which they are traded. Portfolio securities (other than short-term obligations) for which there are no such quotations or valuations are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or at the direction of the Board of Trustees.

Interest income on long-term obligations in a Fund's or Portfolio's portfolio is determined on the basis of coupon interest accrued plus amortization of discount (the difference between acquisition price and stated redemption price at maturity) and premiums (the excess of purchase price over stated redemption price at maturity). Interest income on short-term obligations is determined on the basis of interest and discount accrued less amortization of premium.

#### PURCHASES, REDEMPTIONS AND EXCHANGES

The Fund has established certain procedures and restrictions, subject to change from time to time, for purchase, redemption, and exchange orders, including procedures for accepting telephone instructions and effecting automatic investments and redemptions. The Funds' Transfer Agent may defer acting on a shareholder's instructions until it has received them in proper form. In addition, the privileges described in the Prospectuses are not available until a completed and signed account application has been received by the Transfer Agent. Telephone transaction privileges are made available to shareholders automatically upon opening an account unless the privilege is declined in Section 6 of the Account Application.

Upon receipt of any instructions or inquiries by telephone from a shareholder or, if held in a joint account, from either party, or from any person claiming to be the shareholder, a Fund or its agent is authorized, without notifying the shareholder or joint account parties, to carry out the instructions or to respond to the inquiries, consistent with the service options chosen by the shareholder or joint shareholders in his or their latest account application or other written request for services, including purchasing, exchanging, or redeeming shares of such Fund and depositing and withdrawing monies from the bank account specified in the Bank Account Registration section of the shareholder's latest account application or as otherwise properly specified to such Fund in writing.

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Subject to compliance with applicable regulations, each Fund has reserved the right to pay the redemption price of its Shares, either totally or partially, by a distribution in kind of readily marketable portfolio securities (instead of cash). The securities so distributed would be valued at the same amount as that assigned to them in calculating the net asset value for the shares being sold. If a shareholder received a distribution in kind, the shareholder could incur brokerage or other charges in converting the securities to cash. The Trust has filed an election under Rule 18f-1 committing to pay in cash all redemptions by a shareholder of record up to amounts specified by the rule (approximately \$250,000).

With respect to the Growth and Income Fund and Capital Growth Fund, the Trust will redeem Fund shares in kind only if it has received a redemption in kind from the corresponding Portfolio and therefore shareholders of the Fund that receive redemptions in kind will receive portfolio securities of such Portfolio and in no case will they receive a security issued by the Portfolio. Each Portfolio has advised the Trust that the Portfolio will not redeem in kind except in circumstances in which the corresponding Fund is permitted to redeem in kind or unless requested by the corresponding Fund.

Each investor in a Portfolio, including the corresponding Fund, may add to or reduce its investment in the Portfolio on each day that the New York Stock Exchange is open for business. Once each such day, based upon prices determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, however, options are priced at 4:15 p.m., Eastern time) the value of each investor's interest in a Portfolio will be determined by multiplying the net asset value of the Portfolio by the percentage representing that investor's share of the aggregate beneficial interests in the Portfolio. Any additions or reductions which are to be effected on that day will then be effected. The investor's percentage of the aggregate beneficial interests in a Portfolio will then be recomputed as the percentage equal to the fraction (i) the numerator of which is the value of

such investor's investment in the Portfolio as of such time on such day plus or minus, as the case may be, the amount of net additions to or reductions in the investor's investment in the Portfolio effected on such day and (ii) the denominator of which is the aggregate net asset value of the Portfolio as of such time on such day plus or minus, as the case may be, the amount of net additions to or reductions in the aggregate investments in the Portfolio by all investors in the Portfolio. The percentage so determined will then be applied to determine the value of the investor's interest in the Portfolio as of such time on the following day the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading.

Investors in Class A shares may qualify for reduced initial sales charges by signing a statement of intention (the "Statement"). This enables the investor to aggregate purchases of Class A shares in the Fund with purchases of Class A shares of any other Fund in the Trust (or if a Fund has only one class, shares of such Fund), excluding shares of any Vista money market fund, during a 13-month period. The sales charge is based on the total amount to be invested in Class A shares during the 13-month period. All Class A or other qualifying shares of these Funds currently owned by the investor will be credited as purchases (at their current offering prices on the date the Statement is signed) toward completion of the Statement. A 90-day back-dating period can be used to include earlier purchases at the investor's cost. The 13-month period would then begin on the date of the first purchase during the 90-day period. No retroactive adjustment will be made if purchases exceed the amount indicated in the Statement. A shareholder must notify the Transfer Agent or Distributor whenever a purchase is being made pursuant to a Statement.

The Statement is not a binding obligation on the investor to purchase the full amount indicated; however, on the initial purchase, if required (or subsequent purchases if necessary), 5% of the dollar amount specified in the Statement will be held in escrow by the Transfer Agent in Class A shares (or if a Fund has only one class and is subject to an initial sales charge, shares of such Fund) registered in the shareholder's name in order to assure payment of the proper sales charge. If total purchases pursuant to the Statement (less any dispositions and exclusive of any distributions on such shares automatically reinvested) are less than the amount specified, the investor will be requested to remit to the Transfer Agent an amount equal to the difference between the sales charge paid and the sales charge applicable to the aggregate purchases actually made. If not remitted within 20 days after written request, an appropriate number of escrowed shares will be redeemed in order to realize the difference. This privilege is subject to modification or discontinuance

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at any time with respect to all shares purchased thereunder. Reinvested dividend and capital gain distributions are not counted toward satisfying the Statement.

Class A shares of a Fund may also be purchased by any person at a reduced initial sales charge which is determined by (a) aggregating the dollar amount of the new purchase and the greater of the purchaser's total (i) net asset value or (ii) cost of any shares acquired and still held in the Fund, or any other Vista fund excluding any Vista money market fund, and (b) applying the initial sales charge applicable to such aggregate dollar value (the "Cumulative Quantity Discount"). The privilege of the Cumulative Quality Discount is subject to modification or discontinuance at any time with respect to all Class A shares (or if a Fund has only one class and is subject to an initial sales charge, shares of such Fund) purchased thereafter.

An individual who is a member of a qualified group (as hereinafter defined) may also purchase Class A shares of a Fund (or if a Fund has only one class and is subject to an initial sales charge, shares of such Fund) at the reduced sales charge applicable to the group taken as a whole. The reduced initial sales charge is based upon the aggregate dollar value of Class A shares (or if a Fund has only one class and is subject to an initial sales charge, shares of such Fund) previously purchased and still owned by the group plus the securities currently being purchased and is determined as stated in the preceding paragraph. In order to obtain such discount, the purchaser or investment dealer must provide the Transfer Agent with sufficient information, including the purchaser's total cost, at the time of purchase to permit verification that the purchaser qualifies for a cumulative quantity discount, and confirmation of the order is subject to such verification. Information concerning the current initial sales charge applicable to a group may be obtained by contacting the Transfer Agent.

A "qualified group" is one which (i) has been in existence for more than six months, (ii) has a purpose other than acquiring Class A shares (or if a Fund has only one class and is subject to an initial sales charge, shares of such Fund) at a discount and (iii) satisfies uniform criteria which enables the Distributor to realize economies of scale in its costs of distributing Class A shares (or if a Fund has only one class and is subject to an initial sales charge, shares of such Fund). A qualified group must have more than 10 members, must be available to arrange for group meetings between representatives of the Fund and the members must agree to include sales and other materials related to the Fund in its publications and mailings to members at reduced or no cost to the Distributor, and must seek to arrange for payroll deduction or other bulk transmission of investments in the Fund. This privilege is subject to modification or discontinuance at any time with respect to all Class A shares (or if a Fund has only one class and is subject to an initial sales charge, shares of such Fund) purchased thereafter.

Under the Exchange Privilege, shares may be exchanged for shares of another fund only if shares of the fund exchanged into are registered in the state where the exchange is to be made. Shares of a Fund may only be exchanged into another fund if the account registrations are identical. With respect to exchanges from any Vista money market fund, shareholders must have acquired their shares in such money market fund by exchange from one of the Vista non-money market funds or the exchange will be done at relative net asset value plus the appropriate sales charge. Any such exchange may create a gain or loss to be recognized for federal income tax purposes. Normally, shares of the fund to be acquired are purchased on the redemption rate, but such purchase may be delayed by either fund for up to five business days if a fund determines that it would be disadvantaged by an immediate transfer of the proceeds.

The contingent deferred sales charge for Class B shares will be waived for certain exchanges and for redemptions in connection with a Fund's systematic withdrawal plan, subject to the conditions described in the Prospectuses. In addition, subject to confirmation of a shareholder's status, the contingent deferred sales charge will be waived for: (i) a total or partial redemption made within one year of the shareholder's death or initial qualification for Social Security disability payments; (ii) a redemption in connection with a Minimum Required Distribution from an IRA, Keogh or custodial account under section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code or a mandatory distribution from a qualified plan; (iii) redemptions made from an IRA, Keogh or custodial account under section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code through an established Systematic

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Redemption Plan; (iv) a redemption resulting from an over-contribution to an IRA; (v) distributions from a qualified plan upon retirement; and (vi) an involuntary redemption of an account balance under \$500.

Class B shares automatically convert to Class A shares (and thus are then subject to the lower expenses borne by Class A shares) after a period of time specified below has elapsed since the date of purchase (the "CDSC Period"), together with the pro rata portion of all Class B shares representing dividends and other distributions paid in additional Class B shares attributable to the Class B shares then converting. The conversion of Class B shares purchased on or after May 1, 1996, will be effected at the relative net asset values per share of the two classes on the first business day of the month following the eighth anniversary of the original purchase. The conversion of Class B shares purchased prior to May 1, 1996, will be effected at the relative net asset values per share of the two classes on the first business day of the month following the seventh anniversary of the original purchase. If any exchanges of Class B shares during the CDSC Period occurred, the holding period for the shares exchanged will be counted toward the CDSC Period. At the time of the conversion the net asset value per share of the Class A shares may be higher or lower than the net asset value per share of the Class B shares; as a result, depending on the relative net asset values per share, a shareholder may receive fewer or more Class A shares than the number of Class B shares converted.

A Fund may require signature guarantees for changes that shareholders request be made in Fund records with respect to their accounts, including but not limited to, changes in bank accounts, for any written requests for additional account services made after a shareholder has submitted an initial account application to the Fund, and in certain other circumstances described in the Prospectuses. A Fund may also refuse to accept or carry out any transaction that does not satisfy any restrictions then in effect. A signature guarantee may be obtained from a bank, trust company, broker-dealer

or other member of a national securities exchange. Please note that a notary public cannot provide a signature guarantee.

#### TAX MATTERS

The following is only a summary of certain additional tax considerations generally affecting the Funds and their shareholders that are not described in the respective Fund's Prospectus. No attempt is made to present a detailed explanation of the tax treatment of the Fund or its shareholders, and the discussions here and in each Fund's Prospectus are not intended as substitutes for careful tax planning.

#### Qualification as a Regulated Investment Company

Each Fund has elected to be taxed as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). As a regulated investment company, each Fund is not subject to federal income tax on the portion of its net investment income (i.e., its investment company taxable income, as that term is defined in the Code, without a deduction for dividends paid ) and net capital gain (i.e., the excess of net long-term capital gains over net short-term capital losses) that it distributes to shareholders, provided that it distributes at least 90% of its net investment income for the taxable year (the "Distribution Requirement"), and satisfies certain other requirements of the Code that are described below. Distributions by a Fund made during the taxable year or, under specified circumstances, within twelve months after the close of the taxable year, will be considered distributions of income and gains of the taxable year and can therefore satisfy the Distribution Requirement. Because certain Funds invest all of their assets in Portfolios which will be classified as partnerships for federal income tax purposes, such Funds will be deemed to own a proportionate share of the income of the Portfolio into which each contributes all of its assets for purposes of determining whether such Funds satisfy the Distribution Requirement and the other requirements necessary to qualify as a regulated investment company (e.g., Income Requirement (hereinafter defined), etc.).

In addition to satisfying the Distribution Requirement, a regulated investment company must: (1) derive at least 90% of its gross income from dividends, interest, certain payments with respect to securities loans, gains from the sale or other disposition of stock or securities or foreign currencies (to the extent such currency gains are directly related to the regulated investment company's principal business of investing in

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stock or securities) and other income (including but not limited to gains from options, futures or forward contracts) derived with respect to its business of investing in such stock, securities or currencies (the "Income Requirement"); and (2) derive less than 30% of its gross income (exclusive of certain gains on designated hedging transactions that are offset by realized or unrealized losses on offsetting positions) from the sale or other disposition of stock, securities or foreign currencies (or options, futures or forward contracts thereon) held for less than three months (the "Short-Short Gain Test"). However, foreign currency gains, including those derived from options, futures and forwards, will not in any event be characterized as Short-Short Gain if they are directly related to the regulated investment company's investments in stock or securities (or options or futures thereon). Because of the Short-Short Gain Test, a Fund may have to limit the sale of appreciated securities that it has held for less than three months. However, the Short-Short Gain Test will not prevent a Fund from disposing of investments at a loss, since the recognition of a loss before the expiration of the three-month holding period is disregarded for this purpose. Interest (including original issue discount) received by a Fund at maturity or upon the disposition of a security held for less than three months will not be treated as gross income derived from the sale or other disposition of such security within the meaning of the Short-Short Gain Test. However, income that is attributable to realized market appreciation will be treated as gross income from the sale or other disposition of securities for this purpose.

In general, gain or loss recognized by a Fund on the disposition of an asset will be a capital gain or loss. However, gain recognized on the disposition of a debt obligation purchased by a Fund at a market discount (generally, at a price less than its principal amount) will be treated as ordinary income to the extent of the portion of the market discount which accrued during the period of time the Fund held the debt obligation.

Further, the Code also treats as ordinary income, a portion of the capital gain attributable to a transaction where substantially all of the return realized is attributable to the time value of a Fund's net investment in the transaction and: (1) the transaction consists of the acquisition of property

by such Fund and a contemporaneous contract to sell substantially identical property in the future; (2) the transaction is a straddle within the meaning of Section 1092 of the Code; (3) the transaction is one that was marketed or sold to such Fund on the basis that it would have the economic characteristics of a loan but the interest-like return would be taxed as capital gain; or (4) the transaction is described as a conversion transaction in the Treasury Regulations. The amount of the gain recharacterized generally will not exceed the amount of the interest that would have accrued on the net investment for the relevant period at a yield equal to 120% of the federal long-term, mid-term, or short-term rate, depending upon the type of instrument at issue, reduced by an amount equal to: (1) prior inclusions of ordinary income items from the conversion transaction; and (2) the capitalized interest on acquisition indebtedness under Code Section 263(g). Built-in losses will be preserved where a Fund has a built-in loss with respect to property that becomes a part of a conversion transaction. No authority exists that indicates that the converted character of the income will not be passed to a Fund's shareholders.

In general, for purposes of determining whether capital gain or loss recognized by a Fund on the disposition of an asset is long-term or short-term, the holding period of the asset may be affected if: (1) the asset is used to close a "short sale" (which includes for certain purposes the acquisition of a put option) or is substantially identical to another asset so used, (2) the asset is otherwise held by the Fund as part of a "straddle" (which term generally excludes a situation where the asset is stock and the Fund grants a qualified covered call option (which, among other things, must not be deep-in-the-money) with respect thereto); or (3) the asset is stock and the Fund grants an in-the- money qualified covered call option with respect thereto. However, for purposes of the Short-Short Gain Test, the holding period of the asset disposed of may be reduced only in the case of clause (1) above. In addition, a Fund may be required to defer the recognition of a loss on the disposition of an asset held as part of a straddle to the extent of any unrecognized gain on the offsetting position.

Any gain recognized by a Fund on the lapse of, or any gain or loss recognized by a Fund from a closing transaction with respect to, an option written by the Fund will be treated as a short-term capital gain or loss. For purposes of the Short-Short Gain Test, the holding period of an option written by a Fund will commence on the date it is written and end on the date it lapses or the date a closing transaction is entered into. Accord-

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ingly, a Fund may be limited in its ability to write options which expire within three months and to enter into closing transactions at a gain within three months of the writing of options.

Transactions that may be engaged in by certain of the Funds (such as regulated futures contracts, certain foreign currency contracts, and options on stock indexes and futures contracts) will be subject to special tax treatment as "Section 1256 contracts." Section 1256 contracts are treated as if they are sold for their fair market value on the last business day of the taxable year, even though a taxpayer's obligations (or rights) under such contracts have not terminated (by delivery, exercise, entering into a closing transaction or otherwise) as of such date. Any gain or loss recognized as a consequence of the year-end deemed disposition of Section 1256 contracts is taken into account for the taxable year together with any other gain or loss that was previously recognized upon the termination of Section 1256 contracts during that taxable year. Any capital gain or loss for the taxable year with respect to Section 1256 contracts (including any capital gain or loss arising as a consequence of the year-end deemed sale of such contracts) is generally treated as 60% long- term capital gain or loss and 40% short-term capital gain or loss. A Fund, however, may elect not to have this special tax treatment apply to Section 1256 contracts that are part of a "mixed straddle" with other investments of the Fund that are not Section 1256 contracts. The Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") has held in several private rulings that gains arising from Section 1256 contracts will be treated for purposes of the Short-Short Gain Test as being derived from securities held for not less than three months if the gains arise as a result of a constructive sale under Code

Treasury Regulations permit a regulated investment company, in determining its investment company taxable income and net capital gain (i.e., the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss) for any taxable year, to elect (unless it has made a taxable year election for excise tax purposes as discussed below) to treat all or any part of any net capital loss, any net long-term capital loss or any net foreign currency loss incurred after October 31 as if it had been incurred in the succeeding year.

In addition to satisfying the requirements described above, each Fund must satisfy an asset diversification test in order to qualify as a regulated investment company. Under this test, at the close of each quarter of a Fund's

taxable year, at least 50% of the value of the Fund's assets must consist of cash and cash items, U.S. Government securities, securities of other regulated investment companies, and securities of other issuers (as to which the Fund has not invested more than 5% of the value of the Fund's total assets in securities of such issuer and as to which the Fund does not hold more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer), and no more than 25% of the value of its total assets may be invested in the securities of any one issuer (other than U.S. Government securities and securities of other regulated investment companies), or in two or more issuers which the Fund controls and which are engaged in the same or similar trades or businesses. Generally, an option (call or put) with respect to a security is treated as issued by the issuer of the security not the issuer of the option. However, with regard to forward currency contracts, there does not appear to be any formal or informal authority which identifies the issuer of such instrument. For purposes of asset diversification testing, obligations issued or guaranteed by agencies or instrumentality's of the U.S. Government such as the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, the Farm Credit System Financial Assistance Corporation, a Federal Home Loan Bank, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association, the Government National Mortgage Corporation, and the Student Loan Marketing Association are treated as U.S. Government Securities.

If for any taxable year a Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company, all of its taxable income (including its net capital gain) will be subject to tax at regular corporate rates without any deduction for distributions to shareholders, and such distributions will be taxable to the shareholders as ordinary dividends to the extent of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits. Such distributions generally will be eligible for the dividends-received deduction in the case of corporate shareholders

Excise Tax on Regulated Investment Companies

A 4% non-deductible excise tax is imposed on a regulated investment company that fails to distribute in each calendar year an amount equal to 98% of ordinary taxable income for the calendar year and 98% of capital gain net income for the one-year period ended on October 31 of such calendar year (or, at the elec-

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tion of a regulated investment company having a taxable year ending November 30 or December 31, for its taxable year (a "taxable year election"). The balance of such income must be distributed during the next calendar year. For the foregoing purposes, a regulated investment company is treated as having distributed any amount on which it is subject to income tax for any taxable year ending in such calendar year.

For purposes of the excise tax, a regulated investment company shall: (1) reduce its capital gain net income (but not below its net capital gain) by the amount of any net ordinary loss for the calendar year; and (2) exclude foreign currency gains and losses incurred after October 31 of any year (or after the end of its taxable year if it has made a taxable year election) in determining the amount of ordinary taxable income for the current calendar year (and, instead, include such gains and losses in determining ordinary taxable income for the succeeding calendar year).

Each Fund intends to make sufficient distributions or deemed distributions of its ordinary taxable income and capital gain net income prior to the end of each calendar year to avoid liability for the excise tax. However, investors should note that a Fund may in certain circumstances be required to liquidate portfolio investments to make sufficient distributions to avoid excise tax liability.

#### Fund Distributions

Each Fund anticipates distributing substantially all of its investment company taxable income for each taxable year. Such distributions will be taxable to shareholders as ordinary income and treated as dividends for federal income tax purposes, but they will qualify for the 70% dividends-received deduction for corporations only to the extent discussed below. Dividends paid on Class A and Class B shares are calculated at the same time. In general, dividends on Class B shares are expected to be lower than those on Class A shares due to the higher distribution expenses borne by the Class B shares. Dividends may also differ between classes as a result of differences in other class specific expenses.

A Fund may either retain or distribute to shareholders its net realized capital gain for each taxable year. Each Fund currently intends to distribute any such amounts. If net capital gain is distributed and designated as a capital gain dividend, it will be taxable to shareholders as long-term capital gain, regardless of the length of time the shareholder has held his

shares or whether such gain was recognized by the Fund prior to the date on which the shareholder acquired his shares.

Conversely, if a Fund elects to retain its net realized capital gain, the Fund will be taxed thereon (except to the extent of any available capital loss carryovers) at the 35% corporate tax rate. If a Fund elects to retain its net capital gain, it is expected that the Fund also will elect to have shareholders of record on the last day of its taxable year treated as if each received a distribution of his pro rata share of such gain, with the result that each shareholder will be required to report his pro rata share of such gain on his tax return as long-term capital gain, will receive a refundable tax credit for his pro rata share of tax paid by the Fund on the gain, and will increase the tax basis for his shares by an amount equal to the deemed distribution less the tax credit.

Ordinary income dividends paid by a Fund with respect to a taxable year will qualify for the 70% dividends-received deduction generally available to corporations to the extent of the amount of qualifying dividends received by a Fund from domestic corporations for the taxable year. A dividend received by a Fund will not be treated as a qualifying dividend (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), excluding for this purpose under the rules of Code Section 246(c) (3) and (4): (i) any day more than 45 days (or 90 days in the case of certain preferred stock) after the date on which the stock becomes ex-dividend and (ii) any period during which a Fund has an option to sell, is under a contractual obligation to sell, has made and not closed a short sale of, is the grantor of a deep-in-the-money or otherwise nonqualified option to buy, or has otherwise diminished its risk of loss by holding other positions with respect to, such (or substantially identical) stock; (2) to the extent that a 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; or (3) to the extent the stock on which the dividend is paid is treated as debt-financed under the rules of Code Section 246A. Moreover,

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the dividends-received deduction for a corporate shareholder may be disallowed or reduced (1) if the corporate shareholder fails to satisfy the foregoing requirements with respect to its shares of a Fund or (2) by application of Code Section 246(b) which in general limits the dividends-received deduction to 70% of the shareholder's taxable income (determined without regard to the dividends-received deduction and certain other items). In the case where a Fund invests all of its assets in a Portfolio and the Fund satisfies the holding period rules pursuant to Code Section 246(c) as to its interest in the Portfolio, a corporate shareholder which satisfies the foregoing requirements with respect to its shares of the Fund should receive the dividends- received deduction.

For purposes of the Corporate AMT and the environmental Superfund tax, the corporate dividends- received deduction is not itself an item of tax preference that must be added back to taxable income or is otherwise disallowed in determining a corporation's AMT. However, corporate shareholders will generally be required to take the full amount of any dividend received from a Fund into account (without a dividends- received deduction) in determining its adjusted current earnings.

Investment income that may be received by certain of the Funds from sources within foreign countries may be subject to foreign taxes withheld at the source. The United States has entered into tax treaties with many foreign countries which entitle any such Fund to a reduced rate of, or exemption from, taxes on such income. It is impossible to determine the effective rate of foreign tax in advance since the amount of any such Fund's assets to be invested in various countries is not known.

Distributions by a Fund that do not constitute ordinary income dividends, or capital gain dividends will be treated as a return of capital to the extent of (and in reduction of) the shareholder's tax basis in his shares; any excess will be treated as gain from the sale of his shares, as discussed below.

Distributions by a Fund will be treated in the manner described above regardless of whether such distributions are paid in cash or reinvested in additional shares of the Fund (or of another fund). Shareholders receiving a distribution in the form of additional shares will be treated as receiving a distribution in an amount equal to the fair market value of the shares received, determined as of the reinvestment date. In addition, if the net asset value at the time a shareholder purchases shares of a Fund reflects undistributed net investment income or recognized capital gain net income, or

unrealized appreciation in the value of the assets of the Fund, distributions of such amounts will be taxable to the shareholder in the manner described above, although such distributions economically constitute a return of capital to the shareholder.

Ordinarily, shareholders are required to take distributions by a Fund into account in the year in which the distributions are made. However, dividends declared in October, November or December of any year and payable to shareholders of record on a specified date in such a month will be deemed to have been received by the shareholders (and made by the Fund) on December 31 of such calendar year if such dividends are actually paid in January of the following year. Shareholders will be advised annually as to the U.S. federal income tax consequences of distributions made (or deemed made) during the year.

A Fund will be required in certain cases to withhold and remit to the U.S. Treasury 31% of ordinary income dividends and capital gain dividends, and the proceeds of redemption of shares, paid to any shareholder (1) who has provided either an incorrect tax identification number or no number at all, (2) who is subject to backup withholding by the IRS for failure to report the receipt of interest or dividend income properly, or (3) who has failed to certify to the Fund that it is not subject to backup withholding or that it is a corporation or other "exempt recipient."

### Sale or Redemption of Shares

A shareholder will recognize gain or loss on the sale or redemption of shares of a Fund in an amount equal to the difference between the proceeds of the sale or redemption and the shareholder's adjusted tax basis in the shares. All or a portion of any loss so recognized may be disallowed if the shareholder purchases other shares of the Fund within 30 days before or after the sale or redemption. In general, any gain or loss

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arising from (or treated as arising from) the sale or redemption of shares of a Fund will be considered capital gain or loss and will be long- term capital gain or loss if the shares were held for longer than one year. However, any capital loss arising from the sale or redemption of shares held for six months or less will be disallowed to the extent of the amount of exempt-interest dividends received on such shares and (to the extent not disallowed) will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of the amount of capital gain dividends received on such shares. For this purpose, the special holding period rules of Code Section 246(c)(3) and (4) (discussed above in connection with the dividends-received deduction for corporations) generally will apply in determining the holding period of shares. Long-term capital gains of noncorporate taxpayers are currently taxed at a maximum rate 11.6% lower than the maximum rate applicable to ordinary income. Capital losses in any year are deductible only to the extent of capital gains plus, in the case of a noncorporate taxpayer, \$3,000 of ordinary income.

If a shareholder (1) incurs a sales load in acquiring shares of a Fund, (2) disposes of such shares less than 91 days after they are acquired and (3) subsequently acquires shares of the Fund or another fund at a reduced sales load pursuant to a right to reinvest at such reduced sales load acquired in connection with the acquisition of the shares disposed of, then the sales load on the shares disposed of (to the extent of the reduction in the sales load on the shares subsequently acquired) shall not be taken into account in determining gain or loss on the shares disposed of but shall be treated as incurred on the acquisition of the shares subsequently acquired.

## Foreign Shareholders

Taxation of a shareholder who, as to the United States, is a nonresident alien individual, foreign trust or estate, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership ("foreign shareholder"), depends on whether the income from a Fund is "effectively connected" with a U.S. trade or business carried on by such shareholder.

If the income from a Fund is not effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business carried on by a foreign shareholder, ordinary income dividends paid to a foreign shareholder will be subject to U.S. withholding tax at the rate of 30% (or lower treaty rate) upon the gross amount of the dividend. Such a foreign shareholder would generally be exempt from U.S. federal income tax on gains realized on the sale of shares of the Fund, capital gain dividends and exempt-interest dividends and amounts retained by the Fund that are designated as undistributed capital gains.

If the income from a Fund is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business carried on by a foreign shareholder, then ordinary income dividends, capital gain dividends, and any gains realized upon the sale of shares of the Fund will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the rates applicable to

In the case of foreign noncorporate shareholders, a Fund may be required to withhold U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 31% on distributions that are otherwise exempt from withholding tax (or taxable at a reduced treaty rate) unless such shareholders furnish the Fund with proper notification of its foreign status.

The tax consequences to a foreign shareholder entitled to claim the benefits of an applicable tax treaty may be different from those described herein. Foreign shareholders are urged to consult their own tax advisers with respect to the particular tax consequences to them of an investment in a Fund, including the applicability of foreign taxes.

Effect of Future Legislation; Local Tax Considerations
The foregoing general discussion of U.S. federal income tax consequences is based on the Code and the Treasury Regulations issued thereunder as in effect on the date of this Statement of Additional Information. Future legislative or administrative changes or court decisions may significantly change the conclusions expressed herein, and any such changes or decisions may have a retroactive effect with respect to the transactions contemplated herein.

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Rules of state and local taxation of ordinary income dividends and capital gain dividends from regulated investment companies often differ from the rules for U.S. federal income taxation described above. Shareholders are urged to consult their tax advisers as to the consequences of these and other state and local tax rules affecting investment in a Fund.

MANAGEMENT OF THE TRUST AND THE FUNDS OR PORTFOLIOS

### Trustees and Officers

The Trustees and officers of the Trust and their principal occupations for at least the past five years are set forth below. Their titles may have varied during that period.

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\*H. Richard Vartabedian--Trustee and President of the Trust; Chairman of the Portfolios. Consultant, Republic Bank of New York; formerly, Senior Investment Officer, Division Executive of the Investment Management Division of The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A., 1980 through 1991. Age: 60. Address: P.O. Box 296, Beach Road, Hendrick's Head, Southport, ME 04576.

Stuart W. Cragin, Jr.--Trustee. Retired; formerly President, Fairfield Testing Laboratory, Inc. He has previously served in a variety of marketing, manufacturing and general management positions with Union Camp Corp., Trinity Paper & Plastics Corp., and Conover Industries. Age: 63. Address: 108 Valley Road, Cos Cob, CT 06807.

Irving L. Thode--Trustee. Retired; formerly Vice President of Quotron Systems. He has previously served in a number of executive positions with

Control Data Corp., including President of its Latin American Operations, and General Manager of its Data Services business. Age: 65. Address: 80 Perkins Road, Greenwich, CT 06830.

\*W. Perry Neff--Trustee. Independent Financial Consultant; Director of North America Life Assurance Co., Petroleum & Resources Corp. and The Adams Express Co.; Director and Chairman of The Hanover Funds, Inc.; Director, Chairman and President of The Hanover Investment Funds, Inc. Age: 69. Address: RR 1 Box 102, Weston, VT 05181.

Roland R. Eppley, Jr.--Trustee. Retired; formerly President and Chief Executive Officer, Eastern States Bankcard Association Inc. (1971-1988); Director, Janel Hydraulics, Inc.; Director of The Hanover Funds, Inc. Age: 64. Address: 105 Coventry Place, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418.

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W.D. MacCallan--Trustee. Director of The Adams Express Co. and Petroleum & Resources Corp.; formerly Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of The Adams Express Co. and Petroleum & Resources Corp.; Director of The Hanover Funds, Inc. and The Hanover Investment Funds, Inc. Age: 69. Address: 624 East 45th Street, Savannah, GA 31405

Martin R. Dean--Treasurer and Assistant Secretary. Associate Director, Accounting Services, BISYS Fund Services; formerly Senior Manager, KPMG Peat Marwick (1987-1994). Age: 33. Address: 3435 Stelzer Road, Columbus, OH 43219.

Ann E. Bergin--Secretary. First Vice President, BISYS Fund Services, Inc.; formerly, Senior Vice President, Administration, Concord Financial Group (1991-1995); Assistant Vice President, Dreyfus Service Corporation (1982-1991). Age: 36. Address: 125 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019.

\* Asterisks indicate those Trustees that are "interested persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act). Mr. Reid is not an interested person of the Trust's investment advisers or principal underwriter, but may be deemed an interested person of the Trust solely by reason of being an officer of the Trust

The Board of Trustees of the Trust presently has an Audit Committee. The members of the Audit Committee are Messrs. Ten Haken (Chairman), Blum, Cragin, Thode, Armstrong, Harkins, Reid and Vartabedian. The function of the Audit Committee is to recommend independent auditors and monitor accounting and financial matters. The Audit Committee met two times during the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996.

The Board of Trustees of the Trust has established an Investment Committee. The members of the Investment Committee are Messrs. Vartabedian (Chairman) and Reid, as well as Leonard M. Spalding, President of Vista Capital Management. The function of the Investment Committee is to review the investment management process of the Trust.

The Trustees and officers of the Trust appearing in the table above also serve in the same capacities with respect to Mutual Fund Trust, Mutual Fund Variable Annuity Trust, Mutual Fund Select Group, Mutual Fund Select Trust, Capital Growth Portfolio, Growth and Income Portfolio, International Equity Portfolio and New Growth Opportunities Portfolio (these entities, together with the Trust, are referred to below as the "Vista Funds").

Remuneration of Trustees and Certain Executive Officers:

Each Trustee is reimbursed for expenses incurred in attending each meeting of the Board of Trustees or any committee thereof. Each Trustee who is not an

affiliate of the advisers is compensated for his or her services according to a fee schedule which recognizes the fact that each Trustee also serves as a Trustee of other investment companies advised by the advisers. Each Trustee receives a fee, allocated among all investment companies for which the Trustee serves, which consists of an annual retainer component and a meeting fee component. Effective August 21, 1995, each Trustee of the Vista Funds receives a quarterly retainer of \$12,000 and an additional per meeting fee of \$1,500. Members of committees receive a meeting fee only if the committee meeting is held on a day other than a day on which a regularly scheduled meeting is held. Prior to August 21, 1995, the quarterly retainer was \$9,000 and the per-meeting fee was \$1,000. The Chairman of the Trustees and the Chairman of the Investment Committee each receive a 50% increment over regular Trustee total compensation for serving in such capacities for all the investment companies advised by the adviser.

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Set forth below is information regarding compensation paid or accrued during the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996 for each Trustee of the Trust:

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

		Growth			
	Equity	and	Capital	Large Cap	
Balanced	Income	Income	Growth	Equity	Bond
Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund
<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>

Fergus Reid, III, Trustee

Richard E. Ten Haken, Trustee

William J. Armstrong, Trustee

John R.H. Blum, Trustee

Joseph J. Harkins, Trustee

H. Richard Vartabedian, Trustee

Stuart W. Cragin, Jr., Trustee

Irving L. Thode,
Trustee

W. Perry Neff, Trustee

Ronald R. Eppley, Jr., Trustee

W.D. MacCallan, Trustee

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Short-	U.S.		Inter	Global				
Term	Treasury	Small Cap	national	Fixed	Southeast			
Bond	Income	Equity	Equity	Income	Asian	Japan	European	
Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	
<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	

Fergus Reid, III, Trustee

Richard E. Ten

William J. Armstrong, Trustee

Haken, Trustee

John R.H. Blum, Trustee

Joseph J. Harkins, Trustee

H. Richard

Vartabedian, Trustee

Stuart W. Cragin, Jr., Trustee

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W.D. MacCallan, Trustee

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	Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued as Fund Expenses	Total Compensation from "Fund Complex"(1)
<s> Fergus Reid, III, Trustee</s>	<c></c>	<c> 90,000</c>
Richard E. Ten Haken, Trustee		58,500
William J. Armstrong, Trustee		58,500
John R.H. Blum, Trustee		60,000
Joseph J. Harkins, Trustee		60,000
H. Richard Vartabedian, Trustee		90,000
Stuart W. Cragin, Jr., Trustee		60,000
Irving L. Thode, Trustee		60,000
W. Perry Neff, Trustee		43,500
Ronald R. Eppley, Jr., Trustee		43,500
W.D. MacCallan, Trustee 		

  | 42,000 |<sup>(1)</sup> Data reflects total compensation earned during the period January 1, 1996 to December 31, 1996 for service as a Trustee to all Funds advised by the adviser.

#### Vista Funds Retirement Plan for Eligible Trustees

Effective August 21, 1995, the Trustees also instituted a Retirement Plan for Eligible Trustees (the "Plan") pursuant to which each Trustee (who is not an employee of any of the Funds, the advisers administrator or distributor or any of their affiliates) may be entitled to certain benefits upon retirement from the Board of Trustees. Pursuant to the Plan, the normal retirement date is the date on which the eligible Trustee has attained age 65 and has completed at least five years of continuous service with one or more of the investment companies advised by the adviser (collectively, the "Covered Funds"). Each Eligible Trustee is entitled to receive from the Covered Funds an annual benefit commencing on the first day of the calendar quarter coincident with or following his date of retirement equal to 10% of the highest annual compensation received from the Covered Funds multiplied by the number of such Trustee's years of service (not in excess of 10 years) completed with respect to any of the Covered Funds. Such benefit is payable to each eligible Trustee in monthly installments for the life of the Trustee.

Set forth below in the table are the estimated annual benefits payable to an eligible Trustee upon retirement assuming various compensation and years of service classifications. As of October 31, 1996, the estimated credited years of service for Messrs. Reid, Ten Haken, Armstrong, Blum, Harkins, Vartabedian, Cragin, Thode, Neff, Eppley and MacCallan are 11, 11, 8, 11, 5, 3, 3, 3, 6, 7 and 6, respectively.

## <TABLE>

	Highest An	nual Compensati	on Paid by All	Vista Funds
<s></s>	<c> \$40,000</c>	<c> \$45,000</c>	<c> \$50,000</c>	<c> \$55,000</c>
Years of Service	Esti	mated Annual Be	nefits upon Ret	irement
10	\$40,000	\$45,000	\$50,000	\$55 <b>,</b> 000
9	36,000	40,500	45,000	49,500
8	32,000	36,000	40,000	44,000
7	28,000	31,500	35,000	38,500
6	24,000	27,000	30,000	33,000
5	20,000	22,500	25,000	27,500

  |  |  |  |Effective August 21, 1995, the Trustees instituted a Deferred Compensation Plan for Eligible Trustees (the "Deferred Compensation Plan") pursuant to which each Trustee (who is not an employee of any of the Funds, the advisers, administrator or distributor or any of their affiliates) may enter into agreements with the Funds whereby payment of the Trustee's fees are deferred until the payment date elected by the Trustee (or the Trustee's termination of service). The deferred amounts are invested in shares of Vista funds selected by the Trustee. The deferred amounts are paid out in a lump sum or over a period of several years as elected by the Trustee at the time of deferral. If a deferring Trustee dies prior to the distribution of amounts held in the deferral account, the balance of the deferral account will be distributed to the Trustee's designated beneficiary in a single lump sum payment as soon as practicable after such deferring Trustee's death.

Messrs. Ten Haken, Thode and Vartabedian have each executed a deferred compensation agreement for the 1996 calendar year and as of October 31, 1996 they had contributed \$ , \$ and \$ , respectively.

The Declaration of Trust provides that the Trust will indemnify its Trustees and officers against liabilities and expenses incurred in connection with litigation in which they may be involved because of their offices with the Trust, unless, as to liability to the Trust or its shareholders, it is finally adjudicated that they engaged in willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in their offices or with respect to any matter unless it is finally adjudicated that they did not act in good faith in the reasonable belief that their actions were in the best interest of the Trust. In the case of settlement, such indemnification will not be provided unless it has been determined by a court or other body approving the settlement or other disposition, or by a reasonable determination based upon a review of readily available facts, by vote of a

majority of disinterested Trustees or in a written opinion of independent counsel, that such officers or Trustees have not engaged in willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of their duties.

As of October 31, 1996, the Trustees and officers as a group owned less than 1% of each Fund's outstanding shares, all of which were acquired for investment purposes. For the fiscal year ended October 31, 1995, the Trust paid its disinterested Trustees fees and expenses for all of the meetings of the Board and any committees attended in the aggregate amount of approximately \$39,790 which amount is then apportioned between the Funds comprising the Trust.

#### Adviser and Sub-Adviser

Chase acts as investment adviser to the Funds or Portfolios pursuant to an Investment Advisory Agreement, dated as of May 6, 1996 (the "Advisory Agreement"). Subject to such policies as the Board of Trustees may determine, Chase is responsible for investment decisions for the Funds or Portfolios. Pursuant to the terms of the Advisory Agreement, Chase provides the Funds or Portfolios with such investment advice and supervision as it deems necessary for the proper supervision of the Funds' or Portfolios' investments. The advisers continuously provide investment programs and determine from time to time what securities shall be purchased, sold or exchanged and what portion of the Funds' or Portfolios' assets shall be held uninvested. The advisers to the Funds or Portfolios furnish, at their own expense, all services, facilities and personnel necessary in connection with managing the investments and effecting portfolio transactions for the Funds or Portfolios. The Advisory Agreement for the Funds or Portfolios will continue in effect from year to year only if such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by the Board of Trustees or by vote of a majority of a Fund's or Portfolio's outstanding voting securities and by a majority of the Trustees who are not parties to the Advisory Agreement or interested persons of any such party, at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such Advisory Agreement.

Under the Advisory Agreement, the adviser may utilize the specialized portfolio skills of all its various affiliates, thereby providing the Funds and Portfolios with greater opportunities and flexibility in accessing investment expertise.

Pursuant to the terms of the Advisory Agreement and the sub-advisers' agreements with the adviser, the adviser and sub-advisers are permitted to render services to others. Each advisory agreement is terminable without penalty by the Trust on behalf of the Funds on not more than 60 days', nor less than 30 days', written notice when authorized either by a majority vote of a Fund's shareholders or by a vote of a majority of the Board of Trustees of the Trust, or by the adviser or sub-adviser on not more than 60 days', nor less than 30 days', written notice, and will automatically terminate in the event of its "assignment" (as defined in the 1940 Act). The advisory agreements provide that the adviser or sub-adviser under such agreement shall not be liable for any error of judgment or mistake of law or for any loss arising out of any investment or for any act or omission in the execution of portfolio transactions for the respective Fund, except for wilful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of its duties, or by reason of reckless disregard of its obligations and duties thereunder.

With respect to the Equity Funds or Equity Portfolios, the equity research team of the adviser looks for two key variables when analyzing stocks for potential investment by equity portfolios: value and momentum. To uncover these qualities, the team uses a combination of quantitative analysis, fundamental research and computer technology to help identify undervalued stocks.

In the event the operating expenses of the Funds, including all investment advisory, administration and sub-administration fees, but excluding brokerage commissions and fees, taxes, interest and extraordinary expenses such as litigation, for any fiscal year exceed the most restrictive expense limitation applicable to the Funds imposed by the securities laws or regulations thereunder of any state in which the shares of the Funds are qualified for sale, as such limitations may be raised or lowered from time to time, the adviser shall reduce its advisory fee (which fee is described below) to the extent of its share of such excess expenses. The amount of any such reduction to be borne by the adviser shall be deducted from the monthly advisory

fee otherwise payable with respect to the Funds during such fiscal year; and if such amounts should exceed the monthly fee, the adviser shall pay to a Fund its share of such excess expenses no later than the last day of the first month of the next succeeding fiscal year.

Under the Advisory Agreement, Chase may delegate a portion of its responsibilities to a sub-adviser. In addition, the Advisory Agreement provides that Chase may render services through its own employees or the employees of one or more affiliated companies that are qualified to act as an investment adviser of the Fund and are under the common control of Chase as long as all such persons are functioning as part of an organized group of persons, managed by authorized officers of Chase.

Chase, on behalf of the Funds or Portfolios (except the American Value Fund), has entered into an investment sub-advisory agreement dated as of May 6, 1996 with Chase Asset Management, Inc. ("CAM"). With respect to the American Value Fund, Chase has entered into an investment sub-advisory agreement with Van Deventer & Hoch ("VDH") dated as of May 6, 1996. With respect to the day-to-day management of the Funds or Portfolios, under the sub-advisory agreements, the sub-advisers make decisions concerning, and place all orders for, purchases and sales of securities and helps maintain the records relating to such purchases and sales. The sub-advisers may, in their discretion, provide such services through their own employees or the employees of one or more affiliated companies that are qualified to act as an investment adviser to the Company under applicable laws and are under the common control of Chase; provided that (i) all persons, when providing services under the sub-advisory agreement, are functioning as part of an organized group of persons, and (ii) such organized group of persons is managed at all times by authorized officers of the sub-advisers. This arrangement will not result in the payment of additional fees by the Funds.

Chase, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation, a registered bank holding company, is a commercial bank offering a wide range of banking and investment services to customers throughout the United States and around the world. Also included among Chase's accounts are commingled trust funds and a broad spectrum of individual trust and investment management portfolios. These accounts have varying investment objectives.

CAM is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of the Adviser. CAM is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment adviser and was formed for the purpose of providing discretionary investment advisory services to institutional clients and to consolidate Chase's investment management function, and the same individuals who serve as portfolio managers for CAM also serve as portfolio managers for Chase.

VDH has been in the investment counselling business since 1969 and is ultimately controlled and equally owned by key professionals of VDH and Chase Manhattan Corporation. VDH provides a wide range of asset management services to individuals, corporations, private and charitable trusts, endowments, foundations and retirement funds.

In consideration of the services provided by the adviser pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, the adviser is entitled to receive from each Fund or Portfolio an investment advisory fee computed daily and paid monthly based on a rate equal to a percentage of such Fund's or Portfolio's average daily net assets specified in the relevant Prospectuses. However, the adviser may voluntarily agree to waive a portion of the fees payable to it on a month-to-month basis. For its services under its sub-advisory agreement, CAM (or VDH in the case of the American Value Fund) will be entitled to receive, with respect to each such Fund or Portfolio, such compensation, payable by the adviser out of its advisory fee, as is described in the relevant Prospectuses.

For the fiscal years ended October 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996, Chase was paid or accrued the following investment advisory fees with respect to the following Funds and Portfolios, and voluntarily waived the amounts in parentheses following such fees with respect to each such period:

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<TABLE>

Fiscal Year-Ended October 31,

1994 1995 1996

Fund

<s></s>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>		<c></c>	
U.S. Treasury Income Fund	\$351,680	(\$234,236)	\$319,705	(\$220 <b>,</b> 998)				
Growth and Income Fund	*		*					
Capital Growth Fund	*		*					
Balanced Fund	\$103 <b>,</b> 522	(\$103,522)	\$145,295	(\$145,295)				
Equity Income Fund	\$ 52,804	(\$ 31,989)	\$ 44,277	(\$ 35,433)				
Large Cap Equity Fund	\$378,813	(\$378,813)	\$250,452	(\$250,452)				
Bond Fund	\$167 <b>,</b> 780	(\$167 <b>,</b> 780)	\$162,618	(\$162,618)				
Short-Term Bond Fund	\$137,634	(\$137,634)	\$ 85,353	(\$ 85,353)				
Small Cap Equity Fund			\$130,401	(\$130,401)				
American Value Fund					(	)	(	) #
U.S. Government Securities Fund					(	)	(	) #

  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |\* On November 23, 1993, these Funds changed their structure to a Master/Feeder Fund Structure and do not have an investment adviser because the Trust seeks to achieve the investment objective of the Funds by investing all of the investable assets of each respective Fund in each respective Portfolio. The Portfolios' investment adviser is Chase. For the period October 31, 1993 to November 22, 1993, with respect to the Growth and Income Fund and the Capital Growth Fund, Chase was paid or accrued, and voluntarily waived those amounts in parentheses following such fees: \$296,161 (\$0.00) and \$71,213 (\$0.00), respectively. With respect to the Growth and Income Portfolio and the Capital Growth Portfolio, for the period November 23, 1993 to October 31, 1994, Chase was paid or accrued the following investment advisory fees, and voluntarily waived the amounts in parentheses following such fees: \$4,805,067 (\$0.00) and \$1,649,889 (\$0.00), respectively. For the fiscal year ended October 31, 1995, Chase was paid or accrued the following investment advisory fees, and voluntarily waived the amounts in parentheses following such fees: \$6,815,197 (\$0.00) and \$3,563,194 (\$0.00), respectively, with respect to such Portfolios.

# Fees paid or accrued for the period from December 1, 1995 through October 31, 1996.

#### Administrator

Pursuant to separate Administration Agreements (the "Administration Agreements"), Chase is the administrator of the Funds and the administrator of each Portfolio. Chase provides certain administrative services to the Funds and Portfolios, including, among other responsibilities, coordinating the negotiation of contracts and fees with, and the monitoring of performance and billing of, the Funds' and Portfolios' independent contractors and agents; preparation for signature by an officer of the Trust and Portfolios of all documents required to be filed for compliance by the Trust and Portfolios with applicable laws and regulations excluding those of the securities laws of various states; arranging for the computation of performance data, including net asset value and yield; responding to shareholder inquiries; and arranging for the maintenance of books and records of the Funds and Portfolios and providing, at its own expense, office facilities, equipment and personnel necessary to carry out its duties. Chase in its capacity as administrator does not have any responsibility or authority for the management of the Funds or Portfolios, the determination of investment policy, or for any matter pertaining to the distribution of Fund shares.

Under the Administration Agreements Chase is permitted to render administrative services to others. The Administration Agreements will continue in effect from year to year with respect to each Fund or Portfolio only if such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by the Board of Trustees of the Trust or Portfolio or by vote of a majority of such Fund's or Portfolio's outstanding voting securities and, in either case, by a majority of the Trustees who are not parties to the Administration Agreements or "interested persons" (as defined in the

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1940 Act) of any such party. The Administration Agreements are terminable without penalty by the Trust on behalf of each Fund or by a Portfolio on 60 days' written notice when authorized either by a majority vote of such Fund's or Portfolio shareholders or by vote of a majority of the Board of Trustees, including a majority of the Trustees who are not "interested persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Trust or Portfolios, or by Chase on 60 days' written notice, and will automatically terminate in the event of their "assignment" (as defined in the 1940 Act). The Administration Agreements also provide that neither Chase or its personnel shall be liable for any error of

judgment or mistake of law or for any act or omission in the administration of the Funds or Portfolios, except for willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of its or their duties or by reason of reckless disregard of its or their obligations and duties under the Administration Agreements.

In addition, the Administration Agreements provide that, in the event the operating expenses of any Fund or Portfolio, including all investment advisory, administration and sub-administration fees, but excluding brokerage commissions and fees, taxes, interest and extraordinary expenses such as litigation, for any fiscal year exceed the most restrictive expense limitation applicable to that Fund imposed by the securities laws or regulations thereunder of any state in which the shares of such Fund are qualified for sale, as such limitations may be raised or lowered from time to time, Chase shall reduce its administration fee (which fee is described below) to the extent of its share of such excess expenses. The amount of any such reduction to be borne by Chase shall be deducted from the monthly administration fee otherwise payable to Chase during such fiscal year, and if such amounts should exceed the monthly fee, Chase shall pay to such Fund or Portfolio its share of such excess expenses no later than the last day of the first month of the next succeeding fiscal year.

In consideration of the services provided by Chase pursuant to the Administration Agreements, Chase receives from each Fund a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.10% of each of the Fund's average daily net assets, on an annualized basis for the Fund's then-current fiscal year, except that with respect to the Growth and Income Fund, Capital Growth Fund and New Growth Opportunities Fund, Chase receives from each of the Funds and the Portfolios a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of their respective average daily net assets. Chase may voluntarily waive a portion of the fees payable to it with respect to each Fund on a month-to-month basis.

For the fiscal years ended October 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996, Chase was paid or accrued the following administration fees and voluntarily waived the amounts in parentheses following such fees:

<TABLE>

Fiscal Year-Ended October 31,

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	1994		1	1995			1996		
Fund	paid/accrued	waived	paid/accrued	waived	paid/accr	ued	wai	ved	
<s></s>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>		<c></c>		
U.S. Treasury Income Fund	\$117,228	(\$78,078)	\$106,559	(\$ 76,094)					
Growth and Income Fund	\$637,264	none	\$830,077	(\$252 <b>,</b> 586)					
Capital Growth Fund	\$208,866	none	\$435,695	(\$116,282)					
Balanced Fund	\$ 20,704	(\$20,704)	\$ 29,053	(\$ 29 <b>,</b> 053)					
Equity Income Fund	\$ 13,201	(\$ 7,764)	\$ 11,069	(\$ 8,855)					
Large Cap Equity Fund	\$ 94,703	(\$94,703)	\$ 62,613	(\$ 62,613)					
Bond Fund	\$ 55 <b>,</b> 927	(\$55 <b>,</b> 927)	\$ 54,206	(\$ 54,206)					
Short-Term Bond Fund	\$ 55,054	(\$55,054)	\$ 34,141	(\$ 34,141)					
Small Cap Equity Fund			\$ 20,040	(\$ 20,040)					
American Value Fund					(	)	(	) #	
U.S. Government Securities Fund									

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#### Distribution Plans

The Trust has adopted separate plans of distribution pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act (a "Distribution Plan") on behalf of certain classes of shares of certain Funds as described in the Prospectuses, which provide such classes of such Funds shall pay for distribution services a distribution fee (the "Distribution Fee"), including payments to the Distributor, at annual rates not to exceed the amounts set forth in their respective Prospectuses. The Distributor may use all or any portion of such Distribution Fee to pay for Fund expenses of printing prospectuses and reports used for sales purposes, expenses of the preparation and printing of sales literature and

<sup>#</sup> Fees paid or accrued for the period from December 1, 1995 through October 31, 1996.

Class B shares pay a Distribution Fee of up to 0.75% of average daily net assets. The Distributor currently expects to pay sales commissions to a dealer at the time of sale of Class B shares of up to 4.00% of the purchase price of the shares sold by such dealer. The Distributor will use its own funds (which may be borrowed or otherwise financed) to pay such amounts. Because the Distributor will receive a maximum Distribution Fee of 0.75% of average daily net assets with respect to Class B shares, it will take the Distributor several years to recoup the sales commissions paid to dealers and other sales expenses.

Some payments under the Distribution Plans may be used to compensate broker-dealers with trail or maintenance commissions in an amount not to exceed 0.25% annualized of the average net asset values of Class A shares, or 0.25% annualized of the average net asset value of the Class B shares, or 0.25% annualized of the average net asset value of the shares of the American Value Fund maintained in a Fund by such broker-dealers' customers. Trail or maintenance commissions on Class B shares will be paid to broker- dealers beginning the 13th month following the purchase of such Class B shares. Since the distribution fees are not directly tied to expenses, the amount of distribution fees paid by a Fund during any year may be more or less than actual expenses incurred pursuant to the Distribution Plans. For this reason, this type of distribution fee arrangement is characterized by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission as being of the "compensation variety" (in contrast to "reimbursement" arrangements by which a distributor's payments are directly linked to its expenses). With respect to Class B shares, because of the 0.75% annual limitation on the compensation paid to the Distributor during a fiscal year, compensation relating to a large portion of the commissions attributable to sales of Class B shares in any one year will be accrued and paid by a Fund to the Distributor in fiscal years subsequent thereto. In determining whether to purchase Class B shares, investors should consider that compensation payments could continue until the Distributor has been fully reimbursed for the commissions paid on sales of Class B shares. However, the Shares are not liable for any distribution expenses incurred in excess of the Distribution Fee paid.

Each class of shares is entitled to exclusive voting rights with respect to matters concerning its Distribution Plan.

Each Distribution Plan provides that it will continue in effect indefinitely if such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by a vote of both a majority of the Trustees and a majority of the Trustees who are not "interested persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Trust and who have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Distribution Plans or in any agreement related to such Plan ("Qualified Trustees"). The continuance of each Distribution Plan was most recently approved on October 13, 1995. Each Distribution Plan requires that the Trust shall provide to the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Trustees shall review, at least quarterly, a written report of the amounts expended (and the purposes therefor) under the Distribution Plan. Each Distribution Plan further provides that the selection and nomination of Qualified Trustees shall be committed to the discretion of the disinterested Trustees (as defined in the 1940 Act) then in office. Each Distribution Plan may be terminated at any time by a vote of a majority of the Qualified Trustees or, with respect to a particular Fund, by vote of a majority of the outstanding voting Shares of the class of such Fund to which it applies (as defined in the 1940 Act). Each Distribution Plan may not be amended to increase materially the amount of permitted expenses thereunder without the approval of shareholders and may not be materially amended in any case without a vote of the majority of both the Trustees and the Qualified Trustees. Each of the Funds will preserve copies of any plan, agreement or report made pursuant to

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a Distribution Plan for a period of not less than six years from the date of the Distribution Plan, and for the first two years such copies will be preserved in an easily accessible place. For the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, the Distributor was paid or accrued the following Distribution Fees and voluntarily waived the amounts of such fees:

<TABLE>
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Fund
--<S>
U.S. Treasury Income Fund
A Shares
B Shares
Growth and Income Fund

Paid/Accrued Waived

B Shares				
Capital Growth Fund				
A Shares				
B Shares				
Balanced Fund				
A Shares				
B Shares			1	none
Equity Income Fund				
Large Cap Equity Fund				
Bond Fund				
Short-Term Bond Fund				
Small Cap Equity Fund				
A Shares				
B Shares				
American Value Fund#	(	)	(	
U.S. Government Securities Fund#				
Class A	(	)	(	

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# Fees paid or accrued for the period from December 1, 1995 through October 31, 1996.

With respect to the Class A shares of the Funds, the Distribution Fee was allocated as follows:

<TABLE>

Fund

A Shares

<S>
U.S. Treasury Income Fund
Growth and Income Fund
Capital Growth Fund
Balanced Fund
Equity Income Fund
Large Cap Equity Fund
Bond Fund
Short-Term Bond Fund
Small Cap Equity Fund

Printing, Postage Sales Advertising & and Handling Compensation Administrative Filings

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Distribution and Sub-Administration Agreement

The Trust has entered into a Distribution and Sub-Administration Agreement dated August 24, 1995, (the "Distribution Agreement") with the Distributor, pursuant to which the Distributor acts as the Funds' exclusive underwriter, provides certain administration services and promotes and arranges for the sale of each class of Shares. The Distributor is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BISYS Fund Services, Inc. The Distribution Agreement provides that the Distributor will bear the expenses of printing, distributing and filing prospectuses and statements of additional information and reports used for sales purposes, and of preparing and printing sales literature and adver-

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tisements not paid for by the Distribution Plan. The Trust pays for all of the expenses for qualification of the shares of each Fund for sale in connection with the public offering of such shares, and all legal expenses in connection therewith. In addition, pursuant to the Distribution Agreement, the Distributor provides certain sub-administration services to the Trust, including providing officers, clerical staff and office space.

The Distribution Agreement is currently in effect and will continue in effect with respect to each Fund only if such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by the Board of Trustees or by vote of a majority of such Fund's outstanding voting securities and, in either case, by a majority of the Trustees who are not parties to the Distribution Agreement or "interested persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of any such party. The Distribution Agreement is terminable without penalty by the Trust on behalf of each Fund on 60 days' written notice when authorized either by a majority vote of such Fund's shareholders or by vote of a majority of the Board of Trustees of the Trust, including a majority of the Trustees who are not "interested persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Trust, or by the Distributor on 60 days' written notice, and will automatically terminate in

the event of its "assignment" (as defined in the 1940 Act). The Distribution Agreement also provides that neither the Distributor nor its personnel shall be liable for any act or omission in the course of, or connected with, rendering services under the Distribution Agreement, except for willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of its obligations or duties.

In the event the operating expenses of any Fund, including all investment advisory, administration and sub-administration fees, but excluding brokerage commissions and fees, taxes, interest and extraordinary expenses such as litigation, for any fiscal year exceed the most restrictive expense limitation applicable to that Fund imposed by the securities laws or regulations thereunder of any state in which the shares of such Fund are qualified for sale, as such limitations may be raised or lowered from time to time, the Distributor shall reduce its sub-administration fee with respect to such Fund (which fee is described below) to the extent of its share of such excess expenses. The amount of any such reduction to be borne by the Distributor shall be deducted from the monthly sub-administration fee otherwise payable with respect to such Fund during such fiscal year; and if such amounts should exceed the monthly fee, the Distributor shall pay to such Fund its share of such excess expenses no later than the last day of the first month of the next succeeding fiscal year.

In consideration of the sub-administration services provided by the Distributor pursuant to the Distribution Agreement, the Distributor receives an annual fee, payable monthly, of 0.05% of the net assets of each Fund. However, the Distributor has voluntarily agreed to waive a portion of the fees payable to it under the Distribution Agreement with respect to each Fund on a month-to-month basis. For the fiscal years ended October 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996 the Distributor was paid or accrued the following sub-administration fees under the Distribution Agreement, and voluntarily waived the amounts in parentheses following such fees:

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Fiscal Year-Ended October 31,

	1994		199	5	1996			
Fund	payable	waived	payable	waived	payable	waived		
<s></s>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>		
U.S. Treasury Income Fund	\$ 58,614	none	\$ 53,284	none				
Growth and Income Fund	\$637,264	none	\$830,077	none				
Capital Growth Fund	\$208,866	none	\$435,488	none				
Balanced Fund	\$ 10,352	(\$10 <b>,</b> 352)	\$ 14,527	(\$14,527)				
Equity Income Fund	\$ 6,601	none	\$ 5,535	none				
Large Cap Equity Fund	\$ 47,352	none	\$ 31,306	none				
Bond Fund	\$ 27,963	none	\$ 27,103	none				
Short-Term Bond Fund	\$ 27,527	none	\$ 17 <b>,</b> 071	none				
Small Cap Equity Fund			\$ 10,030	\$ 3,488				
American Value Fund					( )	( )#		
U.S. Government Securities Fund					( )	( )#		

<sup>#</sup> Fees paid or accrued for the period from December 1, 1995 through October 31, 1996.

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Shareholder Servicing Agents, Transfer Agent and Custodian

The Trust has entered into a shareholder servicing agreement (a "Servicing Agreement") with each Shareholder Servicing Agent to provide certain services including but not limited to the following: answer customer inquiries regarding account status and history, the manner in which purchases and redemptions of shares may be effected for the Fund as to which the Shareholder Servicing Agent is so acting and certain other matters pertaining to the Fund; assist shareholders in designating and changing dividend options, account designations and addresses; provide necessary personnel and facilities to establish and maintain shareholder accounts and records; assist in processing purchase and redemption transactions; arrange for the wiring of funds; transmit and receive funds in connection with customer orders to purchase or redeem shares; verify and guarantee shareholder signatures in connection with redemption orders and transfers and changes in shareholder-designated accounts; furnish (either separately or on an integrated basis with other reports sent to a shareholder by a Shareholder

Servicing Agent) quarterly and year-end statements and confirmations of purchases and redemptions; transmit, on behalf of the Fund, proxy statements, annual reports, updated prospectuses and other communications to shareholders of the Fund; receive, tabulate and transmit to the Fund proxies executed by shareholders with respect to meetings of shareholders of the Fund; and provide such other related services as the Fund or a shareholder may request. Shareholder servicing agents may be required to register pursuant to state securities law.

Each Shareholder Servicing Agent may voluntarily agree from time to time to waive a portion of the fees payable to it under its Servicing Agreement with respect to each Fund on a month-to-month basis. For the fiscal years ended October 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996, fees payable to the Shareholder Servicing Agents (all of which currently are related parties) and the amounts voluntarily waived for each such period (as indicated in parentheses), were as follows:

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	1994		1995		1996		
Fund	F	payable	waived	payable	waived	payable	waived
<s></s>	<c></c>		<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>
U.S. Treasury Income Fund							
Class A	\$	285,388	(\$177,004)	\$ 246,251	(\$197,001)		
Class B	\$	7,681		\$ 20,153			
Growth and Income Fund							
Class A	\$2	2,999,532		\$3,610,762			
Class B	\$	186,791		\$ 539,805			
Capital Growth Fund							
Class A	\$	936,977		\$1,674,668			
Class B	\$	107,015		\$ 503,805			
Balanced Fund							
Class A	\$	47,750	(\$ 45,962)	\$ 60,650	(\$ 48,520)		
Class B	\$	4,011		\$ 11,983			
Equity Income Fund							
Class A	\$	33,030	(\$ 22,131)	\$ 27,673	(\$ 26,964)		
Small Cap Equity Fund							
Class A		n/a					
Class B		n/a	\$ 14,689				
American Value Fund						( )	( )#
U.S. Government Securities Fund							

  |  |  |  |  | ( ) | ( )# |<sup>#</sup> Fees paid or accrued for the period from December 1, 1995 through October 31, 1996.

The Trust has also entered into a Transfer Agency Agreement with DST Systems, Inc. ("DST") pursuant to which DST acts as transfer agent for the Trust. DST's address is 210 West 10th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105.

Pursuant to a Custodian Agreement, Chase acts as the custodian of the assets of each Fund and receives such compensation as is from time to time agreed upon by the Trust and Chase. As custodian, Chase provides

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oversight and record keeping for the assets held in the portfolios of each Fund. Chase also provides fund accounting services for the income, expenses and shares outstanding for such Funds. Chase is located at 3 Metrotech Center, Brooklyn, NY 11245. Investors Bank and Trust Co., One First Canadian Place, Toronto, Canada, M5X 1C8, provides similar services for the Capital Growth and Growth and Income Portfolios.

## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

The financial statements incorporated herein by reference from the Trust's Annual Reports to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, and the related financial highlights which appear in the Prospectuses, have been incorporated herein and included in the Prospectuses in reliance on the reports of Price Waterhouse LLP, 1177 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036, independent accountants of the Funds, given on the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing. Price Waterhouse LLP provides the Funds with audit services, tax return preparation and assistance and consultation with respect to the preparation of filings with the

#### CERTAIN REGULATORY MATTERS

Banking laws, including the Glass-Steagall Act as currently interpreted, prohibit bank holding companies and their affiliates from sponsoring, organizing, controlling, or distributing shares of, mutual funds, and generally prohibit banks from issuing, underwriting, selling or distributing securities. These laws do not prohibit banks or their affiliates from acting as investment adviser, administrator or custodian to mutual funds or from purchasing mutual fund shares as agent for a customer. Chase and the Trust believe that Chase (including its affiliates) may perform the services to be performed by it as described in the Prospectus and this Statement of Additional Information without violating such laws. If future changes in these laws or interpretations required Chase to alter or discontinue any of these services, it is expected that the Board of Trustees would recommend alternative arrangements and that investors would not suffer adverse financial consequences. State securities laws may differ from the interpretations of banking law described above and banks may be required to register as dealers pursuant to state law.

Chase and its affiliates may have deposit, loan and other commercial banking relationships with the issuers of securities purchased on behalf of any of the Funds, including outstanding loans to such issuers which may be repaid in whole or in part with the proceeds of securities so purchased. Chase and its affiliates deal, trade and invest for their own accounts in U.S. Government obligations, municipal obligations and commercial paper and are among the leading dealers of various types of U.S. Government obligations and municipal obligations. Chase and its affiliates may sell U.S. Government obligations and municipal obligations to, and purchase them from, other investment companies sponsored by the Funds' distributor or affiliates of the distributor. Chase will not invest any Fund assets in any U.S. Government obligations, municipal obligations or commercial paper purchased from itself or any affiliate, although under certain circumstances such securities may be purchased from other members of an underwriting syndicate in which Chase or an affiliate is a non-principal member. This restriction my limit the amount or type of U.S. Government obligations, municipal obligations or commercial paper available to be purchased by any Fund. Chase has informed the Funds that in making its investment decision, it does not obtain or use material inside information in the possession of any other division or department of Chase, including the division that performs services for the Trust as custodian, or in the possession of any affiliate of Chase. Shareholders of the Funds should be aware that, subject to applicable legal or regulatory restrictions, Chase and its affiliates may exchange among themselves certain information about the shareholder and his account. Transactions with affiliated broker-dealers will only be executed on an agency basis in accordance with applicable federal regulations.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Description of Shares, Voting Rights and Liabilities

Mutual Fund Group is an open-end, non-diversified management investment company organized as Massachusetts business trust under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1987. The Trust currently consists of 17 series of shares of beneficial interest, par value \$.001 per share. With respect to

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certain Funds, the Trust may offer more than one class of shares. The Trust has reserved the right to create and issue additional series or classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The shares of each series or class participate equally in the earnings, dividends and assets of the particular series or class. Expenses of the Trust which are not attributable to a specific series or class are allocated amount all the series in a manner believed by management of the Trust to be fair and equitable. Shares have no pre-emptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each share held. Shares of each series or class generally vote together, except when required under federal securities laws to vote separately on matters that only affect a particular class, such as the approval of distribution plans for a particular class. With respect to shares purchased through a Shareholder Servicing Agent and, in the event written proxy instructions are not received by a Fund or its designated agent prior to a shareholder meeting at which a proxy is to be voted and the shareholder does not attend the meeting in person, the Shareholder Servicing Agent for such shareholder will be authorized pursuant to an applicable agreement with the shareholder to vote the shareholder's outstanding shares in the same proportion as the votes cast by other Fund shareholders represented at the meeting in person or by proxy.

Certain Funds offer both Class A and Class B shares. The classes of shares have several different attributes relating to sales charges and expenses, as described herein and in the Prospectuses. In addition to such differences, expenses borne by each class of a Fund may differ slightly because of the allocation of other class-specific expenses. For example, a higher transfer agency fee may be imposed on Class B shares than on Class A shares. The relative impact of initial sales charges, contingent deferred sales charges, and ongoing annual expenses will depend on the length of time a share is held.

Selected dealers and financial consultants may receive different levels of compensation for selling one particular class of shares rather than another.

The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders but will hold special meetings of shareholders of a series or class when, in the judgment of the Trustees, it is necessary or desirable to submit matters for a shareholder vote. Shareholders have, under certain circumstances, the right to communicate with other shareholders in connection with requesting a meeting of shareholders for the purpose of removing one or more Trustees. Shareholders also have, in certain circumstances, the right to remove one or more Trustees without a meeting. No material amendment may be made to the Trust's Declaration of Trust without the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of each portfolio affected by the amendment. The Trust's Declaration of Trust provides that, at any meeting of shareholders of the Trust or of any series or class, a Shareholder Servicing Agent may vote any shares as to which such Shareholder Servicing Agent is the agent of record and which are not represented in person or by proxy at the meeting, proportionately in accordance with the votes cast by holders of all shares of that portfolio otherwise represented at the meeting in person or by proxy as to which such Shareholder Servicing Agent is the agent of record. Any shares so voted by a Shareholder Servicing Agent will be deemed represented at the meeting for purposes of quorum requirements. Shares have no preemptive or conversion rights. Shares, when issued, are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Any series or class may be terminated (i) upon the merger or consolidation with, or the sale or disposition of all or substantially all of its assets to, another entity, if approved by the vote of the holders of two-thirds of its outstanding shares, except that if the Board of Trustees recommends such merger, consolidation or sale or disposition of assets, the approval by vote of the holders of a majority of the series' or class' outstanding shares will be sufficient, or (ii) by the vote of the holders of a majority of its outstanding shares, or (iii) by the Board of Trustees by written notice to the series' or class' shareholders. Unless each series and class is so terminated, the Trust will continue indefinitely.

Stock certificates are issued only upon the written request of a shareholder, subject to the policies of the investor's Shareholder Servicing Agent, but the Trust will not issue a stock certificate with respect to shares that may be redeemed through expedited or automated procedures established by a Shareholder Servicing Agent. No certificates are issued for Class B shares due to their conversion feature. No certificates are issued for Institutional Shares.

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Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the Trust's Declaration of Trust contains an express disclaimer of shareholder liability for acts or obligations of the Trust and provides for indemnification and reimbursement of expenses out of the Trust property for any shareholder held personally liable for the obligations of the Trust. The Trust's Declaration of Trust also provides that the Trust shall maintain appropriate insurance (for example, fidelity bonding and errors and omissions insurance) for the protection of the Trust, its shareholders, Trustees, officers, employees and agents covering possible tort and other liabilities. Thus, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Trust itself was unable to meet its obligations.

The Trust's Declaration of Trust further provides that obligations of the Trust are not binding upon the Trustees individually but only upon the property of the Trust and that the Trustees will not be liable for any action or failure to act, errors of judgment or mistakes of fact or law, but nothing in the Declaration of Trust protects a Trustee against any liability to which he 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 office.

The Board of Trustees has adopted a code of ethics addressing personal securities transactions by investment personnel and access persons and other related matters. The code has been designated to address potential conflicts

of interest that can arise in connection with personal trading activities of such persons. Persons subject to the code are generally permitted to engage in personal securities transactions, subject to certain prohibitions, pre-clearance requirements and blackout periods.

#### Principal Holders

As of January 31, 1997, the following persons owned of record 5% or more of the outstanding shares of the following classes of the following Funds:

Vista US Treasury Income Fund--A Shares

Vista Growth & Income Fund--A Shares

Vista Growth & Income Fund--Institutional Shares

Vista Capital Growth Fund--A Shares

Vista Capital Growth Fund--Institutional Shares

Vista Small Cap Equity Fund--A Shares

Vista Small Cap Equity Fund--Institutional Fund

Vista Balanced Fund--A Shares

Vista Large Cap Equity Fund--Institutional Shares

Vista Bond Fund--Institutional Shares

Vista Short Term Bond Fund--Institutional Shares

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#### Financial Statements

The 1996 Annual Report to Shareholders of each Fund, including the reports of independent accounts, financial highlights and financial statements for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996 contained therein, are incorporated herein by reference. The 1995 Annual Report to Shareholders of each of The Hanover U.S. Government Securities Fund and The Hanover American Value Fund, each a series of The Hanover Investment Funds, Inc., including the reports of independent auditors, financial highlights and financial statements for the fiscal year ended November 30, 1995 contained therein, are incorporated herein by reference.

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Specimen Computations of Offering Prices Per Share

U.S. Treasury Income Fund (specimen computations)

A Shares:

Net Asset Value and Redemption Price per Share of Beneficial Interest at
October 31, 1996

Maximum Offering Price per Share (\$ divided by .955) (reduced on purchases of

\$100,000 or more)

B Shares:

October 31, 1996
Growth and Income Fund (specimen computations)

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Net Asset Value and Redemption Price per Share of Beneficial Interest at October 31, 1996

Net Asset Value and Redemption Price per Share of Beneficial Interest at

Maximum Offering Price per Share (\$ divided by .9525) (reduced on purchases of \$100,000 or more)

B Shares:

A Shares:

Net Asset Value and Redemption Price per Share of Beneficial Interest at October 31, 1996

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\$100,000 or more)

Institutional Shares:

Net Asset Value and Redemption Price per Share of Beneficial Interest at

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Small Cap Equity Fund (specimen computations)	
A Shares: Net Asset Value and Redemption Price per Share of Beneficial Interest at October 31, 1996 Maximum Offering Price per Share (\$ divided by .9525) (reduced on purchases of \$100,000 or more)	\$
B Shares: Net Asset Value and Redemption Price per Share of Beneficial Interest at October 31, 1996	\$
American Value Fund (specimen computations)	
A Shares: Net Asset Value and Redemption Price per Share of Beneficial Interest at October 31, 1996 Maximum Offering Price per Share (\$ divided by .9525) (reduced on purchases of \$100,000 or more)	\$
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U.S. Government Securities Fund (specimen computations)	
A Shares: Net Asset Value and Redemption Price per Share of Beneficial Interest at October 31, 1996	\$
Maximum Offering Price per Share (\$ divided by .9525) (reduced on purchases of \$100,000 or more)	\$
Institutional Shares: Net Asset Value and Redemption Price per Share of Beneficial Interest at October 31, 1996	\$

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### APPENDIX A

DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS
ISSUED OR GUARANTEED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES OR INSTRUMENTALITIES

Federal Farm Credit System Notes and Bonds--are bonds issued by a cooperatively owned nationwide system of banks and associations supervised by the Farm Credit Administration, an independent agency of the U.S. Government. These bonds are not guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

Maritime Administration Bonds--are bonds issued and provided by the Department of Transportation of the U.S. Government are guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

FNMA Bonds--are bonds guaranteed by the Federal National Mortgage Association. These bonds are not guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

FHA Debentures—are debentures issued by the Federal Housing Administration of the U.S. Government and are guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

FHA Insured Notes--are bonds issued by the Farmers Home Administration of the U.S. Government and are guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

GNMA Certificates -- are mortgage-backed securities which represent a partial ownership interest in a pool of mortgage loans issued by lenders such as  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{S}}$ mortgage bankers, commercial banks and savings and loan associations. Each mortgage loan included in the pool is either insured by the Federal Housing Administration or quaranteed by the Veterans Administration and therefore guaranteed by the U.S. Government. As a consequence of the fees paid to GNMA and the issuer of  $\mbox{GNMA}$  Certificates, the coupon rate of interest of  $\mbox{GNMA}$ Certificates is lower than the interest paid on the VA-guaranteed or FHA-insured mortgages underlying the Certificates. The average life of a GNMA Certificate is likely to be substantially less than the original maturity of the mortgage pools underlying the securities. Prepayments of principal by mortgagors and mortgage foreclosures may result in the return of the greater part of principal invested far in advance of the maturity of the mortgages in the pool. Foreclosures impose no risk to principal investment because of the GNMA guarantee. As the prepayment rate of individual mortgage pools will vary widely, it is not possible to accurately predict the average life of a particular issue of GNMA Certificates. The yield which will be earned on GNMA Certificates may vary from their coupon rates for the following reasons: (i) Certificates may be issued at a premium or discount, rather than at par; (ii) Certificates may trade in the secondary market at a premium or discount after issuance; (iii) interest is earned and compounded monthly which has the effect of raising the effective yield earned on the Certificates; and (iv) the actual yield of each Certificate is affected by the prepayment of mortgages included in the mortgage pool underlying the Certificates. Principal which is so prepaid will be reinvested although possibly at a lower rate. In addition, prepayment of mortgages included in the mortgage pool underlying a GNMA Certificate purchased at a premium could result in a loss to a Fund. Due to the large amount of GNMA Certificates outstanding and active participation in the secondary market by securities dealers and investors, GNMA Certificates are highly liquid instruments. Prices of GNMA Certificates are readily available from securities dealers and depend on, among other things, the level of market rates, the Certificate's coupon rate and the prepayment experience of the pool of mortgages backing each Certificate. If agency securities are purchased at a premium above principal, the premium is not guaranteed by the issuing agency and a decline in the market value to par may result in a loss of the premium, which may be particularly likely in the event of a prepayment. When and if available, U.S. Government obligations may be purchased at a discount from face value.

FHLMC Certificates and FNMA Certificates—are mortgage-backed bonds issued by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and the Federal National Mortgage Association, respectively, and are guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

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GSA Participation Certificates—are participation certificates issued by the General Services Administration of the U.S. Government and are guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

New Communities Debentures—are debentures issued in accordance with the provisions of Title IV of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as supplemented and extended by Title VII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970, the payment of which is guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

Public Housing Bonds--are bonds issued by public housing and urban renewal agencies in connection with programs administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development of the U.S. Government, the payment of which is secured by the U.S. Government.

Penn Central Transportation Certificates—are certificates issued by Penn Central Transportation and guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

SBA Debentures—are debentures fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Small Business Administration of the U.S. Government.

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Bonds—are bonds issued by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. Some of the bonds issued prior to 1993 are guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

 $\hbox{FHLMC Bonds--are bonds issued and guaranteed by the Federal Home Loan}\\ \hbox{Mortgage Corporation. These bonds are not guaranteed by the U.S. Government.}$ 

Federal Home Loan Bank Notes and Bonds--are notes and bonds issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank System and are not guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

Student Loan Marketing Association ("Sallie Mae") Notes and bonds—are notes and bonds issued by the Student Loan Marketing Association and are not guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

D.C. Armory Board Bonds—are bonds issued by the District of Columbia Armory Board and are guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

Export-Import Bank Certificates—are certificates of beneficial interest and participation certificates issued and guaranteed by the Export-Import Bank of the U.S. and are guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

In the case of securities not backed by the "full faith and credit" of the U.S. Government, the investor must look principally to the agency issuing or guaranteeing the obligation for ultimate repayment, and may not be able to assert a claim against the U.S. Government itself in the event the agency or instrumentality does not meet its commitments.

Investments may also be made in obligations of U.S. Government agencies or instrumentalities other than those listed above.

#### APPENDIX B

#### DESCRIPTION OF RATINGS

A description of the rating policies of Moody's, S&P and Fitch with respect to bonds and commercial paper appears below.

Moody's Investors Service's Corporate Bond Ratings

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

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

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

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

Ba--Bonds which are rated "Ba" are judged to have speculative elements; their future cannot be considered as well assured. Often the protection of interest and principal payments may be very moderate and thereby not well safeguared during both good and bad times over the future. Uncertainty of position characterizes bonds in this class.

B--Bonds which are rated "B" generally lack characteristics of a desirable investment. Assurance of interest and principal payments or of maintenance and other terms of the contract over any long period of time may be small.

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

Ca--Bonds which are rated "Ca" represent obligations which are speculative in high degree.

Such issues are often in default or have other marked shortcomings.

C--Bonds which are rated "C" are the lowest rated class of bonds and issues so rated can be regarded as having extremely poor prospects of ever attaining any real investment standing.

Moody's applies numerical modifiers "1", "2", and "3" to certain of its rating classifications. The modifier "1" indicates that the security ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category; the modifier "2" indicates a mid-range ranking; and the modifier "3" indicates that the issue ranks in the lower end of its generic rating category.

Standard & Poor's Ratings Group Corporate Bond Ratings

AAA--This is the highest rating assigned by Standard & Poor's to a debt obligation and indicates an extremely strong capacity to repay principal and pay interest.

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AA--Bonds rated "AA" also qualify as high quality debt obligations. Capacity to pay principal and interest is very strong, and differs from "AAA" issues only in small degree.

A--Bonds rated "A" have a strong capacity to repay principal and pay interest, although they are somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than debt in higher rated categories.

BBB--Bonds rated "BBB" are regarded as having an adequate capacity to repay principal and pay interest. Whereas they normally exhibit adequate protection parameters, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity to repay principal and pay interest for bonds in this category than for higher rated categories.

BB-B-CCC-CC-C-Bonds rated "BB", "B", "CCC", "CC" and "C" are regarded, on balance, as predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of the obligations. BB indicates the lowest degree of speculation and C the highest degree of speculation. While such bonds will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these are outweighed by large uncertainties or major risk exposures to adverse conditions.

CI--Bonds rated "CI" are income bonds on which no interest is being paid.

D--Bonds rated "D" are in default. The "D" category is used when interest payments or principal payments are not made on the date due even if the applicable grace period has not expired unless S&P believes that such payments will be made during such grace period. The "D" rating is also used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition if debt service payments are jeopardized.

The ratings set forth above may be modified by the addition of a plus or minus to show relative standing within the major rating categories.

Moody's Investors Service's Commercial Paper Ratings

Prime-1--Issuers (or related supporting institutions) rated "Prime-1" have a superior ability for repayment of senior short-term debt obligations.
"Prime-1" repayment ability will often be evidenced by many of the following characteristics: leading market positions in well-established industries, high rates of return on funds employed, conservative capitalization structures with moderate reliance on debt and ample asset protection, broad margins in earnings coverage of fixed financial charges and high internal cash generation, and well- established access to a range of financial markets and assured sources of alternate liquidity.

Prime-2--Issuers (or related supporting institutions) rated "Prime-2" have a strong ability for repayment of senior short-term debt obligations. This will normally be evidenced by many of the characteristics cited above but to a lesser degree. Earnings trends and coverage ratios, while sound, will be more subject to variation. Capitalization characteristics, while still appropriate, may be more affected by external conditions. Ample alternative liquidity is maintained.

Prime-3--Issuers (or related supporting institutions) rated "Prime-3" have an acceptable ability for repayment of senior short-term obligations. The effect of industry characteristics and market compositions may be more pronounced. Variability in earnings and profitability may result in changes in the level of debt protection measurements and the requirement for relatively high financial leverage. Adequate alternate liquidity is maintained.

Not Prime--Issuers rated "Not Prime" do not fall within any of the Prime rating categories.

Standard & Poor's Ratings Group Commercial Paper Ratings

A S&P commercial paper rating is current assessment of the likelihood of timely payment of debt having an original maturity of no more than 365 days. Ratings are graded in several categories, ranging from "A-1" for the highest quality obligations to "D" for the lowest. The four categories are as follows:

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A-1--This highest category indicates that the degree of safety regarding timely payment is strong. Those issues determined to possess extremely strong safety characteristics are denoted with a plus (+) sign designation.

A-2--Capacity for timely payment on issues with this designation is satisfactory. However, the relative degree of safety is not as high as for issues designated "A-1".

A-3--Issues carrying this designation have adequate capacity for timely payment. They are, however, somewhat more vulnerable to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances than obligations carrying the higher

designations.

 $\mbox{\sc B--Issues}$  rated "B" are regarded as having only speculative capacity for timely payment.

 $C--This\ rating\ is\ assigned\ to\ short-term\ debt\ obligations\ with\ a\ doubtful\ capacity\ for\ payment.$ 

D--Debt rated "D" is in payment default. The "D" rating category is used when interest payments or principal payments are not made on the date due, even if the applicable grace period has not expired, unless S&P believes that such payments will be made during such grace period.

Fitch Bond Ratings

AAA--Bonds rated AAA by Fitch are considered to be investment grade and of the highest credit quality. The obligor has an exceptionally strong ability to pay interest and repay principal, which is unlikely to be affected by reasonably foreseeable events.

AA--Bonds rated AA by Fitch are considered to be investment grade and of very high credit quality. The obligor's ability to pay interest and repay principal is very strong, although not quite as strong as bonds rated AAA. Because bonds rated in the AAA and AA categories are not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable future developments, short-term debt of these issues is generally rated F-1+ by Fitch.

A--Bonds rated A by Fitch are considered to be investment grade and of high credit quality. The obligor's ability to pay interest and repay principal is considered to be strong, but may be more vulnerable to adverse changes in economic conditions and circumstances than bonds with higher ratings.

BBB--Bonds rated BBB by Fitch are considered to be investment grade and of satisfactory credit quality. The obligor's ability to pay interest and repay principal is considered to be adequate. Adverse changes in economic conditions and circumstances, however, are more likely to have adverse consequences on these bonds, and therefore impair timely payment. The likelihood that the ratings of these bonds will fall below investment grade is higher than for bonds with higher ratings.

Plus and minus signs are used by Fitch to indicate the relative position of a credit within a rating category. Plus and minus signs, however, are not used in the AAA category.

Fitch Short-Term Ratings

Fitch's short-term ratings apply to debt obligations that are payable on demand or have original maturities of generally up to three years, including commercial paper, certificates of deposit, medium-term notes, and municipal and investment notes.

The short-term rating places greater emphasis than a long-term rating on the existence of liquidity necessary to meet the issuer's obligations in a timely manner.

Fitch's short-term ratings are as follows:

F--1+--Issues assigned this rating are regarded as having the strongest degree of assurance for timely payment.

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F-1--Issues assigned this rating reflect an assurance of timely payment only slightly less in degree than issues rated F-1+.

F-2--Issues assigned this rating have a satisfactory degree of assurance for timely payment but the margin of safety is not as great as for issues assigned F-1+ and F-1 ratings.

F-3--Issues assigned this rating have characteristics suggesting that the degree of assurance for timely payment is adequate, although near-term adverse changes could cause these securities to be rated below investment grade.

 ${\tt LOC--The}$  symbol LOC indicates that the rating is based on a letter of credit issued by a commercial bank.

Like higher rated bonds, bonds rated in the Baa or BBB categories are considered to have adequate capacity to pay principal and interest. However, such bonds may have speculative characteristics, and changes in economic conditions or other circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity to make principal and interest payments than is the case with higher grade bonds.

After purchase by a Fund, a security may cease to be rated or its rating may be reduced below the minimum required for purchase by such Fund. Neither event will require a sale of such security by a Fund. However, a Fund's investment manager will consider such event in its determination of whether such Fund should continue to hold the security. To the extent the ratings given by Moody's, S&P or Fitch may change as a result of changes in such organizations or their rating systems, a Fund will attempt to use comparable ratings as standards for investments in accordance with the investment policies contained in this Prospectus and in the Statement of Additional Information.

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STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION February 28, 1997

VISTA(SM) EUROPEAN FUND
VISTA(SM) INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUND
VISTA(SM) JAPAN FUND
VISTA(SM) SOUTHEAST ASIAN FUND

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This Statement of Additional Information sets forth information which may be of interest to investors but which is not necessarily included in the Prospectuses offering shares of the Funds. This Statement of Additional Information should be read in conjunction with the Prospectuses offering shares of Vista International Equity Fund, Vista European Fund, Vista Japan Fund and Vista Southeast Asian Fund. Any references to a "Prospectus" in this Statement of Additional Information is a reference to one or more of the foregoing Prospectuses, as the context requires. Copies of each Prospectus may be obtained by an investor without charge by contacting Vista Fund Distributors, Inc. ("VFD"), the Funds' distributor (the "Distributor"), at the above-listed address.

This Statement of Additional Information is NOT a prospectus and is authorized for distribution to prospective investors only if preceded or accompanied by an effective prospectus.

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  |Mutual Fund Group (the "Trust") is an open-end management investment company which was organized as a business trust under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on May 11, 1987. The Trust presently consists of 17 separate series (the "Funds"). Certain of the Funds are diversified and other Funds are non-diversified, as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). The shares of the Funds are collectively referred to in this Statement of Additional Information as the "Shares."

The Board of Trustees of the Trust provides broad supervision over the affairs of the Trust including the Funds. The International Equity Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing all of its investable assets in an open-end, management investment company which has the same investment objective as such Fund. The International Equity Fund invests in the International Equity Portfolio (the "Portfolio"). The Portfolio is a New York trust with its principal office in New York. Certain qualified investors, in addition to the Fund, may invest in the Portfolio. For purposes of this Statement of Additional Information, any information or references to the Portfolio refer to the operations and activities after implementation of the master fund/feeder fund

The Board of Trustees of the Trust provides broad supervision over the affairs of the Trust including the Funds. In the case of the Portfolio, a separate Board of Trustees, with the same members as the Board of Trustees of the Trust, provides broad supervision. The Chase Manhattan Bank ("Chase") is the investment adviser for the Funds (other than the Vista International Equity Fund, which does not have its own adviser) and the Portfolio. Chase also serves as the administrator of the Trust, including the Funds, and is the administrator of the Portfolio. A majority of the Trustees of the Trust are not affiliated with the investment adviser or sub-advisers. Similarly, a majority of the Trustees of the Portfolio are not affiliated with the investment adviser or sub-advisers.

#### INVESTMENT POLICIES AND RESTRICTIONS

### Investment Policies

The Prospectuses set forth the various investment policies of each Fund and Portfolio. The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the related sections of each Prospectus. For descriptions of the securities ratings of Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), Standard & Poor's Corporation ("S&P") and Fitch Investors Service, Inc. ("Fitch"), see Appendix B.

U.S. Government Securities. U.S. Government Securities include (1) U.S. Treasury obligations, which generally differ only in their interest rates, maturities and times of issuance, including: U.S. Treasury bills (maturities of one year or less), U.S. Treasury notes (maturities of one to ten years) and U.S. Treasury bonds (generally maturities of greater than ten years); and (2) obligations issued or guaranteed by U.S. Government agencies and instrumentalities which are supported by any of the following: (a) the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury, (b) the right of the issuer to borrow any amount listed to a specific line of credit from the U.S. Treasury, (c) discretionary authority of the U.S. Government to purchase certain obligations of the U.S. Government agency or instrumentality or (d) the credit of the agency or instrumentality. Agencies and instrumentalities of the U.S. Government include but are not limited to: Federal Land Banks, Federal Financing Banks, Banks for Cooperatives, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, Farm Credit Banks, Federal Home Loan Banks, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal National Mortgage Association, Student Loan Marketing Association, United States Postal Service, Chrysler Corporate Loan Guarantee Board, Small Business Administration, Tennessee Valley Authority and any other enterprise established or sponsored by the U.S. Government. Certain U.S. Government Securities, including U.S. Treasury bills, notes and bonds, Government National Mortgage Association certificates and Federal Housing Administration debentures, are supported by the full faith and credit of the United States. Other U.S. Government Securities are issued or guaranteed by federal agencies or government sponsored enterprises and are not supported by

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the full faith and credit of the United States. These securities include obligations that are supported by the right of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury, such as obligations of Federal Home Loan Banks, and obligations that are supported by the creditworthiness of the particular instrumentality,

such as obligations of the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation. For a description of certain obligations issued or guaranteed by U.S. Government agencies and instrumentalities, see Appendix A.

In addition, certain U.S. Government agencies and instrumentalities issue specialized types of securities, such as guaranteed notes of the Small Business Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Defense, Bureau of Indian Affairs and Private Export Funding Corporation, which often provide higher yields that are available from the more common types of government-backed instruments. However, such specialized instruments may only be available from a few sources in limited amounts, or only in very large denominations; they may also require specialized capability in portfolio servicing and in legal matters related to government guarantees. While they may frequently offer attractive yields, the limited-activity markets of many of these securities means that, if a Fund or Portfolio were required to liquidate any of them, it might not be able to do so advantageously; accordingly, each Fund and Portfolio investing in such securities normally to hold such securities to maturity or pursuant to repurchase agreements, and would treat such securities (including repurchase agreements maturing in more than seven days) as illiquid for purposes of its limitation on investment in illiquid securities.

Bank Obligations. Investments in bank obligations are limited to those of U.S. banks (including their foreign branches) which have total assets at the time of purchase in excess of \$1 billion and the deposits of which are insured by either the Bank Insurance Fund or the Savings Association Insurance Fund of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and foreign banks (including their U.S. branches) having total assets in excess of \$10 billion (or the equivalent in other currencies), and such other U.S. and foreign commercial banks which are judged by the advisers to meet comparable credit standing criteria.

Bank obligations include negotiable certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances, fixed time deposits and deposit notes. A certificate of deposit is a short-term negotiable certificate issued by a commercial bank against funds deposited in the bank and is either interest-bearing or purchased on a discount basis. A bankers' acceptance is a short-term draft drawn on a commercial bank by a borrower, usually in connection with an international commercial transaction. The borrower is liable for payment as is the bank, which unconditionally guarantees to pay the draft at its face amount on the maturity date. Fixed time deposits are obligations of branches of United States banks or foreign banks which are payable at a stated maturity date and bear a fixed rate of interest. Although fixed time deposits do not have a market, there are no contractual restrictions on the right to transfer a beneficial interest in the deposit to a third party. Fixed time deposits subject to withdrawal penalties and with respect to which a Fund or Portfolio cannot realize the proceeds thereon within seven days are deemed "illiquid" for the purposes of its restriction on investments in illiquid securities. Deposit notes are notes issued by commercial banks which generally bear fixed rates of interest and typically have original maturities ranging from eighteen months to five years.

Banks are subject to extensive governmental regulations that may limit both the amounts and types of loans and other financial commitments that may be made and the interest rates and fees that may be charged. The profitability of this industry is largely dependent upon the availability and cost of capital funds for the purpose of financing lending operations under prevailing money market conditions. Also, general economic conditions play an important part in the operations of this industry and exposure to credit losses arising from possible financial difficulties of borrowers might affect a bank's ability to meet its obligations. Bank obligations may be general obligations of the parent bank or may be limited to the issuing branch by the terms of the specific obligations or by government regulation. Investors should also be aware that securities of foreign banks and foreign branches of United States banks may involve foreign investment risks in addition to those relating to domestic bank obligations.

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Depositary Receipts. A Fund or Portfolio will limit its investment in Depository Receipts not sponsored by the issuer of the underlying security to no more than 5% of the value of its net assets (at the time of investment). A purchaser of an unsponsored Depositary Receipt may not have unlimited voting rights and may not receive as much information about the issuer of the underlying securities as with a sponsored Depositary Receipt.

Commercial Paper. Commercial paper consists of short-term (usually from 1 to 270 days) unsecured promissory notes issued by corporations in order to finance their current operations. A variable amount master demand note (which is a type of commercial paper) represents a direct borrowing arrangement involving periodically fluctuating rates of interest under a letter agreement between a commercial paper issuer and an institutional lender pursuant to which the lender may determine to invest varying amounts.

ECU Obligations. The specific amounts of currencies comprising the ECU may be adjusted by the Council of Ministers of the European Community to reflect changes in relative values of the underlying currencies. The Trustees do not believe that such adjustments will adversely affect holders of ECU-denominated

Supranational Obligations. Supranational organizations include organizations such as The World Bank, which was chartered to finance development projects in developing member countries; the European Community, which is a twelve-nation organization engaged in cooperative economic activities; the European Coal and Steel Community, which is an economic union of various European nations steel and coal industries; and the Asian Development Bank, which is an international development bank established to lend funds, promote investment and provide technical assistance to member nations of the Asian and Pacific regions.

Repurchase Agreements. A Fund or Portfolio will enter into repurchase agreements only with member banks of the Federal Reserve System and securities dealers believed creditworthy, and only if fully collateralized by securities in which such Fund or Portfolio is permitted to invest. Under the terms of a typical repurchase agreement, a Fund or Portfolio would acquire an underlying instrument for a relatively short period (usually not more than one week) subject to an obligation of the seller to repurchase the instrument and the Fund or Portfolio to resell the instrument at a fixed price and time, thereby determining the yield during the Fund's or Portfolio's holding period. This procedure results in a fixed rate of return insulated from market fluctuations during such period. A repurchase agreement is subject to the risk that the seller may fail to repurchase the security. Repurchase agreements are considered under the 1940 Act to be loans collateralized by the underlying securities. All repurchase agreements entered into by a Fund or Portfolio will be fully collateralized at all times during the period of the agreement in that the value of the underlying security will be at least equal to 102% of the amount of the loan, including the accrued interest thereon, and the Fund or Portfolio or its custodian or sub-custodian will have possession of the collateral, which the Board of Trustees believes will give it a valid, perfected security interest in the collateral. Whether a repurchase agreement is the purchase and sale of a security or a collateralized loan has not been conclusively established. This might become an issue in the event of the bankruptcy of the other party to the transaction. In the event of default by the seller under a repurchase agreement construed to be a collateralized loan, the underlying securities would not be owned by the Fund or Portfolio, but would only constitute collateral for the seller's obligation to pay the repurchase price. Therefore, a Fund or Portfolio may suffer time delays and incur costs in connection with the disposition of the collateral. The Board of Trustees believes that the collateral underlying repurchase agreements may be more susceptible to claims of the seller's creditors than would be the case with securities owned by a Fund or Portfolio. Repurchase agreements maturing in more than seven days are treated as illiquid for purposes of the Funds' and Portfolios' restrictions on purchases of illiquid securities. Repurchase agreements are also subject to the risks described below with respect to stand-by commitments.

Reverse Repurchase Agreements. Reverse repurchase agreements involve the sale of securities held by a Fund or Portfolio with an agreement to repurchase the securities at an agreed upon price and date. The repurchase price is generally equal to the original sales price plus interest. Reverse repurchase agree-

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ments are usually for seven days or less and cannot be repaid prior to their expiration dates. Reverse repurchase agreements involve the risk that the market value of the portfolio securities transferred may decline below the price at which the Fund or Portfolio is obliged to purchase the securities.

Forward Commitments. In order to invest a Fund's assets immediately, while awaiting delivery of securities purchased on a forward commitment basis, short-term obligations that offer same-day settlement and earnings will normally be purchased. When a commitment to purchase a security on a forward commitment basis is made, procedures are established consistent with the General Statement of Policy of the Securities and Exchange Commission concerning such purchases. Since that policy currently recommends that an amount of the respective Fund's or Portfolio's assets equal to the amount of the purchase be held aside or segregated to be used to pay for the commitment, a separate account of such Fund or Portfolio consisting of cash, cash equivalents or high quality debt securities equal to the amount of such Fund's or Portfolio's commitments securities will be established at such Fund's or Portfolio's custodian bank. For the purpose of determining the adequacy of the securities in the account, the deposited securities will be valued at market value. If the market value of such securities declines, additional cash, cash equivalents or highly liquid securities will be placed in the account daily so that the value of the account will equal the amount of such commitments by the respective Fund or Portfolio.

Although it is not intended that such purchases would be made for speculative purposes, purchases of securities on a forward commitment basis may involve more risk than other types of purchases. Securities purchased on a forward commitment basis and the securities held in the respective Fund's or Portfolio's portfolio are subject to changes in value based upon the public's perception of the issuer and changes, real or anticipated, in the level of interest rates. Purchasing securities on a forward commitment basis can involve the risk that the yields available in the market when the delivery takes place may actually be higher or

lower than those obtained in the transaction itself. On the settlement date of the forward commitment transaction, the respective Fund or Portfolio will meet its obligations from then available cash flow, sale of securities held in the separate account, sale of other securities or, although it would not normally expect to do so, from sale of the forward commitment securities themselves (which may have a value greater or lesser than such Fund's or Portfolio's payment obligations). The sale of securities to meet such obligations may result in the realization of capital gains or losses.

To the extent a Fund or Portfolio engages in forward commitment transactions, it will do so for the purpose of acquiring securities consistent with its investment objective and policies and not for the purpose of investment leverage, and settlement of such transactions will be within 90 days from the trade date.

Stripped Obligations. The principal and interest components of United States Treasury bonds with remaining maturities of longer than ten years are eligible to be traded independently under the Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities ("STRIPS") program. Under the STRIPS program, the principal and interest components are separately issued by the United States Treasury at the request of depository financial institutions, which then trade the component parts separately. The interest component of STRIPS may be more volatile than that of United States Treasury bills with comparable maturities.

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

Illiquid Securities. For purposes of its limitation on investments in illiquid securities, each Fund and the Portfolio may elect to treat as liquid, in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees, certain investments in restricted securities for which there may be a secondary market of qualified institutional

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buyers as contemplated by Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and commercial obligations issued in reliance on the so-called "private placement" exemption from registration afforded by Section 4(2) of the Securities Act. ("Section 4(2) paper") Rule 144A provides an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act for the resale of certain restricted securities to qualified institutional buyers. Section 4(2) paper is restricted as to disposition under the federal securities laws, and generally is sold to institutional investors such as a Fund or Portfolio who agree that they are purchasing the paper for investment and not with a view to public distribution. Any resale of Section 4(2) paper by the purchaser must be in an exempt transaction.

One effect of Rule 144A and Section 4(2) is that certain restricted securities may now be liquid, though there is no assurance that a liquid market for Rule 144A securities or Section 4(2) paper will develop or be maintained. The Trustees have adopted policies and procedures for the purpose of determining whether securities that are eligible for resale under Rule 144A and Section 4(2) paper are liquid or illiquid for purposes of the limitation on investment in illiquid securities. Pursuant to those policies and procedures, the Trustees have delegated to the advisers the determination as to whether a particular instrument is liquid or illiquid, requiring that consideration be given to, among other things, the frequency of trades and quotes for the security, the number of dealers willing to sell and security and the number of potential purchasers, dealer undertakings to make a market in the security, the nature of the security and the time needed to dispose of the security. The Trustees will periodically review the Funds' and Portfolio's purchases and sales of Rule 144A securities and Section 4(2) paper.

Stand-By Commitments. In a put transaction, a Fund or Portfolio acquires the right to sell a security at an agreed upon price within a specified period prior to its maturity date, and a stand-by commitment entitles a Fund or Portfolio to same-day settlement and to receive an exercise price equal to the amortized cost of the underlying security plus accrued interest, if any, at the time of exercise. Stand-by commitments are subject to certain risks, which include the inability of the issuer of the commitment to pay for the securities at the time

the commitment is exercised, the fact that the commitment is not marketable by a Fund or Portfolio, and that the maturity of the underlying security will generally be different from that of the commitment.

Securities Loans. To the extent specified in its Prospectus, each Fund and Portfolio is permitted to lend its securities to broker-dealers and other institutional investors in order to generate additional income. Such loans of portfolio securities may not exceed 30% of the value of a Fund's or Portfolio's total assets. In connection with such loans, a Fund or Portfolio will receive collateral consisting of cash, cash equivalents, U.S. Government securities or irrevocable letters of credit issued by financial institutions. Such collateral will be maintained at all times in an amount equal to at least 102% of the current market value plus accrued interest of the securities loaned. A Fund or Portfolio can increase its income through the investment of such collateral. A Fund or Portfolio continues to be entitled to the interest payable or any dividend-equivalent payments received on a loaned security and, in addition, to receive interest on the amount of the loan. However, the receipt of any dividend-equivalent payments by a Fund or Portfolio on a loaned security from the borrower will not qualify for the dividends-received deduction. Such loans will be terminable at any time upon specified notice. A Fund or Portfolio might experience risk of loss if the institutions with which it has engaged in portfolio loan transactions breach their agreements with such Fund or Portfolio. The risks in lending portfolio securities, as with other extensions of secured credit, consist of possible delays in receiving additional collateral or in the recovery of the securities or possible loss of rights in the collateral should the borrower experience financial difficulty. Loans will be made only to firms deemed by the advisers to be of good standing and will not be made unless, in the judgment of the advisers, the consideration to be earned from such loans justifies the risk.

Additional Policies Regarding Derivative and Related Transactions

Introduction. As explained more fully below, the Funds and the Portfolio may employ derivative and related instruments as tools in the management of portfolio assets. Put briefly, a "derivative" instrument may be considered a security or other instrument which derives its value from the value or performance of other

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instruments or assets, interest or currency exchange rates, or indexes. For instance, derivatives include futures, options, forward contracts, structured notes and various over-the-counter instruments.

Like other investment tools or techniques, the impact of using derivatives strategies or similar instruments depends to a great extent on how they are used. Derivatives are generally used by portfolio managers in three ways: First, to reduce risk by hedging (offsetting) an investment position. Second, to substitute for another security particularly where it is quicker, easier and less expensive to invest in derivatives. Lastly, to speculate or enhance portfolio performance. When used prudently, derivatives can offer several benefits, including easier and more effective hedging, lower transaction costs, quicker investment and more profitable use of portfolio assets. However, derivatives also have the potential to significantly magnify risks, thereby leading to potentially greater losses for a Fund or Portfolio.

Each Fund and Portfolio may invest its assets in derivative and related instruments subject only to the Fund's or Portfolio's investment objective and policies and the requirement that the Fund or Portfolio maintain segregated accounts consisting of liquid assets, such as cash, U.S. Government securities, or other high-grade debt obligations (or, as permitted by applicable regulation, enter into certain offsetting positions) to cover its obligations under such instruments with respect to positions where there is no underlying portfolio asset so as to avoid leveraging the Fund or Portfolio.

The value of some derivative or similar instruments in which the Funds and the Portfolio may invest may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing interest rates or other economic factors, and—like other investments of the Funds and the Portfolio—the ability of a Fund or Portfolio to successfully utilize these instruments may depend in part upon the ability of the advisers to forecast interest rates and other economic factors correctly. If the advisers inaccurately forecasts such factors and has taken positions in derivative or similar instruments contrary to prevailing market trends, the Funds and the Portfolio could be exposed to the risk of a loss. The Funds and/or the Portfolio may not employ any or all of the strategies described herein, and no assurance can be given that any strategy used will succeed.

Set forth below is an explanation of the various derivatives strategies and

related instruments the Funds and the Portfolio may employ along with risks or special attributes associated with them. This discussion is intended to supplement the Funds' current prospectuses as well as provide useful information to prospective investors.

Risk Factors. As explained more fully below and in the discussions of particular strategies or instruments, there are a number of risks associated with the use of derivatives and related instruments: There can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in a hedging vehicle and in the portfolio assets being hedged. An incorrect correlation could result in a loss on both the hedged assets in a Fund or Portfolio and the hedging vehicle so that the portfolio return might have been greater had hedging not been attempted. This risk is particularly acute in the case of "cross-hedges" between currencies. The advisers may inaccurately forecast interest rates, market values or other economic factors in utilizing a derivatives strategy. In such a case, a Fund or Portfolio may have been in a better position had it not entered into such strategy. Hedging strategies, while reducing risk of loss, can also reduce the opportunity for gain. In other words, hedging usually limits both potential losses as well as potential gains. Strategies not involving hedging may increase the risk to a Fund or Portfolio. Certain strategies, such as yield enhancement, can have speculative characteristics and may result in more risk to a Fund or Portfolio than hedging strategies using the same instruments.

There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when a Fund or Portfolio seeks to close out an option, futures contract or other derivative or related position. Many exchanges and boards of trade limit the amount of fluctuation permitted in option or futures contract prices during a single day; once the daily limit has been reached on particular contract, no trades may be made that day at a price beyond

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that limit. In addition, certain instruments are relatively new and without a significant trading history. As a result, there is no assurance that an active secondary market will develop or continue to exist. Finally, over- the-counter instruments typically do not have a liquid market. Lack of a liquid market for any reason may prevent a Fund or Portfolio from liquidating an unfavorable position. Activities of large traders in the futures and securities markets involving arbitrage, "program trading," and other investment strategies may cause price distortions in these markets. In certain instances, particularly those involving over-the-counter transactions, forward contracts, foreign exchanges or foreign boards of trade, there is a greater potential that a counterparty or broker may default or be unable to perform on its commitments. In the event of such a default, a Fund or Portfolio may experience a loss. In transactions involving currencies, the value of the currency underlying an instrument may fluctuate due to many factors, including economic conditions, interest rates, governmental policies and market forces.

Specific Uses and Strategies. Set forth below are explanations of various strategies involving derivatives and related instruments which may be used by a Fund or Portfolio.

Options on Securities, Securities Indexes, Currencies and Debt Instruments. A Fund or Portfolio may PURCHASE, SELL or EXERCISE call and put options on: securities; securities indexes; currencies; or debt instruments.

Although in most cases these options will be exchange-traded, the Funds and the Portfolio may also purchase, sell or exercise over-the-counter options. Over-the-counter options differ from exchange-traded options in that they are two-party contracts with price and other terms negotiated between buyer and seller. As such, over-the-counter options generally have much less market liquidity and carry the risk of default or nonperformance by the other party.

One purpose of purchasing put options is to protect holdings in an underlying or related security against a substantial decline in market value. One purpose of purchasing call options is to protect against substantial increases in prices of securities a Fund or Portfolio intends to purchase pending its ability to invest in such securities in an orderly manner. A Fund or Portfolio may also use combinations of options to minimize costs, gain exposure to markets or take advantage of price disparities or market movements. For example, a Fund or Portfolio may sell put or call options it has previously purchased or purchase put or call options it has previously sold. These transactions may result in a net gain or loss depending on whether the amount realized on the sale is more or less than the premium and other transaction costs paid on the put or call option which is sold. A Fund or Portfolio may write a call or put option in order to earn the related premium from such transactions. Prior to exercise or expiration, an option may be closed out by an offsetting purchase or sale of a similar option. The Funds will not write uncovered options.

In addition to the general risk factors noted above, the purchase and writing

of options involve certain special risks. During the option period, a Fund or Portfolio writing a covered call (i.e., where the underlying securities are held by the Fund or Portfolio) has, in return for the premium on the option, given up the opportunity to profit from a price increase in the underlying securities above the exercise price, but has retained the risk of loss should the price of the underlying securities decline. The writer of an option has no control over the time when it may be required to fulfill its obligation as a writer of the option. Once an option writer has received an exercise notice, it cannot effect a closing purchase transaction in order to terminate its obligation under the option and must deliver the underlying securities at the exercise price.

If a put or call option purchased by a Fund or Portfolio is not sold when it has remaining value, and if the market price of the underlying security, in the case of a put, remains equal to or greater than the exercise price or, in the case of a call, remains less than or equal to the exercise price, such Fund or Portfolio will lose its entire investment in the option. Also, where a put or call option on a particular security is purchased to hedge against price movements in a related security, the price of the put or call option may move more

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or less than the price of the related security. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist when a Fund or Portfolio seeks to close out an option position. Furthermore, if trading restrictions or suspensions are imposed on the options markets, a Fund or Portfolio may be unable to close out a position.

Futures Contracts and Options on Futures Contracts. A Fund on Portfolio may purchase or sell: interest-rate futures contracts; stock index futures contracts; foreign currency futures contracts; futures contracts on specified instruments or indices; and options on these futures contracts ("futures options").

The futures contracts and futures options may be based on various instruments or indices in which the Funds and the Portfolio may invest such as foreign currencies, certificates of deposit, Eurodollar time deposits, securities indices, economic indices (such as the Consumer Price Indices compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor).

Futures contracts and futures options may be used to hedge portfolio positions and transactions as well as to gain exposure to markets. For example, a Fund or Portfolio may sell a futures contract—or buy a futures option—to protect against a decline in value, or reduce the duration, of portfolio holdings. Likewise, these instruments may be used where a Fund or Portfolio intends to acquire an instrument or enter into a position. For example, a Fund or Portfolio may purchase a futures contract—or buy a futures option—to gain immediate exposure in a market or otherwise offset increases in the purchase price of securities or currencies to be acquired in the future. Futures options may also be written to earn the related premiums.

When writing or purchasing options, the Funds and the Portfolio may simultaneously enter into other transactions involving futures contracts or futures options in order to minimize costs, gain exposure to markets, or take advantage of price disparities or market movements. Such strategies may entail additional risks in certain instances. The Funds and the Portfolio may engage in cross-hedging by purchasing or selling futures or options on a security or currency different from the security or currency position being hedged to take advantage of relationships between the two securities or currencies.

Investments in futures contracts and options thereon involve risks similar to those associated with options transactions discussed above. The Funds and the Portfolio will only enter into futures contracts or options or futures contracts which are traded on a U.S. or foreign exchange or board of trade, or similar entity, or quoted on an automated quotation system.

Forward Contracts. A Fund or Portfolio may use foreign currency and interest-rate forward contracts for various purposes as described below.

Foreign currency exchange rates may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time. They generally are determined by the forces of supply and demand in the foreign exchange markets and the relative merits of investments in different countries, actual or perceived changes in interest rates and other complex factors, as seen from an international perspective. The Funds and the Portfolio may invest in securities denominated in foreign currencies and may, in addition to buying and selling foreign currency futures contracts and options on foreign currencies and foreign currency futures, enter into forward foreign

currency exchange contracts to reduce the risks or otherwise take a position in anticipation of changes in foreign exchange rates. A forward foreign currency exchange contract involves an obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency at a future date, which may be a fixed number of days from the date of the contract agreed upon by the parties, at a price set at the time of the contract. By entering into a forward foreign currency contract, a Fund or Portfolio "locks in" the exchange rate between the currency it will deliver and the currency it will receive for the duration of the contract. As a result, a Fund or Portfolio reduces its exposure to changes in the value of the currency it will deliver and increases its exposure to changes in the value of the currency it will exchange into. The effect on the value of a Fund or Portfolio is similar to selling securities denominated in one currency and purchasing securities denominated in another. Transactions that use two foreign currencies are sometimes referred to as "cross-hedges."

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A Fund or Portfolio may enter into these contracts for the purpose of hedging against foreign exchange risk arising from investments or anticipated investments in securities denominated in foreign currencies. A Fund or Portfolio may also enter into these contracts for purposes of increasing exposure to a foreign currency or to shift exposure to foreign currency fluctuations from one country to another.

A Fund or Portfolio may also use forward contracts to hedge against changes in interest-rates, increase exposure to a market or otherwise take advantage of such changes. An interest-rate forward contract involves the obligation to purchase or sell a specific debt instrument at a fixed price at a future date.

Interest Rate and Currency Transactions. A Fund or Portfolio may employ currency and interest rate management techniques, including transactions in options (including yield curve options), futures, options on futures, forward foreign currency exchange contracts, currency options and futures and currency and interest rate swaps. The aggregate amount of a Fund's or Portfolio's net currency exposure will not exceed the total net asset value of its portfolio. However, to the extent that a Fund or Portfolio is fully invested while also maintaining currency positions, it may be exposed to greater combined risk.

The Funds and the Portfolio will only enter into interest rate and currency swaps on a net basis, i.e., the two payment streams are netted out, with the Fund or Portfolio receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments. Interest rate and currency swaps do not involve the delivery of securities, the underlying currency, other underlying assets or principal. Accordingly, the risk of loss with respect to interest rate and currency swaps is limited to the net amount of interest or currency payments that a Fund or Portfolio is contractually obligated to make. If the other party to an interest rate or currency swap defaults, a Fund's or Portfolio's risk of loss consists of the net amount of interest or currency payments that the Fund or Portfolio is contractually entitled to receive. Since interest rate and currency swaps are individually negotiated, the Funds and the Portfolio expect to achieve an acceptable degree of correlation between their portfolio investments and their interest rate or currency swap positions.

A Fund or Portfolio may hold foreign currency received in connection with investments in foreign securities when it would be beneficial to convert such currency into U.S. dollars at a later date, based on anticipated changes in the relevant exchange rate.

A Fund or Portfolio may purchase or sell without limitation as to a percentage of its assets forward foreign currency exchange contracts when the advisers anticipate that the foreign currency will appreciate or depreciate in value, but securities denominated in that currency do not present attractive investment opportunities and are not held by such Fund or Portfolio. In addition, a Fund or Portfolio may enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts in order to protect against adverse changes in future foreign currency exchange rates. A Fund or Portfolio may engage in cross-hedging by using forward contracts in one currency to hedge against fluctuations in the value of securities denominated in a different currency if its advisers believe that there is a pattern of correlation between the two currencies. Forward contracts may reduce the potential gain from a positive change in the relationship between the U.S. Dollar and foreign currencies. Unanticipated changes in currency prices may result in poorer overall performance for a Fund or Portfolio than if it had not entered into such contracts. The use of foreign currency forward contracts will not eliminate fluctuations in the underlying U.S. dollar equivalent value of the prices of or rates of return on a Fund's or Portfolio's foreign currency denominated portfolio securities and the use of such techniques will subject the Fund or Portfolio to certain risks.

The matching of the increase in value of a forward contract and the decline

in the U.S. dollar equivalent value of the foreign currency denominated asset that is the subject of the hedge generally will not be precise. In addition, a Fund or Portfolio may not always be able to enter into foreign currency forward contracts at attractive prices, and this will limit a Fund's or Portfolio's ability to use such contract to hedge or cross-hedge its assets. Also, with regard to a Fund's or Portfolio's use of cross-hedges, there can be no assurance that

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historical correlations between the movement of certain foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar will continue. Thus, at any time poor correlation may exist between movements in the exchange rates of the foreign currencies underlying a Fund's or Portfolio's cross-hedges and the movements in the exchange rates of the foreign currencies in which the Fund's or Portfolio's assets that are the subject of such cross-hedges are denominated.

A Fund or Portfolio may enter into interest rate and currency swaps to the maximum allowed limits under applicable law. A Fund or Portfolio will typically use interest rate swaps to shorten the effective duration of its portfolio. Interest rate swaps involve the exchange by a Fund or Portfolio with another party of their respective commitments to pay or receive interest, such as an exchange of fixed rate payments for floating rate payments. Currency swaps involve the exchange of their respective rights to make or receive payments in specified currencies.

Structured Products. A Fund or Portfolio may invest in interests in entities organized and operated solely for the purpose of restructuring the investment characteristics of certain other investments. This type of restructuring involves the deposit with or purchase by an entity, such as a corporation or trust, or specified instruments (such as commercial bank loans) and the issuance by that entity of one or more classes of securities ("structured products") backed by, or representing interests in, the underlying instruments. The cash flow on the underlying instruments may be apportioned among the newly issued structured products to create securities with different investment characteristics such as varying maturities, payment priorities and interest rate provisions, and the extent of the payments made with respect to structured products is dependent on the extent of the cash flow on the underlying instruments. A Fund or Portfolio may invest in structured products which represent derived investment positions based on relationships among different markets or asset classes.

A Fund or Portfolio may also invest in other types of structured products, including, among others, inverse floaters, spread trades and notes linked by a formula to the price of an underlying instrument. Inverse floaters have coupon rates that vary inversely at a multiple of a designated floating rate (which typically is determined by reference to an index rate, but may also be determined through a dutch auction or a remarketing agent or by reference to another security) (the "reference rate"). As an example, inverse floaters may constitute a class of CMOs with a coupon rate that moves inversely to a designated index, such as LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate) or the Cost of Funds Index. Any rise in the reference rate of an inverse floater (as a consequence of an increase in interest rates) causes a drop in the coupon rate while any drop in the reference rate of an inverse floater causes an increase in the coupon rate. A spread trade is an investment position relating to a difference in the prices or interest rates of two securities where the value of the investment position is determined by movements in the difference between the prices or interest rates, as the case may be, of the respective securities. When a Fund or Portfolio invests in notes linked to the price of an underlying instrument, the price of the underlying security is determined by a multiple (based on a formula) of the price of such underlying security. A structured product may be considered to be leveraged to the extent its interest rate varies by a magnitude that exceeds the magnitude of the change in the index rate of interest. Because they are linked to their underlying markets or securities, investments in structured products generally are subject to greater volatility than an investment directly in the underlying market or security. Total return on the structured product is derived by linking return to one or more characteristics of the underlying instrument. Because certain structured products of the type in which a Fund or Portfolio may invest may involve no credit enhancement, the credit risk of those structured products generally would be equivalent to that of the underlying instruments. A Fund or Portfolio may invest in a class of structured products that is either subordinated or unsubordinated to the right of payment of another class. Subordinated structured products typically have higher yields and present greater risks than unsubordinated structured products. Although a Fund's or Portfolio's purchase of subordinated structured products would have similar economic effect to that of borrowing against the underlying securities, the purchase will not be deemed to be leverage for purposes of a Fund's or Portfolio's fundamental investment limitation related to borrowing and leverage.

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Certain issuers of structured products may be deemed to be "investment companies" as defined in the 1940 Act. As a result, an investment in these structured products may be limited by the restrictions contained in the 1940 Act. Structured products are typically sold in private placement transactions, and there currently is no active trading market for structured products. As a result, certain structured products in which a Fund or Portfolio invests may be deemed illiquid and subject to its limitation on illiquid investments.

Investments in structured products generally are subject to greater volatility than an investment directly in the underlying market or security. In addition, because structured products are typically sold in private placement transactions, there currently is no active trading market for structured products.

Additional Restrictions on the Use of Futures and Option Contracts. None of the Funds is a "commodity pool" (i.e., a pooled investment vehicle which trades in commodity futures contracts and options thereon and the operator of which is registered with the CFTC and futures contracts and futures options will be purchased, sold or entered into only for bona fide hedging purposes, provided that a Fund may enter into such transactions for purposes other than bona fide hedging if, immediately thereafter, the sum of the amount of its initial margin and premiums on open contracts and options would not exceed 5% of the liquidation value of the Fund's portfolio, provided, further, that, in the case of an option that is in-the-money, the in-the-money amount may be excluded in calculating the 5% limitation.

When a Fund or Portfolio purchases a futures contract, an amount of cash or cash equivalents or high quality debt securities will be deposited in a segregated account with such Fund's or Portfolio's custodian or sub-custodian so that the amount so segregated, plus the initial deposit and variation margin held in the account of its broker, will at all times equal the value of the futures contract, thereby insuring that the use of such futures is unleveraged.

A Fund's or Portfolio's ability to engage in the transactions described herein may be limited by the current federal income tax requirement that a Fund or Portfolio derive less than 30% of its gross income from the sale or other disposition of stock or securities held for less than three months.

## Investment Restrictions

The Funds and the Portfolio have adopted the following investment restrictions which may not be changed without approval by a "majority of the outstanding shares" of a Fund or Portfolio which, as used in this Statement of Additional Information, means the vote of the lesser of (i) 67% or more of the shares of a Fund or total beneficial interests of a Portfolio present at a meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares of a Fund or total beneficial interests of the Portfolio are present or represented by proxy, or (ii) more than 50% of the outstanding shares of a Fund or total beneficial interests of the Portfolio.

Whenever the Trust is requested to vote on a fundamental policy of the Portfolio, the Trust will hold a meeting of shareholders of the International Equity Fund and will cast its votes as instructed by the shareholders of such Fund.

With respect to the International Equity Fund, it is a fundamental policy that when the Fund holds no portfolio securities except interests in the Portfolio, the Fund's investment objective and policies shall be identical to the Portfolio's investment objective and policies, except for the following: the Fund (1) may invest more than 10% of its net assets in the securities of a registered investment company, (2) may hold more than 10% of the voting securities of a registered investment company, and (3) will concentrate its investments in the investment company. It is a fundamental investment policy of the Fund that when the Fund holds only portfolio securities other than interests in the Portfolio, the Fund's investment objective and policies shall be identical to the investment objective and policies of the Portfolio at the time the assets of the Fund were withdrawn from the Portfolio.

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Each Fund and Portfolio may not:

(1) borrow money, except that each Fund and the Portfolio may borrow money for temporary or emergency purposes, or by engaging in reverse repurchase transactions, in an amount not exceeding 33-1/3% of the value of its total assets at the time when the loan is made and may pledge, mortgage or hypothecate no more than 1/3 of its net assets to secure such

borrowings. Any borrowings representing more than 5% of total assets must be repaid before the Fund or Portfolio may make additional investments;

- (2) make loans, except that each Fund and the Portfolio may: (i) purchase and hold debt instruments (including without limitation, bonds, notes, debentures or other obligations and certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances and fixed time deposits) in accordance with its investment objectives and policies; (ii) enter into repurchase agreements with respect to portfolio securities; and (iii) lend portfolio securities with a value not in excess of one-third of the value of its total assets;
- (3) purchase the securities of any issuer (other than securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or any of its agencies or instrumentalities, or repurchase agreements secured thereby) if, as a result, more than 25% of the Fund's or Portfolio's total assets would be invested in the securities of companies whose principal business activities are in the same industry. Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to a Fund's or Portfolio's permissible futures and options transactions in U.S. Government securities, positions in such options and futures shall not be subject to this restriction;
- (4) purchase or sell physical commodities unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities or other instruments but this shall not prevent a Fund or Portfolio from (i) purchasing or selling options and futures contracts or from investing in securities or other instruments backed by physical commodities or (ii) engaging in forward purchases or sales of foreign currencies or securities;
- (5) purchase or sell real estate unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities or other instruments (but this shall not prevent a Fund or Portfolio from investing in securities or other instruments backed by real estate or securities of companies engaged in the real estate business). Investments by a Fund or Portfolio in securities backed by mortgages on real estate or in marketable securities of companies engaged in such activities are not hereby precluded;
- (6) issue any senior security (as defined in the 1940 Act), except that (a) a Fund or Portfolio may engage in transactions that may result in the issuance of senior securities to the extent permitted under applicable regulations and interpretations of the 1940 Act or an exemptive order; (b) a Fund or Portfolio may acquire other securities, the acquisition of which may result in the issuance of a senior security, to the extent permitted under applicable regulations or interpretations of the 1940 Act; and (c) subject to the restrictions set forth above, a Fund or Portfolio may borrow money as authorized by the 1940 Act. For purposes of this restriction, collateral arrangements with respect to permissible options and futures transactions, including deposits of initial and variation margin, are not considered to be the issuance of a senior security; or
- (7) underwrite securities issued by other persons except insofar as a Fund or Portfolio may technically be deemed to be an underwriter under the Securities Act of 1933 in selling a portfolio security.

In addition, as a matter of fundamental policy, each of the Southeast Asian Fund, Japan Fund and European Fund may not:

(8) make or guarantee loans to any person or otherwise become liable for or in connection with any obligation or indebtedness of any person without the prior written consent of the Trustees, provided that for purposes of this restriction the acquisition of bonds, debentures, or other corporate debt

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securities and investments in government bonds, short-term commercial paper, certificates of deposit and bankers' acceptances shall not be deemed to be the making of a loan;

- (9) invest in securities which are not traded or have not sought a listing on a stock exchange, over-the-counter market or other organized securities market that is open to the international public and on which securities are regularly traded if, regarding all such securities, more than 10% of its total net assets would be invested in such securities immediately after and as a result of such transaction;
- (10) deal in put options, write or purchase call options, including warrants, unless such options or warrants are covered and are quoted on a stock exchange or dealt in on a recognized market, and, at the date of the relevant transaction: (i) call options written do not involve more than 25%, calculated at the exercise price, of the market value of the securities within the Fund's portfolio excluding the value of any

outstanding call options purchased, and (ii) the cost of call options or warrants purchased does not exceed, in terms of premium, 2% of the value of the net assets of the Fund; or

(11) purchase securities of any issuer if such purchase at the time thereof would cause more than 10% of the voting securities of such issuer to be held by the Fund.

In addition, as a matter of fundamental policy, notwithstanding any other investment policy or restriction, each Fund may seek to achieve its investment objective by investing all of its investable assets in another investment company having substantially the same investment objective and policies as the Fund. For purposes of investment restriction (5) above, real estate includes Real Estate Limited Partnerships.

For purposes of investment restriction (3) above, industrial development bonds, where the payment of principal and interest is the ultimate responsibility of companies within the same industry, are grouped together as an "industry." Investment restriction (3) above, however, is not applicable to investments by a Fund or Portfolio in municipal obligations where the issuer is regarded as a state, city, municipality or other public authority since such entities are not members of an "industry." Supranational organizations are collectively considered to be members of a single "industry" for purposes of restriction (3) above.

In addition, each Fund and the Portfolio is subject to the following nonfundamental restrictions which may be changed without shareholder approval:

- (1) The International Equity Fund and the Portfolio may not, with respect to 50% of its assets, hold more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of an issuer.
- (2) Each Fund and the Portfolio may not make short sales of securities, other than short sales "against the box," or purchase securities on margin except for short-term credits necessary for clearance of portfolio transactions, provided that this restriction will not be applied to limit the use of options, futures contracts and related options, in the manner otherwise permitted by the investment restrictions, policies and investment program of a Fund or Portfolio.
- (3) Each Fund and the Portfolio may not purchase or sell interests in oil, gas or mineral leases.
- (4) Each Fund and the Portfolio may not invest more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities.
- (5) Each Fund and the Portfolio may not write, purchase or sell any put or call option or any combination thereof, provided that this shall not prevent (i) the writing, purchasing or selling of puts, calls or combinations thereof with respect to portfolio securities or (ii) with respect to a Fund's or Portfolio's permissible futures and options transactions, the writing, purchasing, ownership, holding or selling of futures and options positions or of puts, calls or combinations thereof with respect to futures.

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(6) Except as specified above, each Fund and the Portfolio may invest up to 5% of its total assets in the securities of any one investment company, but may not own more than 3% of the securities of any one investment company or invest more than 10% of its total assets in the securities of other investment companies.

In addition, each of the Southeast Asian Fund, Japan Fund and European Fund is subject to the following nonfundamental restrictions which may be changed without shareholder approval:

(7) The value of a Fund's investments in holdings of options and

warrants (other than those held for hedging purposes) may not exceed 15% of the total net asset value of the Fund.

- (8) Each Fund may not make any investment in assets that involve assumption of any liability that is unlimited, or acquire any investments that are for the time being nil paid or partly paid, unless according to the terms of the issue thereof any call to be made thereon could be met in full out of cash by the Fund's portfolio.
- (9) Each Fund may not sell, purchase or loan securities (excluding shares in the Fund) or grant or receive a loan or loans to or from the adviser, corporate and domicillary agent, or paying agent, the distributors and the authorized agents or any of their directors, officers or employees or any of their major shareholders (meaning a shareholder who holds, in his own or other name (as well as a nominee's name), more than 10% of the total issued and outstanding shares of stock of such company) acting as principal, or for their own account, unless the transaction is made within the other restrictions set forth above and either (i) at a price determined by current publicly available quotations, or (ii) at competitive prices or interest rates prevailing from time to time on internationally recognized securities markets or internationally recognized money markets.

It is the Trust's position that proprietary strips, such as CATS and TIGRS, are United States Government securities. However, the Trust has been advised that the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Division of Investment Management does not consider these to be United States Government securities, as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended

For purposes of the Funds' and Portfolio's investment restrictions, the issuer of a tax-exempt security is deemed to be the entity (public or private) ultimately responsible for the payment of the principal of and interest on the security.

With respect to each of the Funds, as a matter of nonfundamental policy, to the extent permitted under applicable law, the above restrictions do not apply to the following investments ("OECD investments"): (i) any security issued by or the payment of principal and interest on which is guaranteed by the government of any member state of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development ("OECD country"); (ii) any fixed income security issued in any OECD country by any public or local authority or nationalized industry or undertaking of any OECD country or anywhere in the world by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, Asian Development Bank or any body which is, in the Trustees' opinion, of similar standing. However, no investment may be made in any OECD investment of any one issue if that would result in the value of a Fund's holding of that issue exceeding 30% of the net asset value of the Fund and, if the Fund's portfolio consists only of OECD investments, those OECD investments shall be of at least six different issues.

In order to permit the sale of its shares in certain states, a Fund or Portfolio may make commitments more restrictive than the investment policies and limitations described above and in its Prospectus. Should a Fund or Portfolio determine that any such commitment is no longer in its best interests, it will revoke the commitment by terminating sales of its shares in the state involved. In order to comply with certain regulatory policies, as a matter of operating policy, each Fund and the Portfolio will not: (i) invest more than 5% of its assets in companies which,

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including predecessors, have a record of less than three years' continuous operation, (ii) invest in warrants, valued at the lower of cost or market, in excess of 5% of the value of its net assets, and no more than 2% of such value may be warrants which are not listed on the New York or American Stock Exchanges, or (iii) purchase or retain in its portfolio any securities issued by an issuer any of whose officers, directors, trustees or security holders is an officer or Trustee of the Trust or Portfolio, or is an officer or director of the adviser, if after the purchase of the securities of such issuer by the Fund or Portfolio one or more of such persons owns beneficially more than 1/2 of 1% of the shares or securities, or both, all taken at market value, of such issuer, and such persons owning more than 1/2 of 1% of such shares or securities, or both, all taken at market value.

If a percentage or rating restriction on investment or use of assets set forth herein or in a Prospectus is adhered to at the time a transaction is effected, later changes in percentage resulting from any cause other than actions by a Fund or Portfolio will not be considered a violation. If the value of a Fund's or Portfolio'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 of Trustees will consider what actions, if any, are appropriate to maintain adequate liquidity.

#### Portfolio Transactions and Brokerage Allocation

Specific decisions to purchase or sell securities for a Fund or Portfolio are made by a portfolio manager who is an employee of the adviser or sub-adviser to such Fund or Portfolio and who is appointed and supervised by senior officers of such adviser or sub-adviser. Changes in a Fund's or Portfolio's investments are reviewed by the Board of Trustees of the Trust or Portfolios. The portfolio managers may serve other clients of the advisers in a similar capacity.

The frequency of a Fund's or Portfolio's portfolio transactions—the portfolio turnover rate—will vary from year to year depending upon market conditions. Because a high turnover rate may increase a Fund's or Portfolio's transaction costs and the possibility of taxable short—term gains, the advisers will weigh the added costs of short—term investment against anticipated gains. Each Fund or Portfolio will engage in portfolio trading if its advisers believe a transaction, net of costs (including custodian charges), will help it achieve its investment objective.

The portfolio turnover rate for the International Equity Portfolio for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1994, was 84%. For the fiscal year ended October 31, 1995, the portfolio turnover rate was 137%. For the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, the portfolio turnover rate was . The International Equity Fund invests all of its investable assets in the Portfolio and does not invest directly in a portfolio of assets, and therefore does not have reportable turnover rates.

For the fiscal period ending October 31, 1996 the annual portfolio turnover rates for the Southeast Asian Fund, Japan Fund and European Fund was ( ), ( ) and ( ).

Under the advisory agreement and the sub-advisory agreements, the adviser and sub-advisers shall use their best efforts to seek to execute portfolio transactions at prices which, under the circumstances, result in total costs or proceeds being the most favorable to the Funds and Portfolios. In assessing the best overall terms available for any transaction, the adviser and sub-advisers consider all factors they deem relevant, including the breadth of the market in the security, the price of the security, the financial condition and execution capability of the broker or dealer, research services provided to the adviser or sub-advisers, and the reasonableness of the commissions, if any, both for the specific transaction and on a continuing basis. The adviser and sub-advisers are not required to obtain the lowest commission or the best net price for any Fund or Portfolio on any particular transaction, and are not required to execute any order in a fashion either preferential to any Fund or Portfolio relative to other accounts they manage or otherwise materially adverse to such other accounts.

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Debt securities are traded principally in the over-the-counter market through dealers acting on their own account and not as brokers. In the case of securities traded in the over-the-counter market (where no stated commissions are paid but the prices include a dealer's markup or markdown), the adviser or sub-adviser to a Fund or Portfolio normally seeks to deal directly with the primary market makers unless, in its opinion, best execution is available elsewhere. In the case of securities purchased from underwriters, the cost of such securities generally includes a fixed underwriting commission or concession. From time to time, soliciting dealer fees are available to the adviser or sub-adviser on the tender of a Fund's or Portfolio's portfolio securities in so-called tender or exchange offers. Such soliciting dealer fees are in effect recaptured for the Funds and Portfolio by the adviser and sub-advisers. At present, no other recapture arrangements are in effect.

Under the advisory and sub-advisory agreements and as permitted by Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the adviser or sub-advisers may cause the Funds and Portfolio to pay a broker-dealer which provides brokerage and research services to the adviser or sub-advisers, the Funds or Portfolio and/or other accounts for which they exercise investment discretion an amount of commission for effecting a securities transaction for a Fund or Portfolio in excess of the amount other broker-dealers would have charged for the transaction if they determine in good faith that the greater commission is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services provided by the executing broker-dealer viewed in terms of either a particular transaction or

their overall responsibilities to accounts over which they exercise investment discretion. Not all of such services are useful or of value in advising the Funds and Portfolio. The adviser and sub-advisers report to the Board of Trustees regarding overall commissions paid by the Funds and Portfolio and their reasonableness in relation to the benefits to the Funds and Portfolio. The term "brokerage and research services" includes advice as to the value of securities, the advisability of investing in, purchasing or selling securities, and the availability of securities or of purchasers or sellers of securities, furnishing analyses and reports concerning issues, industries, securities, economic factors and trends, portfolio strategy and the performance of accounts, and effecting securities transactions and performing functions incidental thereto such as clearance and settlement.

The management fees that the Funds and Portfolio pay to the adviser will not be reduced as a consequence of the adviser's or sub-advisers' receipt of brokerage and research services. To the extent the Funds' or Portfolio's portfolio transactions are used to obtain such services, the brokerage commissions paid by the Funds or Portfolio will exceed those that might otherwise be paid by an amount which cannot be presently determined. Such services generally would be useful and of value to the adviser or sub-advisers in serving one or more of their other clients and, conversely, such services obtained by the placement of brokerage business of other clients generally would be useful to the adviser and sub-advisers in carrying out their obligations to the Funds and Portfolio. While such services are not expected to reduce the expenses of the adviser or sub-advisers, they would, through use of the services, avoid the additional expenses which would be incurred if they should attempt to develop comparable information through their own staffs.

In certain instances, there may be securities that are suitable for one or more of the Funds and Portfolio as well as one or more of the adviser's or sub-adviser's, other clients. Investment decisions for the Funds and Portfolio and for other clients are made with a view to achieving their respective investment objectives. It may develop that the same investment decision is made for more than one client or that a particular security is bought or sold for only one client even though it might be held by, or bought or sold for, other clients. Likewise, a particular security may be bought for one or more clients when one or more clients are selling that same security. Some simultaneous transactions are inevitable when several clients receive investment advice from the same investment adviser, particularly when the same security is suitable for the investment objectives of more than one client. When two or more Funds or Portfolio or other clients are simultaneously engaged in the purchase or sale of the same security, the securities are allocated among clients in a manner believed to be equitable to each. It is recognized that in some cases this system could have a detrimental effect on the price or volume of the security as far as the Funds or Portfolio are concerned. However, it is

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believed that the ability of the Funds and Portfolio to participate in volume transactions will generally produce better executions for the Funds and Portfolio.

The International Equity Portfolio and the Funds paid brokerage commissions as  $detailed\ below:$ 

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	Year Ended 10/31/94	Year Ended 10/31/95	Year Er 10/31/	
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International				
Equity Portfolio	\$285,576.81	\$383,649	(	)
Vista European Fund			(	)
Vista Japan Fund			(	)
Vista Southeast Asian Fund			(	)

No portfolio transactions are executed with the advisers or a Shareholder Servicing Agent, or with any affiliate of the advisers or a Shareholder Servicing Agent, acting either as principal or as broker.

From time to time, a Fund may use hypothetical investment examples and performance information in advertisements, shareholder reports or other communications to shareholders. Because such performance information is based on past investment results, it should not be considered as an indication or representation of the performance of any classes of a Fund in the future. From time to time, the performance and yield of classes of a Fund may be quoted and compared to those of other mutual funds with similar investment objectives, unmanaged investment accounts, including savings accounts, or other similar products and to stock or other relevant indices or to rankings prepared by independent services or other financial or industry publications that monitor the performance of mutual funds. For example, the performance of a Fund or its classes may be compared to data prepared by Lipper Analytical Services, Inc. or Morningstar Mutual Funds on Disc, widely recognized independent services which monitor the performance of mutual funds. Performance and yield data as reported in national financial publications including, but not limited to, Money Magazine, Forbes, Barron's, The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times, or in local or regional publications, may also be used in comparing the performance and yield of a Fund or its classes. A Fund's performance may be compared with indices such as the Lehman Brothers Government/Corporate Bond Index, the Lehman Brothers Government Bond Index, the Lehman Government Bond 1-3 Year Index and the Lehman Aggregate Bond Index; the S&P 500 Index, the Dow Jones Industrial Average or any other commonly quoted index of common stock prices; and the Russell 2000 Index and the NASDAQ Composite Index. Additionally, a Fund may, with proper authorization, reprint articles written about such Fund and provide them to prospective shareholders.

A Fund may provide period and average annual "total rates of return." The "total rate of return" refers to the change in the value of an investment in a Fund over a period (which period shall be stated in any advertisement or communication with a shareholder) based on any change in net asset value per share including the value of any shares purchased through the reinvestment of any dividends or capital gains distributions declared during such period. For Class A shares, the average annual total rate of return figures will assume payment of the maximum initial sales load at the time of purchase. For Class B shares, the average annual total rate of return figures will assume deduction of the applicable contingent deferred sales charge imposed on a total redemption of shares held for the period. One-, five-, and ten-year periods will be shown, unless the class has been in existence for a shorter-period.

Unlike some bank deposits or other investments which pay a fixed yield for a stated period of time, the yields and the net asset values of the classes of shares of a Fund will vary based on market conditions, the current market value of the securities held by a Fund and changes in the Fund's expenses. The advisers, Shareholder Servicing Agents, the Administrator, the Distributor and other service providers may voluntarily

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waive a portion of their fees on a month-to-month basis. In addition, the Distributor may assume a portion of a Fund's operating expenses on a month-to-month basis. These actions would have the effect of increasing the net income (and therefore the yield and total rate of return) of the classes of shares of a Fund during the period such waivers are in effect. These factors and possible differences in the methods used to calculate the yields and total rates of return should be considered when comparing the yields or total rates of return of the classes of shares of a Fund to yields and total rates of return published for other investment companies and other investment vehicles (including different classes of shares). The Trust is advised that certain Shareholder Servicing Agents may credit to the accounts of their customers from whom they are already receiving other fees amounts not exceeding the Shareholder Servicing Agent fees received, which will have the effect of increasing the net return on the investment of customers of those Shareholder Servicing Agents. Such customers may be able to obtain through their Shareholder Servicing Agents quotations reflecting such increased return.

Each Fund presents performance information for each class thereof since the commencement of operations of that Fund rather than the date such class was introduced. Performance information for each class introduced after the commencement of operations of the related Fund is therefore based on the performance history of a predecessor class. Performance information is restated to reflect the current maximum front-end sales charge (in the case of Class A Shares) or the maximum contingent deferred sales charge (in the case of Class B Shares) when presented inclusive of sales charges. Additional performance information may be presented which does not reflect the deduction of sales charges. Historical expenses reflected in performance information are based upon the distribution, shareholder servicing fees and other expenses actually incurred during the periods presented and have not been restated, for periods during which the performance information for a particular class is based upon the performance history of a predecessor class, to reflect the ongoing expenses currently borne by the particular class.

Advertising or communications to shareholders may contain the views of the advisers as to current market, economic, trade and interest rate trends, as well as legislative, regulatory and monetary developments, and may include investment strategies and related matters believed to be of relevance to a Fund.

Advertisements for the Vista funds may include references to the asset size of other financial products made available by Chase, such as the offshore assets of other funds.

## Total Rate of Return

A Fund's or class' total rate of return for any period will be calculated by (a) dividing (i) the sum of the net asset value per share on the last day of the period and the net asset value per share on the last day of the period of shares purchasable with dividends and capital gains declared during such period with respect to a share held at the beginning of such period and with respect to shares purchased with such dividends and capital gains distributions, by (ii) the public offering price per share on the first day of such period, and (b)  $\,$ subtracting 1 from the result. Any annualized total rate of return quotation will be calculated by (x) adding 1 to the period total rate of return quotation as calculated above, (y) raising such sum to a power which is equal to 365 divided by the number of days in such period, and (z) subtracting 1 from the

## Average Annual Total Returns\* (excluding sales charges)

The average annual total rates of return for the following Funds, reflecting the initial investment and assuming the reinvestment of all distributions (but excluding the effects of any applicable sales charges), for the one year period ended October 31, 1996 and for the period from commencement of business operations of each such Fund to October 31, 1996, were as follows:

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Date of One Since Fund Class Year Inception Inception Introduction <C> <C> <C> <C>

Vista European Fund Class A Shares Class B Shares

Vista Japan Fund Class A Shares Class B Shares

Vista Southeast Asian Fund Class A Shares Class B Shares

Vista International Equity Fund A Shares B Shares\*\* </TABLE>

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The performance quoted reflects fee waivers that subsidize and reduce the total operating expenses of certain Funds (or classes thereof). Returns on

<sup>\*</sup>The ongoing fees and expenses borne by Class B Shares are greater than those borne by Class A Shares. As indicated above, the performance information for each class introduced after the commencement of operations of the related Fund is based on the performance history of a predecessor class and historical expenses have not been restated, for periods during which the performance information for a particular class is based upon the performance history of a predecessor class, to reflect the ongoing expenses currently borne by the particular class. Accordingly, the performance information presented in the table above and in each table that follows may be used in assessing each Fund's performance history but does not reflect how the distinct classes would have performed on a relative basis prior to the introduction of those classes, which would require an adjustment to the ongoing expenses.

these Funds (or classes) would have been lower if there were not such waivers. With respect to certain Funds, Chase and/or other service providers are obligated to waive certain fees and/or reimburse certain expenses for a stated period of time. In other instances, there is no obligation to waive fees or to reimburse expenses. Each Fund's Prospectus discloses the extent of any agreements to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses.

\*\*Performance information presented in the table above and in each table that follows for this class of this Fund prior to the date the class was introduced does not reflect distribution fees and certain other expenses borne by this class which, if reflected, would reduce the performance auoted.

> Average Annual Total Returns\* (including sales charges)

With the current maximum respective sales charges of 4.75% for Class A shares, and the currently applicable CDSC for Class B shares for each period length, reflected, the total rates of return would be as follows:

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Vista European Fund Class A Shares Class B Shares

Vista Japan Fund Class A Shares Class B Shares

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Vista Southeast Asian Fund Class A Shares Class B Shares

Vista International Equity Fund A Shares B Shares </TABLE>

The Funds may also from time to time include in advertisements or other communications a total return figure that is not calculated according to the formula set forth above in order to compare more accurately the performance of a Fund with other measures of investment return.

## Yield Quotations

Any current "yield" quotation for a class of shares shall consist of an annualized historical yield, carried at least to the nearest hundredth of one percent, based on a thirty calendar day period and shall be calculated by (a) raising to the sixth power the sum of 1 plus the quotient obtained by dividing the Fund's net investment income earned during the period by the product of the average daily number of shares outstanding during the period that were entitled to receive dividends and the maximum offering price per share on the last day of the period, (b) subtracting 1 from the result, and (c) multiplying the result by

The yields of the Class A shares of the International Equity Fund, Vista European Fund, Vista Japan Fund, and the Vista Southeast Asian Fund for the

 $<sup>{}^{\</sup>star}\text{See}$  the notes to the preceding table.

thirty-day period ended October 31, 1996 were (), (), () and (), respectively. The yields of the Class B shares of those Funds were (), (), and (), respectively.

Non-Standardized Performance Results\* (including sales charges)

The table below reflects the net change in the value of an assumed initial investment of \$10,000 in the following Funds (excluding the effects of any applicable sales charges) for the period from the commencement date of business for each Fund, with values reflecting an assumption that capital gain distributions and income dividends, if any, have been invested in additional shares of the same class. From time to time, the Funds may provide these performance results in addition to the total rate of return quotations required by the Securities and Exchange Commission. As discussed more fully in the Prospectuses, neither these performance results, nor total rate of return quotations, should be considered as representative of the performance of the Funds in the future. These factors and the possible differences in the methods used to calculate performance results and total rates of return should be considered when comparing such performance results and total rate of return quotations of the Funds with those published for other investment companies and other investment vehicles.

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	Value of Initial \$10,000 Investment	Value of Capital Gains Distributions	Value Reinvested Dividends	Total Value
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International Equity Fund

- A Shares
- B Shares

European Fund

- A Shares
- B Shares

Japan Fund

- A Shares
- B Shares

Southeast Asian Fund

- A Shares
- B Shares
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\*See the notes to the table captioned "Average Annual Total Return (excluding sales charges)" above. The table above assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 in a particular class of a Fund for the period from the Fund's commencement of operations, although the particular class may have been introduced at a subsequent date. As indicated above, performance information for each class introduced after the commencement of operations of the related Fund is based on the performance history of a predecessor class, and historical expenses have not been restated, for periods during which the performance information for a particular class is based upon the peformance history of a predecessor class, to reflect the ongoing expenses currently borne by the particular class.

Non-Standardized Performance Results\*
(including sales charges)

With the current maximum sales charge of 4.75% for Class A Shares and the currently applicable CDSC for Class B Shares for each period length, the performance periods for the same periods would be as follows:

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International Equity Fund

A Shares

B Shares

European Fund

A Shares

B Shares

Japan Fund

A Shares

B Shares

Southeast Asian Fund

A Shares B Shares

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\*See the notes to the table captioned "Average Annual Total Return (excluding sales charges)" above. The table above assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 in a particular class of a Fund for the period from the Fund's commencement of operations, although the particular class may have been introduced at a subsequent date. As indicated above, performance information for each class introduced after the commencement of operations of the related Fund is based on the performance history of a predecessor class, and historical expenses have not been restated, for periods during which the performance information for a particular class is based upon the peformance history of a predecessor class, to reflect the ongoing expenses currently borne by the particular class.

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#### DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

As of the date of this Statement of Additional Information, the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading every weekday except for the following holidays: New Year's Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Since the Funds and the Portfolio invest in securities primarily listed on foreign exchanges which trade on Saturdays or other customary United States national business holidays on which the Funds and the Portfolio do not price, the Funds' and the Portfolio's portfolios will trade and the net asset value of the Funds' shares may be significantly affected on days on which the investor has no access to the Fund.

Equity securities are valued at the last sale price on the exchange on which they are primarily traded or on the NASDAQ National Market System, or at the last quoted bid price for securities in which there were no sales during the day or for other unlisted (over-the-counter) securities. Bonds and other fixed income securities (other than short-term obligations, but including listed issues) are valued on the basis of valuations furnished by a pricing service, the use of which has been approved by the Board of Trustees. In making such valuations, the pricing service utilizes both dealer-supplied valuations and electronic data processing techniques that take into account appropriate factors such as institutional-size trading in similar groups of securities, yield, quality, coupon rate, maturity, type of issue, trading characteristics and other market data, without exclusive reliance upon quoted prices or exchange or over-the-counter prices, since such valuations are believed to reflect more accurately the fair value of such securities. Short-term obligations which mature in 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, which constitutes fair value as determined by the Board of Trustees. Futures and option contracts that are traded on commodities or securities exchanges are normally valued at the settlement price on the exchange on which they are traded. Portfolio securities (other than short- term obligations) for which there are no such quotations or valuations are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or at the direction of the Board of Trustees.

Interest income on long-term obligations is determined on the basis of interest accrued plus amortization of discount (generally, the difference between coupon acquisition price and stated redemption price at maturity) and premiums (generally, the excess of purchase price over stated redemption price at maturity). Interest income on short-term obligations is determined on the basis of interest and discount accrued less amortization of premium.

## PURCHASES, REDEMPTIONS AND EXCHANGES

The Fund has established certain procedures and restrictions, subject to change from time to time, for purchase, redemption, and exchange orders, including procedures for accepting telephone instructions and effecting automatic investments and redemptions. The Funds' Transfer Agent may defer acting on a shareholder's instructions until it has received them in proper

form. In addition, the privileges described in the Prospectuses are not available until a completed and signed account application has been received by the Transfer Agent. Telephone transaction privileges are made available to shareholders automatically upon opening an account unless the privilege is declined in Section 6 of the Account Application.

Upon receipt of any instructions or inquiries by telephone from a shareholder or, if held in a joint account, from either party, or from any person claiming to be the shareholder, a Fund or its agent is authorized, without notifying the shareholder or joint account parties, to carry out the instructions or to respond to the inquiries, consistent with the service options chosen by the shareholder or joint shareholders in his or their latest account application or other written request for services, including purchasing, exchanging, or redeeming shares of such Fund and depositing and withdrawing monies from the bank account specified in the Bank Account Registration section of the shareholder's latest account application or as otherwise properly specified to such Fund in writing.

Subject to compliance with applicable regulations, each Fund has reserved the right to pay the redemption price of its Shares, either totally or partially, by a distribution in kind of readily marketable portfolio securities (instead of cash). The securities so distributed would be valued at the same amount as that

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assigned to them in calculating the net asset value for the shares being sold. If a shareholder received a distribution in kind, the shareholder could incur brokerage or other charges in converting the securities to cash. The Trust has filed an election under Rule 18f-1 committing to pay in cash all redemptions by a shareholder of record up to amounts specified by the rule (approximately \$250,000).

With respect to the Vista International Equity Fund, the Trust will redeem Fund shares in kind only if it has received a redemption in kind from the corresponding Portfolio and therefore shareholders of the Fund that receive redemptions in kind will receive portfolio securities of such Portfolio and in no case will they receive a security issued by the Portfolio. The Portfolio has advised the Trust that the Portfolio will not redeem in kind except in circumstances in which the corresponding Fund is permitted to redeem in kind or unless requested by the corresponding Fund.

Each investor in a Portfolio, including the corresponding Fund, may add to or reduce its investment in the Portfolio on each day that the New York Stock Exchange is open for business. Once on each such day, based upon prices determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, however, options are priced at 4:15 p.m. Eastern time) the value of each investor's interest in a Portfolio will be determined by multiplying the net asset value of the Portfolio by the percentage representing that investor's share of the aggregate beneficial interests in the Portfolio. Any additions or reductions which are to be effected on that day will then be effected. The investor's percentage of the aggregate beneficial interests in a Portfolio will then be recomputed as the percentage equal to the fraction (i) the numerator of which is the value of such investor's investment in the Portfolio as of such time on such day plus or minus, as the case may be, the amount of net additions to or reductions in the investor's investment in the Portfolio effected on such day and (ii) the denominator of which is the aggregate net asset value of the Portfolio as of such time on such day plus or minus, as the case may be, the amount of net additions to or reductions in the aggregate investments in the Portfolio by all investors in the Portfolio. The percentage so determined will then be applied to determine the value of the investor's interest in the Portfolio as of such time on the following day the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading.

Investors in Class A shares may qualify for reduced initial sales charges by signing a statement of intention (the "Statement"). This enables the investor to aggregate purchases of Class A shares in the Fund with purchases of Class A shares of any other Fund in the Trust (or if a Fund has only one class, shares of such Fund), excluding shares of any Vista money market fund, during a 13-month period. The sales charge is based on the total amount to be invested in Class A shares during the 13-month period. All Class A or other qualifying shares of these Funds currently owned by the investor will be credited as purchases (at their current offering prices on the date the Statement is signed) toward completion of the Statement. A 90-day back-dating period can be used to include earlier purchases at the investor's cost. The 13-month period would then begin on the date of the first purchase during the 90-day period. No retroactive adjustment will be made if purchases exceed the amount indicated in the Statement. A shareholder must notify the Transfer Agent or Distributor whenever a purchase is being made pursuant to a Statement.

The Statement is not a binding obligation on the investor to purchase the full amount indicated; however, on the initial purchase, if required (or

subsequent purchases if necessary), 5% of the dollar amount specified in the Statement will be held in escrow by the Transfer Agent in Class A shares (or if a Fund has only one class and is subject to an initial sales charge, shares of such Fund) registered in the shareholder's name in order to assure payment of the proper sales charge. If total purchases pursuant to the Statement (less any dispositions and exclusive of any distributions on such shares automatically reinvested) are less than the amount specified, the investor will be requested to remit to the Transfer Agent an amount equal to the difference between the sales charge paid and the sales charge applicable to the aggregate purchases actually made. If not remitted within 20 days after written request, an appropriate number of escrowed shares will be redeemed in order to realize the difference. This privilege is subject to modification or discontinuance at any time with respect to all shares purchased thereunder. Reinvested dividend and capital gain distributions are not counted toward satisfying the Statement.

Class A shares of a Fund may also be purchased by any person at a reduced initial sales charge which is determined by (a) aggregating the dollar amount of the new purchase and the greater of the purchaser's

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total (i) net asset value or (ii) cost of any shares acquired and still held in the Fund, or any other Vista fund excluding any Vista money market fund, and (b) applying the initial sales charge applicable to such aggregate dollar value (the "Cumulative Quantity Discount"). The privilege of the Cumulative Quality Discount is subject to modification or discontinuance at any time with respect to all Class A shares (or if a Fund has only one class and is subject to an initial sales charge, shares of such Fund) purchased thereafter.

An individual who is a member of a qualified group (as hereinafter defined) may also purchase Class A shares of a Fund (or if a Fund has only one class and is subject to an initial sales charge, shares of such Fund) at the reduced sales charge applicable to the group taken as a whole. The reduced initial sales charge is based upon the aggregate dollar value of Class A shares (or if a Fund has only one class and is subject to an initial sales charge, shares of such Fund) previously purchased and still owned by the group plus the securities currently being purchased and is determined as stated in the preceding paragraph. In order to obtain such discount, the purchaser or investment dealer must provide the Transfer Agent with sufficient information, including the purchaser's total cost, at the time of purchase to permit verification that the purchaser qualifies for a cumulative quantity discount, and confirmation of the order is subject to such verification. Information concerning the current initial sales charge applicable to a group may be obtained by contacting the Transfer Agent.

A "qualified group" is one which (i) has been in existence for more than six months, (ii) has a purpose other than acquiring Class A shares (or if a Fund has only one class and is subject to an initial sales charge, shares of such Fund) at a discount and (iii) satisfies uniform criteria which enables the Distributor to realize economies of scale in its costs of distributing Class A shares (or if a Fund has only one class and is subject to an initial sales charge, shares of such Fund). A qualified group must have more than 10 members, must be available to arrange for group meetings between representatives of the Fund and the members, must agree to include sales and other materials related to the Fund in its publications and mailings to members at reduced or no cost to the Distributor, and must seek to arrange for payroll deduction or other bulk transmission of investments in the Fund. This privilege is subject to modification or discontinuance at any time with respect to all Class A shares (or if a Fund has only one class and is subject to an initial sales charge, shares of such Fund) purchased thereafter.

Under the Exchange Privilege, shares may be exchanged for shares of another fund only if shares of the fund exchanged into are registered in the state where the exchange is to be made. Shares of a Fund may only be exchanged into another fund if the account registrations are identical. With respect to exchanges from any Vista money market fund, shareholders must have acquired their shares in such money market fund by exchange from one of the Vista non-money market funds or the exchange will be done at relative net asset value plus the appropriate sales charge. Any such exchange may create a gain or loss to be recognized for federal income tax purposes. Normally, shares of the fund to be acquired are purchased on the redemption date, but such purchase may be delayed by either fund for up to five business days if a fund determines that it would be disadvantaged by an immediate transfer of the proceeds.

The contingent deferred sales charge for Class B shares will be waived for certain exchanges and for redemptions in connection with a Fund's systematic withdrawal plan, subject to the conditions described in the Prospectuses. In addition, subject to confirmation of a shareholder's status, the contingent deferred sales charge will be waived for: (i) a total or partial redemption made within one year of the shareholder's death or initial qualification for Social Security disability payments; (ii) a redemption in connection with a Minimum Required Distribution form an IRA, Keogh or custodial account under section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code or a mandatory distribution from a qualified plan; (iii) redemptions made from an IRA, Keogh or custodial account under section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code through an established Systematic Redemption Plan; (iv) a redemption resulting from an over-contribution to an IRA; (v) distributions from a qualified plan upon retirement; and (vi) an involuntary redemption of an account balance under \$500.

Class B shares automatically convert to Class A shares (and thus are then subject to the lower expenses borne by Class A shares) after a period of time specified below has elapsed since the date of pur-

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chase (the "CDSC Period"), together with the pro rata portion of all Class B shares representing dividends and other distributions paid in additional Class B shares attributable to the Class B shares then converting. The conversion of Class B shares purchased on or after May 1, 1996, will be effected at the relative net asset values per share of the two classes on the first business day of the month following the eighth anniversary of the original purchase. The conversion of Class B shares purchased prior to May 1, 1996, will be effected at the relative net asset values per share of the two classes on the first business day of the month following the seventh anniversary of the original purchase. If any exchanges of Class B shares during the CDSC Period occurred, the holding period for the shares exchanged will be counted toward the CDSC Period. At the time of the conversion the net asset value per share of the Class A shares may be higher or lower than the net asset value per share of the Class B shares; as a result, depending on the relative net asset values per share, a shareholder may receive fewer or more Class A shares than the number of Class B shares converted.

A Fund may require signature guarantees for changes that shareholders request be made in Fund records with respect to their accounts, including but not limited to, changes in bank accounts, for any written requests for additional account services made after a shareholder has submitted an initial account application to the Fund, and in certain of the circumstances described in the Prospectuses. A Fund may also refuse to accept or carry out any transaction that does not satisfy any restrictions then in effect. A signature guarantee may be obtained from a bank, trust company, broker-dealer or other member of a national securities exchange. Please note that a notary public cannot provide a signature guarantee.

## TAX MATTERS

The following is only a summary of certain additional tax considerations generally affecting the Funds and their shareholders that are not described in the respective Prospectus. No attempt is made to present a detailed explanation of the tax treatment of each Fund or its shareholders, and the discussion here and in the Prospectus is not intended as a substitute for careful tax planning.

Qualification as a Regulated Investment Company

Each Fund has elected to be taxed as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). As a regulated investment company, a Fund is not subject to federal income tax on the portion of its net investment income (i.e., its investment company taxable income, as that term is defined in the Code, without a deduction for dividends paid) and net capital gain (i.e., the excess of net long-term capital gains over net short-term capital losses) that it distributes to shareholders, provided that it distributes at least 90% of its net investment income for the taxable year (the "Distribution Requirement"), and satisfies certain other requirements of the Code that are described below. Distributions by a Fund made during the taxable year or, under specified circumstances, within twelve months after the close of the taxable year, will be considered distributions of income and gains of the taxable year and can therefore satisfy the Distribution Requirement. Because a Fund invests all of its assets in the Portfolio which will be classified as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, the Fund will be deemed to own a proportionate share of the income of the Portfolio for purposes of determining whether the Fund satisfies the Distribution Requirement and the other requirements necessary to qualify as a regulated investment company (e.g., Income Requirement (hereinafter defined), etc.).

In addition to satisfying the Distribution Requirement, a regulated

investment company must (1) derive at least 90% of its gross income from dividends, interest, certain payments with respect to securities loans, gains from the sale or other disposition of stock or securities or foreign currencies (to the extent such currency gains are directly related to the regulated investment company's principal business of investing in stock or securities) and other income (including but not limited to gains from options, futures or forward contracts) derived with respect to its business of investing in such stock, securities or currencies (the "Income Requirement"); and (2) derive less than 30% of its gross income (exclusive of certain gains on designated hedging transactions that are offset by realized or unrealized losses on offsetting positions) from the sale or other disposition of stock, securities or foreign currencies (or options, futures or forward contracts thereon) held

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for less than three months (the "Short-Short Gain Test"). However, foreign currency gains, including those derived from options, futures and forwards, will not in any event be characterized as Short-Short Gain if they are directly related to the regulated investment company's investments in stock or securities (or options or futures thereon). Because of the Short-Short Gain Test, a Fund may have to limit the sale of appreciated securities that it has held for less than three months. However, the Short-Short Gain Test will not prevent a Fund from disposing of investments at a loss, since the recognition of a loss before the expiration of the three-month holding period is disregarded for this purpose. Interest (including original issue discount) received by a Fund at maturity or upon the disposition of a security held for less than three months will not be treated as gross income derived from the sale or other disposition of such security within the meaning of the Short-Short Gains Test. However, income that is attributable to realized market appreciation will be treated as gross income from the sale or other disposition of securities for this purpose.

In general, gain or loss recognized by a Fund on the disposition of an asset will be a capital gain or loss. However, gain recognized on the disposition of a debt obligation purchased by a Fund at a market discount (generally, at a price less than its principal amount) will be treated as ordinary income to the extent of the portion of the market discount which accrued during the period of time the Fund held the debt obligation. In addition, under the rules of Code Section 988, gain or loss recognized on the disposition of a debt obligation denominated in a foreign currency or an option with respect thereto (but only to the extent attributable to changes in foreign currency exchange rates), and gain or loss recognized on the disposition of a foreign currency forward contract, futures contract, option or similar financial instrument, or of foreign currency itself, except for regulated futures contracts or non-equity options subject to Code Section 1256, will generally be treated as ordinary income or loss.

Further, the Code also treats as ordinary income, a portion of the capital gain attributable to a transaction where substantially all of the return realized is attributable to the time value of a Fund's net investment in the transaction and: (1) the transaction consists of the acquisition of property by a Fund and a contemporaneous contract to sell substantially identical property in the future; (2) the transaction is a straddle within the meaning of Section 1092 of the Code; (3) the transaction is one that was marketed or sold to the Fund on the basis that it would have the economic characteristics of a loan but the interest-like return would be taxed as capital gain; or (4) the transaction is described as a conversion transaction in the Treasury Regulations. The amount of the gain recharacterized generally will not exceed the amount of the interest that would have accrued on the net investment for the relevant period at a yield equal to 120% of the federal long-term, mid-term, or short-term rate, depending upon the type of instrument at issue, reduced by an amount equal to: (1) prior inclusions of ordinary income items from the conversion transaction; and (2) the capitalized interest on acquisition indebtedness under Code Section 263 (g). Built-in losses will be preserved where a Fund has a built-in loss with respect to property that becomes a part of a conversion transaction. No authority exists that indicates that the converted character of the income will not be passed to a Fund's shareholders.

In general, for purposes of determining whether capital gain or loss recognized by a Fund on the disposition of an asset is long-term or short-term, the holding period of the asset may be affected if (1) the asset is used to close a "short sale" (which includes for certain purposes the acquisition of a put option) or is substantially identical to another asset so used, (2) the asset is otherwise held by a Fund as part of a "straddle" (which term generally excludes a situation where the asset is stock and the Fund grants a qualified covered call option (which, among other things, must not be deep-in-the-money) with respect thereto) or (3) the asset is stock and the Fund grants an in-the-money qualified covered call option with respect thereto. However, for purposes of the Short- Short Gain Test, the holding period of the asset disposed of may be reduced only in the case of clause (1) above. In addition, a Fund may be required to defer the recognition of a loss on the disposition of an asset held as part of a straddle to the extent of any unrecognized gain on the offsetting position.

Any gain recognized by a Fund on the lapse of, or any gain or loss recognized by the Fund from a closing transaction with respect to, an option written by the

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commence on the date it is written and end on the date it lapses or the date a closing transaction is entered into. Accordingly, a Fund may be limited in its ability to write options which expire within three months and to enter into closing transactions at a gain within three months of the writing of options.

Transactions that may be engaged in by a Fund (such as regulated futures contracts, certain foreign currency contracts, and options on stock indexes and futures contracts) will be subject to special tax treatment as "Section 1256 contracts." Section 1256 contracts are treated as if they are sold for their fair market value on the last business day of the taxable year, even though a taxpayer's obligations (or rights) under such contracts have not terminated (by delivery, exercise, entering into a closing transaction or otherwise) as of to such date. Any gain or loss recognized as a consequence of the year-end deemed disposition of Section 1256 contracts is taken into account for the taxable year together with any other gain or loss that was previously recognized upon the termination of Section 1256 contracts during that taxable year. Any capital gain or loss for the entire taxable year with respect to Section 1256 contracts (including any capital gain or loss arising as a consequence of the year-end deemed sale of such contracts) is generally treated as 60% long-term capital gain or loss and 40% short-term capital gain or loss. A Fund, however, may elect not to have this special tax treatment apply to Section 1256 contracts that are part of a "mixed straddle" with other investments of the Fund that are not Section 1256 contracts. The Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") has held in several private rulings that gains arising from Section 1256 contracts will be treated for purposes of the Short-Short Gain Test as being derived from  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$ securities held for not less than three months if the gains arise as a result of a constructive sale under Code Section 1256.

A Fund may enter into notional principal contracts, including interest rate swaps, caps, floors and collars. Under Treasury Regulations, in general, the net income or deduction from a notional principal contract for a taxable year is included in or deducted from gross income for that taxable year. The net income or deduction from a notional principal contract for a taxable year equals the total of all of the periodic payments (generally, payments that are payable or receivable at fixed periodic intervals of one year or less during the entire term of the contract) that are recognized from that contract for the taxable year and all of the non-periodic payments (including premiums for caps, floors and collars) that are recognized from that contract for the taxable year. No portion of a payment by a party to a notional principal contract is recognized prior to the first year to which any portion of a payment by the counterparty relates. A periodic payment is recognized ratably over the period to which it relates. In general, a non-periodic payment must be recognized over the term of the notional principal contract in a manner that reflects the economic substance of the contract. A non-periodic payment that relates to an interest rate swap, cap, floor or collar shall be recognized over the term of the contract by allocating it in accordance with the values of a series of cash-settled forward or option contracts that reflect the specified index and notional principal amount upon which the notional principal contract is based under an alternative method contained in the proposed regulations.

A Fund may purchase securities of certain foreign investment funds or trusts which constitute passive foreign investment companies ("PFICs") for federal income tax purposes. If a Fund invests in a PFIC, it may elect to treat the PFIC as a qualifying electing fund (a "QEF") in which event the Fund will each year have ordinary income equal to its pro rata share of the PFIC's ordinary earnings for the year and long-term capital gain equal to its pro rata share of the PFIC's net capital gain for the year, regardless of whether the Fund receives distributions of any such ordinary earnings or net capital gain from the PFIC. If a Fund does not (because it is unable to, chooses not to or otherwise) elect to treat the PFIC as a QEF, then in general (1) any gain recognized by the Fund upon sale or other disposition of its interest in the PFIC or any excess distribution received by the Fund from the PFIC will be allocated ratably over the Fund's holding period of its interest in the PFIC, (2) the portion of such gain or excess distribution so allocated to the year in which the gain is recognized or the excess distribution is received shall be included in the Fund's gross income for such year as ordinary income (and the distribution of such portion by the Fund to shareholders will be taxable as an ordinary income dividend, but such portion will not be subject to tax at the Fund level), (3) a Fund shall be liable for tax on the portions of such gain or excess distribution so allocated to prior years in an amount

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equal to, for each such prior year, (i) the amount of gain or excess distribution allocated to such prior year multiplied by the highest tax rate (individual or corporate) in effect for such prior year plus (ii) interest on the amount determined under clause (i) for the period from the due date for filing a return for such prior year until the date for filing a return for the

year in which the gain is recognized or the excess distribution is received at the rates and methods applicable to underpayments of tax for such period, and (4) the distribution by a Fund to shareholders of the portions of such gain or excess distribution so allocated to prior years (net of the tax payable by the Fund thereon) will again be taxable to the shareholders as an ordinary income dividend.

Under proposed Treasury Regulations issued in 1992 (but not yet effective), a Fund could elect to recognize as gain the excess as of the last day of its taxable year, of the fair market value of each share of PFIC stock over the Fund's adjusted tax basis in that share ("mark-to-market gain"). Such mark-to-market gain will be included by the Fund as ordinary income, such gain will not be subject to the Short-Short Gain Test, and the Fund's holding period with respect to such PFIC stock commences on the first day of the next taxable year. If the Fund makes such election in the first taxable year it holds PFIC stock, the Fund will include ordinary income from any mark-to-market gain, if any, and will not incur the tax described in the previous paragraph.

Treasury Regulations permit a regulated investment company, in determining its investment company taxable income and net capital gain (i.e., the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss) for any taxable year, to elect (unless it has made a taxable year election for excise tax purposes as discussed below) to treat all or any part of any net capital loss, any net long-term capital loss or any net foreign currency loss incurred after October 31 as if it had been incurred in the succeeding year.

In addition to satisfying the requirements described above, each Fund must satisfy an asset diversification test in order to qualify as a regulated investment company. Under this test, at the close of each quarter of a Fund's taxable year, at least 50% of the value of the Fund's assets must consist of cash and cash items, U.S. Government securities, securities of other regulated investment companies, and securities of other issuers (as to which the Fund has not invested more than 5% of the value of the Fund's total assets in securities of such issuer and as to which the Fund does not hold more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer), and no more than 25% of the value of its total assets may be invested in the securities of any one issuer (other than U.S. Government securities and securities of other regulated investment companies), or in two or more issuers which the Fund controls and which are engaged in the same or similar trades or businesses. Generally, an option (call or put) with respect to a security is treated as issued by the issuer of the security, not the issuer of the option. However, with regard to forward currency contracts, there does not appear to be any formal or informal authority which identifies the issuer of such instrument. For purposes of asset diversification testing, obligations issued by or guaranteed by agencies and instrumentalities of the U.S. Government such as the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, the Farm Credit System Financial Assistance Corporation, a Federal Home Loan Bank, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Government National Mortgage Corporation, and the Student Loan Marketing Association are treated as U.S. Government Securities.

If for any taxable year a Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company, all of its taxable income (including its net capital gain) will be subject to tax at regular corporate rates without any deduction for distributions to shareholders, and such distributions will be taxable to the shareholders as ordinary dividends to the extent of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits. Such distributions generally will be eligible for the dividends-received deduction in the case of corporate shareholders.

## Excise Tax on Regulated Investment Companies

A 4% non-deductible excise tax is imposed on a regulated investment company that fails to distribute in each calendar year an amount equal to 98% of ordinary taxable income for the calendar year and 98% of capital gain net income for the one-year period ended on October 31 of such calendar year (or, at the elec-

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tion of a regulated investment company having a taxable year ending November 30 or December 31, for its taxable year (a "taxable year election")). The balance of such income must be distributed during the next calendar year. For the foregoing purposes, a regulated investment company is treated as having distributed any amount on which it is subject to income tax for any taxable year ending in such calendar year.

For purposes of the excise tax, a regulated investment company shall (1) reduce its capital gain net income (but not below its net capital gain) by the amount of any net ordinary loss for the calendar year and (2) exclude foreign currency gains and losses incurred after October 31 of any year (or after the end of its taxable year if it has made a taxable year election) in determining the amount of ordinary taxable income for the current calendar year (and, instead, include such gains and losses in determining ordinary taxable income for the succeeding calendar year).

Each Fund intends to make sufficient distributions or deemed distributions of its ordinary taxable income and capital gain net income prior to the end of each calendar year to avoid liability for the excise tax. However, investors should note that the Fund may in certain circumstances be required to liquidate portfolio investments to make sufficient distributions to avoid excise tax liability.

#### Fund Distributions

The Fund anticipates distributing substantially all of its investment company taxable income for each taxable year. Such distributions will be taxable to shareholders as ordinary income and treated as dividends for federal income tax purposes, but they will not qualify for the 70% dividends-received deduction for corporate shareholders of the Funds.

Dividends paid on Class A and Class B shares are calculated at the same time. In general, dividends on Class B shares are expected to be lower than those on Class A shares due to the higher distribution expenses borne by the Class B shares. Dividends may also differ between classes as a result of differences in other class specific expenses.

A Fund may either retain or distribute to shareholders its net realized capital gain for each taxable year. The Funds currently intend to distribute any such amounts. If net realized capital gain is distributed and designated as a capital gain dividend, it will be taxable to shareholders as long-term capital gain, regardless of the length of time the shareholder has held his shares or whether such gain was recognized by the Fund prior to the date on which the shareholder acquired his shares.

Conversely, if a Fund elects to retain its net realized capital gain, the Fund will be taxed thereon (except to the extent of any available capital loss carryovers) at the 35% corporate tax rate. If a Fund elects to retain its net realized capital gain, it is expected that the Fund also will elect to have shareholders of record on the last day of its taxable year treated as if each received a distribution of his pro rata share of such gain, with the result that each shareholder will be required to report his pro rata share of such gain on his tax return as long-term capital gain, will receive a refundable tax credit for his pro rata share of tax paid by the Fund on the gain, and will increase the tax basis for his shares by an amount equal to the deemed distribution less the tax credit.

Investment income that may be received by a Fund from sources within foreign countries may be subject to foreign taxes withheld at the source. The United States has entered into tax treaties with many foreign countries which entitle the Funds to a reduced rate of, or exemption from, taxes on such income. It is impossible to determine the effective rate of foreign tax in advance since the amount of a Fund's assets to be invested in various countries is not known. If more than 50% of the value of the Fund's total assets at the close of its taxable year consists of the stock or securities of foreign corporations, the Fund may elect to "pass through" to the Fund's shareholders the amount of foreign taxes paid by such Fund. If a Fund so elects, each shareholder would be required to include in gross income, even though not actually received, his pro rata

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share of the foreign taxes paid by the Fund, but would be treated as having paid his pro rata share of such foreign taxes and would therefore be allowed to either deduct such amount in computing taxable income or use such amount (subject to various Code limitations) as a foreign tax credit against federal income tax (but not both). For purposes of the foreign tax credit limitation rules of the Code, each shareholder would treat as foreign source income his pro rata share of such foreign taxes plus the portion of dividends received from a Fund representing income derived from foreign sources. No deduction for foreign taxes could be claimed by an individual shareholder who does not itemize deductions. Each shareholder should consult his own tax advisor regarding the potential application of foreign tax credits.

Distributions by a Fund that do not constitute ordinary income dividends or capital gain dividends will be treated as a return of capital to the extent of (and in reduction of) the shareholder's tax basis in his shares; any excess will be treated as gain from the sale of his shares, as discussed below.

Distributions by a Fund will be treated in the manner described above regardless of whether such distributions are paid in cash or reinvested in additional shares of the Fund (or of another fund). Shareholders receiving a distribution in the form of additional shares will be treated as receiving a distribution in an amount equal to the fair market value of the shares received, determined as of the reinvestment date. In addition, if the net asset value at the time a shareholder purchases shares of a Fund reflects undistributed net investment income or recognized capital gain net income, or unrealized appreciation in the value of the assets of the Fund, distributions of such amounts will be taxable to the shareholder in the manner described above, although such distributions economically constitute a return of capital to the

Ordinarily, shareholders are required to take distributions by a Fund into account in the year in which the distributions are made. However, dividends declared in October, November or December of any year and payable to shareholders of record on a specified date in such a month will be deemed to have been received by the shareholders (and made by the Fund) on December 31 of such calendar year if such dividends are actually paid in January of the following year. Shareholders will be advised annually as to the U.S. federal income tax consequences of distributions made (or deemed made) during the year.

Each Fund will be required in certain cases to withhold and remit to the U.S. Treasury 31% of ordinary income dividends and capital gain dividends, and the proceeds of redemption of shares, paid to any shareholder (1) who has provided either an incorrect tax identification number or no number at all, (2) who is subject to backup withholding by the IRS for failure to report the receipt of interest or dividend income properly, or (3) who has failed to certify to the Fund that it is not subject to backup withholding or that it is a corporation or other "exempt recipient."

## Sale or Redemption of Shares

A shareholder will recognize gain or loss on the sale or redemption of shares of a Fund in an amount equal to the difference between the proceeds of the sale or redemption and the shareholder's adjusted tax basis in the shares. All or a portion of any loss so recognized may be disallowed if the shareholder purchases other shares of such Fund within 30 days before or after the sale or redemption. In general, any gain or loss arising from (or treated as arising from) the sale or redemption of shares of a Fund will be considered capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the shares were held for longer than one year. However, any capital loss arising from the sale or redemption of shares held for six months or less will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of the amount of capital gain dividends received on such shares. For this purpose, the special holding period rules of Code Section 246(c)(3) and (4) generally will apply in determining the holding period of shares. Long-term capital gains of noncorporate taxpayers are currently taxed at a maximum rate 11.6% lower than the maximum rate applicable to ordinary income. Capital losses in any year are deductible only to the extent of capital gains plus, in the case of a noncorporate taxpayer, \$3,000 of ordinary income.

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If a shareholder (1) incurs a sales load in acquiring shares of a Fund, (2) disposes of such shares less than 91 days after they are acquired and (3) subsequently acquires shares of the Fund or another fund at a reduced sales load pursuant to a right to reinvest at such reduced sales load acquired in connection with the acquisition of the shares disposed of, then the sales load on the shares disposed of (to the extent of the reduction in the sales load on the shares subsequently acquired) shall not be taken into account in determining gain or loss on the shares disposed of but shall be treated as incurred on the acquisition of the shares subsequently acquired.

# Foreign Shareholders

Taxation of a shareholder who, as to the United States, is a nonresident alien individual, foreign trust or estate, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership ("foreign shareholder"), depends on whether the income from the Fund is "effectively connected" with a U.S. trade or business carried on by such shareholder.

If the income from a Fund is not effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business carried on by a foreign shareholder, ordinary income dividends paid to a foreign shareholder will be subject to U.S. withholding tax at the rate of 30% (or lower treaty rate) upon the gross amount of the dividend. Furthermore, such a foreign shareholder may be subject to U.S. withholding tax at the rate of 30% (or lower treaty rate) on the gross income resulting from a Fund's election to treat any foreign taxes paid by it as paid by its shareholders, but may not be allowed a deduction against this gross income or a credit against this U.S. withholding tax for the foreign shareholder's pro rata share of such foreign taxes which it is treated as having paid. Such a foreign shareholder would generally be exempt from U.S. federal income tax on gains realized on the sale of shares of the Fund, capital gain dividends and amounts retained by the Fund that are designated as undistributed capital gains.

If the income from a Fund is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business carried on by a foreign shareholder, then ordinary income dividends, capital gain dividends and any gains realized upon the sale of shares of the Fund will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the rates applicable to U.S. citizens or domestic corporations.

In the case of foreign noncorporate shareholders, a Fund may be required to withhold U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 31% on distributions that are otherwise exempt from withholding tax (or taxable at a reduced treaty rate) unless such shareholders furnish the Fund with proper notification of its

The tax consequences to a foreign shareholder entitled to claim the benefits of an applicable tax treaty may be different from those described herein. Foreign shareholders are urged to consult their own tax advisers with respect to the particular tax consequences to them of an investment in a Fund, including the applicability of foreign taxes.

Effect of Future Legislation; Local Tax Considerations

The foregoing general discussion of U.S. federal income tax consequences is based on the Code and the Treasury Regulations issued thereunder as in effect on the date of this Statement of Additional Information. Future legislative or administrative changes or court decisions may significantly change the conclusions expressed herein, and any such changes or decisions may have a retroactive effect with respect to the transactions contemplated herein.

Rules of state and local taxation of ordinary income dividends and capital gain dividends from regulated investment companies often differ from the rules for U.S. federal income taxation described above. Shareholders are urged to consult their tax advisers as to the consequences of these and other state and local tax rules affecting investment in a Fund.

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#### MANAGEMENT OF THE TRUST AND THE FUNDS OR PORTFOLIOS

#### Trustees and Officers

The Trustees and officers of the Trust and their principal occupations for at least the past five years are set forth below. Their titles may have varied during that period.

Fergus Reid, III--Chairman of the Trust. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Lumelite Corporation, since September 1985; Trustee, Morgan Stanley Funds. Age: 64. Address: 202 June Road, Stamford, CT 06903.

Richard E. Ten Haken--Trustee. Chairman of the Audit Committee. Formerly District Superintendent of Schools, Monroe No. 2 and Orleans Counties, New York; Chairman of the Board and President, New York State Teachers' Retirement System. Age: 62. Address: 4 Barnfield Road, Pittsford, NY 14534.

William J. Armstrong--Trustee. Vice President and Treasurer, Ingersoll-Rand Company. Age: 54. Address: 49 Aspen Way, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458.

John R.H. Blum--Trustee. Attorney in private practice; formerly, partner in the law firm of Richards, O'Neil & Allegaert; Commissioner of Agriculture--State of Connecticut, 1992-1995. Age: 67. Address: 322 Main Street, Lakeville, CT 06039.

Joseph J. Harkins--Trustee. Retired; Commercial Sector Executive and Executive Vice President of The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A. from 1985 through 1989. He has been employed by Chase in numerous capacities and offices since 1954. Director of Blessings Corporation, Jefferson Insurance Company of New York, Monticello Insurance Company and National. Age: 65. Address: 257 Plantation Circle South, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082.

\*H. Richard Vartabedian--Trustee and President of the Trust. Consultant, Republic Bank of New York; formerly, Senior Investment Officer, Division Executive of the Investment Management Division of The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A., 1980 through 1991. Age: 60. Address: P.O. Box 296, Beach Road, Hendrick's Head, Southport, ME 04576.

Stuart W. Cragin, Jr.--Trustee. Retired; formerly President, Fairfield Testing Laboratory, Inc. He has previously served in a variety of marketing, manufacturing and general management positions with Union Camp Corp., Trinity Paper & Plastics Corp., and Conover Industries. Age: 63. Address: 108 Valley Road, Cos Cob, CT 06807.

Irving L. Thode--Trustee. Retired; formerly Vice President of Quotron Systems. He has previously served in a number of executive positions with

Control Data Corp., including President of its Latin American Operations, and General Manager of its Data Services business. Age: 65. Address: 80 Perkins Road, Greenwich, CT 06830.

\*W. Perry Neff--Trustee. Independent Financial Consultant; Director of North America Life Assurance Co., Petroleum & Resources Corp. and The Adams Express Co.; Director and Chairman of The Hanover Funds, Inc.; Director, Chairman and President of The Hanover Investment Funds, Inc. Age: 69. Address: RR 1 Box 102, Weston, VT 05181.

Roland R. Eppley, Jr.--Trustee. Retired; formerly President and Chief Executive Officer, Eastern States Bankcard Association Inc., (1971-1988); Director, Janel Hydraulics, Inc.; Director of The Hanover Funds, Inc. Age: 64. Address: 105 Coventry Place, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418.

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W.D. MacCallan--Trustee. Director of The Adams Express Co. and Petroleum & Resources Corp.; formerly Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of The Adams Express Co. and Petroleum & Resources Corp.; Director of The Hanover Funds, Inc. and The Hanover Investment Funds, Inc. Age: 69. Address: 624 East 45th Street, Savannah, GA 31405

Martin R. Dean--Treasurer and Assistant Secretary. Associate Director, Accounting Services, BISYS Fund Services; formerly Senior Manager, KPMG Peat Marwick (1987-1994). Age: 33. Address: 3435 Stelzer Road, Columbus, OH 43219.

Ann E. Bergin--Secretary. First Vice President, BISYS Fund Services, Inc.; formerly, Senior Vice President, Administration, Concord Financial Group (1991-1995); Assistant Vice President, Dreyfus Service Corporation (1982-1991). Age: 36. Address: 125 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019.

\* Asterisks indicate those Trustees that are "Interested Persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act). Mr. Reid is not an interested person of the Trust's investment advisers or principal underwriter, but may be deemed an interested person of the Trust solely by reason of being an officer of the Trust.

The Board of Trustees of the Trust presently has an Audit Committee. The members of the Audit Committee are Messrs. Ten Haken (Chairman), Blum, Cragin, Thode, Armstrong, Harkins, Reid and Vartabedian. The function of the Audit Committee is to recommend independent auditors and monitor accounting and financial matters. The Audit Committee met two times during the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996.

The Board of Trustees of the Trust has established an Investment Committee. The members of the Investment Committee are Messrs. Vartabedian (Chairman) and Reid, as well as Leonard M. Spalding, President of Vista Capital Management. The function of the Investment Committee is to review the investment management process of the Trust.

The Trustees and officers of the Trust appearing in the table above also serve in the same capacities with respect to Mutual Fund Trust, Mutual Fund Variable Annuity Trust, Mutual Fund Select Group, Mutual Fund Select Trust, Capital Growth Portfolio, Growth and Income Portfolio, International Equity Portfolio and New Growth Opportunities Portfolio (these entities, together with the Trust, are referred to below as the "Vista Funds").

Remuneration of Trustees and Certain Executive Officers:

Each Trustee is reimbursed for expenses incurred in attending each meeting of the Board of Trustees or any committee thereof. Each Trustee who is not an affiliate of the advisers is compensated for his or her services according to a fee schedule which recognizes the fact that each Trustee also serves as a Trustee of other investment companies advised by the advisers. Each Trustee receives a fee, allocated among all investment companies for which the Trustee serves, which consists of an annual retainer component and a meeting fee component. Effective August 21, 1995, each Trustee of the Vista Funds receives a quarterly retainer of \$12,000 and an additional per meeting fee of \$1,500. Members of committees receive a meeting fee only if the committee meeting is

held on a day other than a day on which a regularly scheduled meeting is held. Prior to August 21, 1995, the quarterly retainer was \$9,000 and the per-meeting fee was \$1,000. The Chairman of the Trustees and the Chairman of the Investment Committee each receive a 50% increment over regular Trustee total compensation for serving in such capacities for all the investment companies advised by the adviser.

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Set forth below is information regarding compensation paid or accrued during the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996 for each Trustee of the Trust:

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		Equity	and	Capital	Large Cap	
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	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund
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<sup>(1)</sup> Data reflects total compensation earned during the period January 1, 1996 to December 31, 1996 for service as a Trustee to all Funds advised by the adviser.

## Vista Funds Retirement Plan for Eligible Trustees

Effective August 21, 1995, the Trustees also instituted a Retirement Plan for Eligible Trustees (the "Plan") pursuant to which each Trustee (who is not an employee of any of the Funds, the advisers, administrator or distributor or any of their affiliates) may be entitled to certain benefits upon retirement from the Board of Trustees. Pursuant to the Plan, the normal retirement date is the date on which the eligible Trustee has attained age 65 and has completed at least five years of continuous service with one or more of the investment companies advised by the adviser (collectively, the "Covered Funds"). Each Eligible Trustee is entitled to receive from the Covered Funds an annual benefit commencing on the first day of the calendar quarter coincident with or following his date of retirement equal to 10% of the highest annual compensation received from the Covered Funds multiplied by the number of such Trustee's years of service (not in excess of 10 years) completed with respect to any of the Covered Funds. Such benefit is payable to each eligible Trustee in monthly installments for the life of the Trustee.

Set forth below in the table are the estimated annual benefits payable to an eligible Trustee upon retirement assuming various compensation and years of service classifications. As of October 31, 1996, the estimated credited years of service for Messrs. Reid, Ten Haken, Armstrong, Blum, Harkins, Vartabedian, Cragin, Thode, Neff, Eppley and MacCallan are 11, 11, 8, 11, 5, 3, 3, 3, 6, 7 and 6, respectively.

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	Highest Ar	nnual Compensat	ion Paid by All	l Vista Funds
<s></s>	<c> \$40,000</c>	<c> \$45,000</c>	<c> \$50,000</c>	<c> \$55,000</c>
Years of Service	Estir	mated Annual Be	enefits Upon Ret	tirement
10	\$40,000	\$45 <b>,</b> 000	\$50 <b>,</b> 000	\$55 <b>,</b> 000
9	36,000	40,500	45,000	49,500
8	32,000	36,000	40,000	44,000
7	28,000	31,500	35,000	38,500
6	24,000	27,000	30,000	33,000
5	20,000	22,500	25,000	27,500

  |  |  |  |Effective August 21, 1995, the Trustees instituted a Deferred Compensation Plan for Eligible Trustees (the "Deferred Compensation Plan") pursuant to which each Trustee (who is not an employee of any of the Funds, the advisers, administrator or distributor or any of their affiliates) may enter into agreements with the Funds whereby payment of the Trustee's fees are deferred until the payment date elected by the Trustee (or the Trustee's termination of service). The deferred amounts are invested in shares of Vista funds selected by the Trustee. The deferred amounts are paid out in a lump sum or over a period of several years as elected by the Trustee at the time of deferral. If a deferring Trustee dies prior to the distribution of amounts held in the deferral account, the balance of the deferral account will be distributed to the Trustee's designated beneficiary in a single lump sum payment as soon as practicable after such deferring Trustee's death.

Messrs. Ten Haken, Thode and Vartabedian have each executed a deferred compensation agreement for the 1996 calendar year and as of October 31, 1996 they had contributed  $\S$ \_\_\_\_\_,  $\S$ \_\_\_\_ and  $\S$ \_\_\_\_\_, respectively.

The Declaration of Trust provides that the Trust will indemnify its Trustees and officers against liabilities and expenses incurred in connection with litigation in which they may be involved because of their offices with the Trust, unless, as to liability to the Trust or its shareholders, it is finally adjudicated that they engaged in willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in their offices or with respect to any matter unless it is finally adjudicated that they did not act in good faith in the reasonable belief that their actions were in the best interest of the Trust. In the case of settlement, such indemnification will not be provided unless it has been determined by a court or other body approving the settlement or other disposition, or by a reasonable determination based upon a review of readily available facts, by vote of a

majority of disinterested Trustees or in a written opinion of independent counsel, that such officers or Trustees have not engaged in willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of their duties

As of October 31, 1996, the Trustees and officers as a group owned less than 1% of each Fund's outstanding shares, all of which were acquired for investment purposes. For the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, the Trust paid its disinterested Trustees fees and expenses for all of the meetings of the Board and any committees attended in the aggregate amount of approximately ( ) which amount is then apportioned between the Funds comprising the Trust.

#### Adviser and Sub-Adviser

Chase acts as investment adviser to the Funds or Portfolios pursuant to an Investment Advisory Agreement, dated as of May 6, 1996 (the "Advisory Agreement"). Subject to such policies as the Board of Trustees may determine, Chase is responsible for investment decisions for the Funds or Portfolios. Pursuant to the terms of the Advisory Agreement, Chase provides the Funds or Portfolios with such investment advice and supervision as it deems necessary for the proper supervision of the Funds' or Portfolios' investments. The advisers continuously provide investment programs and determine from time to time what securities shall be purchased, sold or exchanged and what portion of the Funds' or Portfolios' assets shall be held uninvested. The advisers to the Funds or Portfolios furnish, at their own expense, all services, facilities and personnel necessary in connection with managing the investments and effecting portfolio transactions for the Funds or Portfolios. The Advisory Agreement for the Funds or Portfolios will continue in effect from year to year only if such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by the Board of Trustees or by vote of a majority of a Fund's or Portfolio's outstanding voting securities and by a majority of the Trustees who are not parties to the Advisory Agreement or interested persons of any such party, at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such Advisory Agreement.

Under the Advisory Agreement, the adviser may utilize the specialized portfolio skills of all its various affiliates, thereby providing the Funds with greater opportunities and flexibility in accessing investment expertise.

Pursuant to the terms of the Advisory Agreement and the sub-advisers' agreements with the adviser, the adviser and sub-advisers are permitted to render services to others. Each advisory agreement is terminable without penalty by the Trust on behalf of the Funds on not more than 60 days', nor less than 30 days', written notice when authorized either by a majority vote of a Fund's shareholders or by a vote of a majority of the Board of Trustees of the Trust, or by the adviser or sub-adviser on not more than 60 days', nor less than 30 days', written notice, and will automatically terminate in the event of its "assignment" (as defined in the 1940 Act). The advisory agreements provide that the adviser or sub-adviser under such agreement shall not be liable for any error of judgment or mistake of law or for any loss arising out of any investment or for any act or omission in the execution of portfolio transactions for the respective Fund, except for willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of its duties, or by reason of reckless disregard of its obligations and duties thereunder.

With respect to the Funds or Portfolios investing in equity securities, the equity research team of the adviser looks for two key variables when analyzing stocks for potential investment by equity portfolios: value and momentum. To uncover these qualities, the team uses a combination of quantitative analysis, fundamental research and computer technology to help identify undervalued stocks.

In the event the operating expenses of the Funds, including all investment advisory, administration and sub-administration fees, but excluding brokerage commissions and fees, taxes, interest and extraordinary expenses such as litigation, for any fiscal year exceed the most restrictive expense limitation applicable to the Funds imposed by the securities laws or regulations thereunder of any state in which the shares of the Funds are qualified for sales, as such limitations may be raised or lowered from time to time, the adviser

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shall reduce its advisory fee (which fee is described below) to the extent of its share of such excess expenses. The amount of any such reduction to be borne by the adviser shall be deducted from the monthly advisory fee otherwise payable with respect to the Funds during such fiscal year; and if such amounts should exceed the monthly fee, the adviser shall pay to a Fund its share of such excess expenses no later than the last day of the first month of the next succeeding

Under the Advisory Agreement, Chase may delegate a portion of its responsibilities to a sub-adviser. In addition, the Advisory Agreement provides that Chase may render services through its own employees or the employees of one or more affiliated companies that are qualified to act as an investment adviser of the Fund and are under the common control of Chase as long as all such persons are functioning as a part of an organized group of persons, managed by authorized officers of Chase.

Chase, on behalf of the Funds or Portfolio, has entered into an investment sub-advisory agreement dated as of May 6, 1996 with Chase Asset Management, Inc. ("CAM"). With respect to the day-to-day management of the Funds or Portfolio, under the sub-advisory agreement CAM makes decisions concerning, and places all orders for, purchases and sales of securities and helps maintain the records relating to such purchases and sales. CAM may, in its discretion, provide such services through its own employees or the employees of one or more affiliated companies that are qualified to act as an investment adviser to the Company under applicable laws and are under the common control of Chase; provided that (i) all persons, when providing services under the sub-advisory agreement, are functioning as part of an organized group of persons, and (ii) such organized group of persons is managed at all times by authorized officers of the sub-advisers. This arrangement will not result in the payment of additional fees by the Funds.

Chase, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Chase Manhattan Corporation, a registered bank holding company, is a commercial bank offering a wide range of banking and investment services to customers throughout the United States and around the world. The Chase Manhattan Corporation is the entity resulting from the merger of The Chase Manhattan Corporation into Chemical Banking Corporation on March 31, 1996. Chemical Banking Corporation was thereupon renamed The Chase Manhattan Corporation. Also included among Chase's accounts are commingled trust funds and a broad spectrum of individual trust and investment management portfolios. These accounts have varying investment objectives.

CAM is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of the Adviser. CAM is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment adviser and was formed for the purpose of providing discretionary investment advisory services to institutional clients and to consolidate Chase's investment management function, and the same individuals who serve as portfolio managers for CAM also serve as portfolio managers for Chase.

In consideration of the services provided by the adviser pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, the adviser is entitled to receive from each Fund or Portfolio an investment advisory fee computed daily and paid monthly based on a rate equal to a percentage of such Fund's or Portfolio's average daily net assets specified in the relevant Prospectuses. However, the adviser may voluntarily agree to waive a portion of the fees payable to it on a month-to-month basis. For its services under its sub-advisory agreement, CAM will be entitled to receive, with respect to each such Fund or Portfolio, such compensation, payable by the adviser out of its advisory fee, as is described in the relevant Prospectuses.

For the fiscal years ended October 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996, Chase was paid or accrued the following investment advisory fees with respect to the following Funds and Portfolios, and voluntarily waived the amounts in parentheses following such fees with respect to each such period:

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<TABLE>

Fiscal Year Ended
October 31

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	1994		1995		1996	
Fund	paid/accrued	waived	paid/accrued	waived		
<s></s>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>		
International						
Equity Portfolio*	\$462,855	(\$202,144)	\$431,019	(\$276,302)		
Vista European Fund		-		-	(	)
Vista Japan Fund		_		-	(	)
Vista Southeast Asian Fund		_		-	(	)

  |  |  |  | · | , |<sup>\*</sup> The International Equity Fund and does not have an investment adviser

because the Trust seeks to achieve the investment objective of the Funds by investing all of the investable assets of each respective Fund in each respective Portfolio.

#### Administrator

Pursuant to separate Administration Agreements (the "Administration Agreements"), Chase is the administrator of the Funds and the administrator of the Portfolio. Chase provides certain administrative services to the Funds and Portfolios, including, among other responsibilities, coordinating the negotiation of contracts and fees with, and the monitoring of performance and billing of, the Funds' and Portfolio's independent contractors and agents; preparation for signature by an officer of the Trust and Portfolio of all documents required to be filed for compliance by the Trust and Portfolio with applicable laws and regulations excluding those of the securities laws of various states; arranging for the computation of performance data, including net asset value and yield; responding to shareholder inquiries, and arranging for the maintenance of books and records of the Funds and Portfolio and providing, at its own expense, office facilities, equipment and personnel necessary to carry out its duties. Chase in its capacity as administrator does not have any responsibility or authority for the management of the Funds or Portfolio, the determination of investment policy, or for any matter pertaining to the distribution of Funds shares.

Under the Administration Agreements Chase is permitted to render administrative services to others. The Administration Agreements will continue in effect from year to year with respect to each Fund or Portfolio only if such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by the Board of Trustees of the Trust or Portfolio or by vote of a majority of such Fund's or Portfolio's outstanding voting securities and, in either case, by a majority of the Trustees who are not parties to the Administration Agreements or "interested persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of any such party. The Administration Agreements are terminable without penalty by the Trust on behalf of each Fund or by a Portfolio on 60 days' written notice when authorized either by a majority vote of such Fund's or Portfolio's shareholders or by vote of a majority of the Board of Trustees, including a majority of the Trustees who are not "interested persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Trust or Portfolios, or by Chase on 60 days' written notice, and will automatically terminate in the event of their "assignment" (as defined in the 1940 Act). The Administration Agreements also provide that neither Chase or its personnel shall be liable for any error of judgment or mistake of law or for any act or omission in the administration of the Funds or Portfolio, except for willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of its or their duties or by reason of reckless disregard of its or their obligations and duties under the  ${\tt Administration}$ Agreements.

In addition, the Administration Agreements provide that, in the event the operating expenses of any Fund or Portfolio, including all investment advisory, administration and sub-administration fees, but excluding brokerage commissions and fees, taxes, interest and extraordinary expenses such as litigation, for any fiscal year exceed the most restrictive expense limitation applicable to that Fund imposed by the securities laws or regulations thereunder of any state in which the shares of such Fund are qualified for sale, as such limitations may be raised or lowered from time to time, Chase shall reduce its administration fee (which fee is described below) to the extent of its share of such excess expenses. The amount of any such reduction to

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be borne by Chase shall be deducted from the monthly administration fee otherwise payable to Chase during such fiscal year, and if such amounts should exceed the monthly fee, Chase shall pay to such Fund or Portfolio its share of such excess expenses no later than the last day of the first month of the next succeeding fiscal year.

In consideration of the services provided by Chase pursuant to the Administration Agreements, Chase receives from each Fund a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.10% of each of the Fund's average daily net assets, on an annualized basis for the Fund's then-current fiscal year, except that with respect to the International Equity Fund, Chase receives from each of the Fund and the Portfolio a fee computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate equal to 0.05% of their respective average daily net assets. Chase may voluntarily waive a portion of the fees payable to it with respect to each Fund on a month-to-month basis.

For the fiscal years ended October 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996, Chase was paid

or accrued administration fees and voluntarily waived the amount in parentheses following such fees:

<TABLE>

	11/1/93	11/1/94		
	through	through		
	11/31/94	10/31/95		
<\$>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	
Vista International Equity Fund:	\$16,367 (\$16,367)	\$18,799 (\$18,799)		
Vista European Fund			(	)
Vista Japan Fund			(	)
Vista Southeast Asian Fund			(	)

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## Distribution Plans

The Trust has adopted separate plans of distribution pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act (a "Distribution Plan") on behalf of certain classes or shares of certain Funds as described in the Prospectuses, which provide that such classes of such Funds shall pay for distribution services a distribution fee (the "Distribution Fee"), including payments to the Distributor, at annual rates not to exceed the amounts set forth in their respective Prospectuses. The Distributor may use all or any portion of such Class A Distribution Fee to pay for Fund expenses of printing prospectuses and reports used for sales purposes, expenses of the preparation and printing of sales literature and other such distribution-related expenses.

Class B shares pay a Distribution Fee of up to 0.75% of average daily net assets. The Distributor currently expects to pay sales commissions to a dealer at the time of sale of Class B shares of up to 4.00% of the purchase price of the shares sold by such dealer. The Distributor will use its own funds (which may be borrowed or otherwise financed) to pay such amounts. Because the Distributor will receive a maximum Distribution Fee of 0.75% of average daily net assets with respect to Class B shares, it will take the Distributor several years to recoup the sales commissions paid to dealers and other sales expenses.

Some payments under the Distribution Plans may be used to compensate broker-dealers with trail or maintenance commissions in an amount not to exceed 0.25% annualized of the average net asset value of Class A shares, or 0.25% annualized of the average net asset value of the Class B shares maintained in a Fund by such broker-dealers' customers. Trail or maintenance commissions on Class B shares will be paid to broker-dealers beginning the 13th month following the purchase of such Class B shares. Since the distribution fees are not directly tied to expenses, the amount of distribution fees paid by a Fund during any year may be more or less than actual expenses incurred pursuant to the Distribution Plans. For this reason, this type of distribution fee arrangement is characterized by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission as being of the "compensation variety" (in contrast to "reimbursement" arrangements by which a distributor's payments are directly linked to its expenses). With respect to Class B shares, because of the 0.75% annual limitation on the compensation paid to the Distributor during a fiscal year, compensation relating to a large portion of the commissions attributable to sales of Class B shares in any one year will be accrued

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and paid by a Fund to the Distributor in fiscal years subsequent thereto. In determining whether to purchase Class B shares, investors should consider that compensation payments could continue until the Distributor has been fully reimbursed for the commissions paid on sales of Class B shares. However, the shares are not liable for any distribution expenses incurred in excess of the Distribution Fee paid.

Each class of shares is entitled to exclusive voting rights with respect to matters concerning its Distribution Plan.  $\,$ 

Each Distribution Plan provides that it will continue in effect indefinitely if such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by a vote of both a majority of the Trustees and a majority of the Trustees who are not "interested persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Trust and who have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Distribution Plans or in any agreement related to such Plan ("Qualified Trustees"). The continuance of each Distribution Plan was most recently approved on October 13, 1995. The Distribution Plans require that the Trust shall provide to the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Trustees shall review, at least quarterly, a written report of the amounts expended (and the purposes therefor) under the Distribution Plans. The Distribution Plans further provides that the selection and nomination of Qualified Trustees shall be committed to the discretion of the disinterested Trustees (as defined in the 1940 Act) then in office. The Distribution Plans may be terminated at any time by a vote of a majority of the Qualified Trustees or, with respect to a particular Fund, by vote of a majority of the outstanding voting Shares of the class of such Fund to which it applies

(as defined in the 1940 Act). The Distribution Plans may not be amended to increase materially the amount of permitted expenses thereunder without the approval of shareholders and may not be materially amended in any case without a vote of the majority of both the Trustees and the Qualified Trustees. Each of the Funds will preserve copies of any plan, agreement or report made pursuant to a Distribution Plan for a period of not less than six years from the date of the Distribution Plan, and for the first two years such copies will be preserved in an easily accessible place.

For the fiscal years ended October 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996, the Distributor was paid or accrued distribution fees with respect to the Income Fund and Equity Fund and voluntarily waived the amount in parentheses following such fees:

<TABLE>

	11/1/93 through 10/31/94	through	through
<s></s>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>
A Shares-			
International Equity Fund	\$73 <b>,</b> 552	\$75 <b>,</b> 652	
Vista European Fund			
Vista Japan Fund			
Vista Southeast Asian Fund			
B Shares-			
International Equity Fund	\$24,853	\$55,080	
Vista European Fund	Ψ24 <b>,</b> 033	Ψ33 <b>,</b> 000	
Vista Japan Fund			
Vista Southeast Asian Fund			

  |  |  |With respect to the share of the Class A shares of the Funds, the Basic Distribution Fee was allocated as follows:

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Fund	Printing, Postage and Handling	Sale Compensation	Advertising & Administrative Filings
	and nandiing	Compensacion	Administrative rillings
 <\$>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>
International Equity Fund Vista European Fund Vista Japan Fund Vista Southeast Asian Fund 			

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# Distribution and Sub-Administration Agreement

The Trust has entered into a Distribution and Sub-Administration Agreement dated August 24, 1995 (the "Distribution Agreement") with the Distributor, pursuant to which the Distributor acts as the Funds' exclusive underwriter, provides certain administration services and promotes and arranges for the sale of each class of Shares. The Distributor is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BISYS Fund Services, Inc. The Distribution Agreement provides that the Distributor will bear the expenses of printing, distributing and filing prospectuses and statements of additional information and reports used for sales purposes, and of preparing and printing sales literature and advertisements not paid for by the Distribution Plan. The Trust pays for all of the expenses for qualification of the shares of each Fund for sale in connection with the public offering of such shares, and all legal expenses in connection therewith. In addition, pursuant to the Distribution Agreement, the Distributor provides certain sub-administration services to the Trust, including providing officers, clerical staff and office space.

The Distribution Agreement is currently in effect and will continue in effect thereafter with respect to each Fund only if such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by the Board of Trustees or by vote of a majority of such Fund's outstanding voting securities and, in either case, by a majority of the Trustees who are not parties to the Distribution Agreement or "interested persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of any such party. The Distribution Agreement is terminable without penalty by the Trust on behalf of each Fund on 60 days' written notice when authorized either by a majority vote of such Fund's shareholders or by vote of a majority of the Board of Trustees of the Trust, including a majority of the Trustees who are not "interested persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Trust, or by the Distributor on 60 days' written notice, and will automatically terminate in the event of its "assignment" (as defined in the 1940 Act). The Distribution Agreement also provides that neither

the Distributor nor its personnel shall be liable for any act or omission in the course of, or connected with, rendering services under the Distribution Agreement, except for wilful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of its obligations or duties.

In the event the operating expenses of any Fund, including all investment advisory, administration and sub-administration fees, but excluding brokerage commissions and fees, taxes, interest and extraordinary expenses such as litigation, for any fiscal year exceed the most restrictive expense limitation applicable to that Fund imposed by the securities laws or regulations thereunder of any state in which the shares of such Fund are qualified for sale, as such limitations may be raised or lowered from time to time, the Distributor shall reduce its sub-administration fee with respect to such Fund (which fee is described below) to the extent of its share of such excess expenses. The amount of any such reduction to be borne by the Distributor shall be deducted from the monthly sub-administration fee otherwise payable with respect to such Fund during such fiscal year; and if such amounts should exceed the monthly fee, the Distributor shall pay to such Fund its share of such excess expenses no later than the last day of the first month of the next succeeding fiscal year.

In consideration of the sub-administration services provided by the Distributor pursuant to the Distribution Agreement, the Distributor receives an annual fee, payable monthly, of 0.05% of the net assets of each Fund. The Distributor may voluntarily waive a portion of the fees payable to it under the Distribution Agreement with respect to each Fund on a month-to-month basis. For the fiscal years ended October 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996, the Distributor was paid or accrued sub-administration fees with respect to the Funds and voluntarily waived the amount in parentheses following such fees:

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	11/1/93 through 11/1/94	11/1/94 through 10/31/95	11/1/95 through 10/31/96
<s></s>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>
Vista International Equity Fund:	\$16,367 (\$16,367)	\$18,799 (\$18,799)	
Vista European Fund			( )
Vista Japan Fund			( )
Vista Southeast Asian Fund			( )

Shareholder Servicing Agents, Transfer Agent and Custodian

The Trust has entered into a shareholder servicing agreement (a "Servicing Agreement") with each Shareholder Servicing Agent to provide certain services including but not limited to the following: answer customer inquiries regarding account status and history, the manner in which purchases and redemptions of shares may be effected for the Fund as to which the Shareholder Servicing Agent is so acting and certain other matters pertaining to the Fund; assist shareholders in designating and changing dividend options, account designations and addresses; provide necessary personnel and facilities to establish and maintain shareholder accounts and records; assist in processing purchase and redemption transactions; arrange for the wiring of funds; transmit and receive funds in connection with customer orders to purchase or redeem shares; verify and guarantee shareholder signatures in connection with redemption orders and transfers and changes in shareholder-designated accounts; furnish (either separately or on an integrated basis with other reports sent to a shareholder by a Shareholder Servicing Agent) quarterly and year-end statements and confirmations of purchases and redemptions; transmit, on behalf of the Fund, proxy statements, annual reports, updated prospectuses and other communications to shareholders of the Fund; receive, tabulate and transmit to the Fund proxies executed by shareholders with respect to meetings of shareholders of the Fund; and provide such other related services as the Fund or a shareholder may request. Shareholder servicing agents may be required to register pursuant to state securities law.

Each Shareholder Servicing Agent may voluntarily agree from time to time to waive a portion of the fees payable to it under its Servicing Agreement with respect to each Fund on a month-to-month basis. For the fiscal years ended October 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996, fees payable to the Shareholder Servicing Agents and the amounts voluntarily waived for each such period (as indicated in parentheses) were as follows:

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Fiscal Year-Ended October 31,

	payable	waived	payable	waived	payable	waived
<s></s>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>
Vista International Equity Fund:						
Class A	\$73 <b>,</b> 55		\$75,631			
Class B	\$8,284		\$18,367			

1995

1996

1994

Vista European Fund Class A Class B

Vista Southeast Asian Fund Class A Class B

Vista Japan Fund Class A Class B </TABLE>

The Trust has also entered into a Transfer Agency Agreement with DST Systems, Inc. ("DST") pursuant to which DST acts as transfer agent for the Trust. DST's address is 210 West 10th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105.

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Pursuant to a Custodian Agreement, Chase acts as the custodian of the assets of each Fund and receives such compensation as is from time to time agreed upon by the Trust and Chase. As custodian, Chase provides oversight and record keeping for the assets held in the portfolios of each Fund. Chase also provides fund accounting services for the income, expenses and shares outstanding for such Funds. Chase is located at 3 Metro- tech Center, Brooklyn, NY 11245. Investors Bank and Trust Co., One First Canadian Place, Toronto, Canada M5X 1C8, provides similar services for the International Equity Portfolio.

For the fiscal years ended October 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996, the Transfer Agent was paid or accrued transfer agent fees with respect to the Global Fixed Income Fund and International Equity Fund, and voluntarily waived the amount in parentheses following such fees, as follows:

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

	11/1/93 through 10/31/94	11/1/94 through 10/31/95	11/1/95 through 10/31/96
<\$>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>
Vista International Equity Fund:	\$173,457 (\$118,713)	\$280,639 (\$159,053)	( )
Vista European Fund			( )
Vista Japan Fund			( )
Vista Southeast Asian Fund 			

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### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

The financial statements incorporated herein by reference from the Trust's Annual Reports to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, and the related financial highlights which appear in the Prospectuses, have been incorporated herein and included in the Prospectuses in reliance on the reports of Price Waterhouse LLP, 1177 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036, independent accountants of the Funds, given on the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing. Price Waterhouse LLP provides the Funds with audit services, tax return preparation and assistance and consultation with respect to the preparation of filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

CERTAIN REGULATORY MATTERS

Banking laws, including the Glass-Steagall Act as currently interpreted, prohibit bank holding companies and their affiliates from sponsoring, organizing, controlling, or distributing shares of, mutual funds, and generally prohibit banks from issuing, underwriting, selling or distributing securities. These laws do not prohibit banks or their affiliates from acting as investment adviser, administrator or custodian to mutual funds or from purchasing mutual fund shares as agent for a customer. Chase and the Trust believe that Chase (including its affiliates) may perform the services to be performed by it as described in the Prospectus and this Statement of Additional Information without violating such laws. If future changes in these laws or interpretations required Chase to alter or discontinue any of these services, it is expected that the Board of Trustees would recommend alternative arrangements and that investors would not suffer adverse financial consequences. State securities laws may differ from the interpretations of banking law described above and banks may be required to register as dealers pursuant to state law.

Chase and its affiliates may have deposit, loan and other commercial banking relationships with the issuers of securities purchased on behalf of any of the Funds, including outstanding loans to such issuers which may be repaid in whole or in part with the proceeds of securities so purchased. Chase and its affiliates deal, trade and invest for their own accounts in U.S. Government obligations, municipal obligations and commercial paper and are among the leading dealers of various types of U.S. Government obligations and municipal obligations. Chase and its affiliates may sell U.S. Government obligations and municipal obligations to, and purchase them from, other investment companies sponsored by the Funds' distributor or affiliates of the distributor. Chase will not invest any Fund assets in any U.S. Government obligations, municipal obligations or commercial paper purchased from itself or any affiliate, although under certain circumstances such securities may be purchased from other members of an underwriting syndicate in which Chase or an affiliate is a non-principal member. This restriction my limit the amount or type of U.S. Government obligations, municipal obligations or commercial paper available to be purchased by any Fund. Chase has informed the Funds that in making its investment decision, it does not obtain or use material inside information in the possession of any other division or department of Chase, including the division that performs services for the Trust as custodian, or in the possession of any affiliate of Chase. Shareholders of the Funds should be aware that, subject to applicable legal or regulatory restrictions, Chase and its affiliates may exchange among themselves certain information about the shareholder and his account. Transactions with affiliated broker- dealers will only be executed on an agency basis in accordance with applicable federal regulations.

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

Description of Shares, Voting Rights and Liabilities

Mutual Fund Group is an open-end, non-diversified management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1987. Because the Trust is "non-diversified", more than 5% of the assets of certain Funds may be invested in the obligations of any single issuer, which may make the value of the shares in such a Fund more susceptible to certain risks than shares of a diversified mutual fund.

The Trust currently consists of 17 series of shares of beneficial interest, par value \$.001 per share. With respect to certain Funds, the Trust may offer more than one class of shares. The Trust has reserved the right to create and issue additional series or classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The shares of each series or class participate equally in the earnings, dividends and assets of the particular series or class. Expenses of the Trust which are not attributable to a specific series or class are allocated among all the series in a manner believed by management of the Trust to be fair and equitable. Shares have no preemptive or conversion rights. Shares when issued are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each share held. Shares of class generally vote together except when required under federal securities laws to vote separately on matters that only affect a particular class, such as the approval of distribution plans for a particular class. With respect to shares purchased through a Shareholder Servicing Agent and, in the event written proxy instructions are not received by a Fund or its designated agent prior to a shareholder meeting at which a proxy is to be voted and the shareholder does not attend the meeting in person, the Shareholder Servicing Agent for such shareholder will be authorized pursuant to an applicable agreement with the shareholder to vote the shareholder's outstanding shares in the same proportion as the votes cast by other Fund shareholders represented at the meeting in

Certain Funds offer both Class A and Class B shares. The classes of shares have several different attributes relating to sales charges and expenses, as described herein and in the Prospectuses. In addition to such differences, expenses borne by each class of a Fund may differ slightly because of the allocation of other class-specific expenses. For example, a higher transfer agency fee may be imposed on Class B shares than on class A shares. The relative impact of initial sales charges, contingent deferred sales charges, and ongoing annual expenses will depend on the length of time a share is held.

Selected dealers and financial consultants may receive different levels of compensation for selling one particular class of shares rather than another.

The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders but will hold special meetings of shareholders of a series or class when, in the judgment of the Trustees, it is necessary or desirable to submit matters for a shareholder vote. Shareholders have, under certain circumstances, the right to communicate with other shareholders in connection with requesting a meeting of shareholders for the purpose of removing one or more Trustees. Shareholders also have, in certain circumstances, the right to remove one or more Trustees without a meeting. No material amendment may be made to the Trust's Declaration of Trust without the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of each series affected by the amendment. The Trust's Declaration of Trust provides that, at any meeting of shareholders of the Trust or of any series or class, a Shareholder Servicing Agent may vote any shares as to which such Shareholder Servicing Agent is the agent of record and which are not represented in person or by proxy at the meeting, proportionately in accordance with the votes cast by holders of all shares of that series or class otherwise represented at the meeting in person or by proxy as to which such Shareholder Servicing Agent is the agent of record. Any shares so voted by a Shareholder Servicing Agent will be deemed represented at the meeting for purposes of quorum requirements. Shares have no preemptive or conversion rights. Shares, when issued, are fully paid and non-assessable, except as set forth below. Any series or class may be terminated (i) upon the merger or consolidation with, or the sale or disposition

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of all or substantially all of its assets to, another entity, if approved by the vote of the holders of two thirds of its outstanding shares, except that if the Board of Trustees recommends such merger, consolidation or sale or disposition of assets, the approval by vote of the holders of a majority of the series' or class' outstanding shares will be sufficient, or (ii) by the vote of the holders of a majority of its outstanding shares, or (iii) by the Board of Trustees by written notice to the series' or class' shareholders. Unless each series and class is so terminated, the Trust will continue indefinitely.

Stock certificates are issued only upon the written request of a shareholder, subject to the policies of the investor's Shareholder Servicing Agent, but the Trust will not issue a stock certificate with respect to shares that may be redeemed through expedited or automated procedures established by a Shareholder Servicing Agent. No certificates are issued for Class B shares due to their conversion feature. No certificates are issued for Institutional Shares.

Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the Trust's Declaration of Trust contains an express disclaimer of shareholder liability for acts or obligations of the Trust and provides for indemnification and reimbursement of expenses out of the Trust property for any shareholder held personally liable for the obligations of the Trust. The Trust's Declaration of Trust also provides that the Trust shall maintain appropriate insurance (for example, fidelity bonding and errors and omissions insurance) for the protection of the Trust, its shareholders, Trustees, officers, employees and agents covering possible tort and other liabilities. Thus, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Trust itself was unable to meet its obligations.

The Trust's Declaration of Trust further provides that obligations of the Trust are not binding upon the Trustees individually but only upon the property of the Trust and that the Trustees will not be liable for any action or failure to act, errors of judgment or mistakes of fact or law, but nothing in the Declaration of Trust protects a Trustee against any liability to which he would otherwise be subject by reason of wilful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence, or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of his office.

The Board of Trustees has adopted a code of ethics addressing personal securities transactions by investment personnel and access persons and other

related matters. The code has been designated to address potential conflicts of interest that can arise in connection with personal trading activities of such persons. Persons subject to the code are generally permitted to engage in personal securities transactions, subject to certain prohibitions, pre-clearance requirements and blackout periods.

#### Principal Holders

As of January 31, 1997 the following persons owned of record 5% or more of the outstanding shares of the following classes of the following Funds:

#### Financial Statements

The 1996 Annual Report to Shareholders of each Fund, including the reports of independent accountants, financial highlights and financial statements for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996 contained therein, are incorporated herein by reference.

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Specimen Computations of Offering Prices Per Share

The International Equity Fund (specimen computations)

# A Shares:

<TABLE>

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Net Asset Value and Redemption Price per Share of Beneficial Interest at October 31, 1996	<c></c>
Maximum Offering Price per Share (\$10.60 divided by .9525) (reduced on purchases of \$100,000 or more)	\$
B Shares:	
Net Asset Value and Redemption Price per Share of Beneficial Interest at October 31, 1996	\$
The European Fund (specimen computations)	
A Shares:	
Net Asset Value and Redemption Price per Share of Beneficial Interest at October 31, 1996	\$
Maximum Offering Price per Share (\$30.26 divided by .9525) (reduced on purchases of \$100,000 or more)	\$
B Shares:	
Net Asset Value and Redemption Price per Share of Beneficial Interest at October 31, 1996	\$

The Japan Fund (specimen computations)		
A Shares:		
Net Asset Value and Redemption Price per Share of Beneficial Interest at October 31, 1996	\$	
Maximum Offering Price per Share (\$30.26 divided by .9525) (reduced on purchases of \$100,000 or more)	\$	
B Shares:		
Net Asset Value and Redemption Price per Share of Beneficial Interest at October 31, 1996	\$	
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The Southeast Asian Fund (specimen computations)

A Shares:

Net Asset Value and Redemption Price per Share of Beneficial Interest at October 31, 1996

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Maximum Offering Price per Share (\$30.26 divided by .9525) (reduced on purchases of \$100,000 or more)

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B Shares:

Net Asset Value and Redemption Price per Share of Beneficial Interest at October 31, 1996 </TABLE>

The European Fund, Japan Fund and Southeast Asian Fund commenced offering of Shares on November 1, 1995.

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#### APPENDIX A

# DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS ISSUED OR GUARANTEED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OR INSTRUMENTALITIES

Federal Farm Credit System Notes and Bonds--are bonds issued by a cooperatively owned nationwide system of banks and associations supervised by the Farm Credit Administration, an independent agency of the U.S. Government. These bonds are not guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

Maritime Administration Bonds—are bonds issued and provided by the Department of Transportation of the U.S. Government and are guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

FNMA Bonds--are bonds guaranteed by the Federal National Mortgage Association. These bonds are not quaranteed by the U.S. Government.

 $\hbox{FHA Debentures--are debentures issued by the Federal Housing Administration of the U.S. Government and are guaranteed by the U.S. Government.}$ 

FHA Insured Notes—are bonds issued by the Farmers Home Administration, the U.S. Government and are guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

GNMA Certificates -- are mortgage-backed securities which represent a partial ownership interest in a pool of mortgage loans issued by lenders such as mortgage bankers, commercial banks and savings and loan associations. Each mortgage loan included in the pool is either insured by the Federal Housing Administration or guaranteed by the Veterans Administration and therefore guaranteed by the U.S. Government. As a consequence of the fees paid to GNMA and the issuer of GNMA Certificates, the coupon rate of interest of GNMA Certificates is lower than the interest paid on the VA-guaranteed or FHA-insured mortgages underlying the Certificates. The average life of a GNMA Certificate is likely to be substantially less than the original maturity of the mortgage pools underlying the securities. Prepayments of principal by mortgagors and mortgage foreclosures may result in the return of the greater part of principal invested far in advance of the maturity of the mortgages in the pool. Foreclosures impose no risk to principal investment because of the GNMA guarantee. As the prepayment rate of individual mortgage pools will vary widely, it is not possible to accurately predict the average life of a particular issue of GNMA Certificates. The yield which will be earned on GNMA Certificates may vary from their coupon rates for the following reasons: (i) Certificates may be issued at a premium or discount, rather than at par; (ii) Certificates may trade in the secondary market at a premium or discount after issuance; (iii) interest is earned and compounded monthly which has the effect of raising the effective yield earned on the Certificates; and (iv) the actual yield of each Certificate is affected by the prepayment of mortgages included in the mortgage pool underlying the Certificates. Principal which is so prepaid will be reinvested although possibly at a lower rate. In addition, prepayment of mortgages included in the mortgage pool underlying a GNMA Certificate purchased at a premium could result in a loss to a Fund. Due to the large amount of GNMA Certificates outstanding and active participation in the secondary market by securities dealers and investors, GNMA Certificates are highly liquid instruments. Prices of GNMA Certificates are readily available from securities dealers and depend on, among other things, the level of market rates, the Certificate's coupon rate and the prepayment

experience of the pool of mortgages backing each Certificate. If agency securities are purchased at a premium above principal, the premium is not guaranteed by the issuing agency and a decline in the market value to par may result in a loss of the premium, which may be particularly likely in the event of a prepayment. When and if available, U.S. Government obligations may be purchased at a discount from face value.

FHLMC Certificates and FNMA Certificates—are mortgage—backed bonds issued by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and the Federal National Mortgage Association, respectively, and are guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

GSA Participation Certificates—are participation certificates issued by the General Services Administration of the U.S. Government and are guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

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New Communities Debentures—are debentures issued in accordance with the provisions of Title IV of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as supplemented and extended by Title VII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970, the payment of which is guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

Public Housing Bonds--are bonds issued by public housing and urban renewal agencies in connection with programs administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development of the U.S. Government, the payment of which is secured by the U.S. Government.

Penn Central Transportation Certificates—are certificates issued by Penn Central Transportation and guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

SBA Debentures—are debentures fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Small Business Administration of the U.S. Government.

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Bonds--are bonds issued by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. Some of the bonds issued prior to 1993 are guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

FHLMC Bonds-are bonds issued and guaranteed by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation. These bonds are not guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

Federal Home Loan Bank Notes and Bonds--are notes and bonds issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank System and are not guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

Student Loan Marketing Association ("Sallie Mae") Notes and bonds—are notes and bonds issued by the Student Loan Marketing Association and are not guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

D.C. Armory Board Bonds—are bonds issued by the District of Columbia Armory Board and are guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

Export-Import Bank Certificates—are certificates of beneficial interest and participation certificates issued and guaranteed by the Export-Import Bank of the U.S. and are guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

In the case of securities not backed by the "full faith and credit" of the U.S. Government, the investor must look principally to the agency issuing or guaranteeing the obligation for ultimate repayment, and may not be able to assert a claim against the U.S. Government itself in the event the agency or instrumentality does not meet its commitments.

Investments may also be made in obligations of U.S. Government agencies or instrumentalities other than those listed above.

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# APPENDIX B

# DESCRIPTION OF RATINGS

A description of the rating policies of Moody's, S&P and Fitch with respect to bonds and commercial paper appears below.

Moody's Investors Service's Corporate Bond Ratings

Aaa--Bonds which are rated "Aaa" are judged to be of the best quality and carry the smallest degree of investment risk. Interest payments are protected by a large or by an exceptionally stable margin, and principal is secure. While the various protective elements are likely to change, such changes as

can be visualized are most unlikely to impair the fundamentally strong position of such issues.

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

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

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

Ba--Bonds which are rated "Ba" are judged to have speculative elements; their future cannot be considered as well assured. Often the protection of interest and principal payments may be very moderate and thereby not well safeguarded during both good and bad times over the future. Uncertainty of position characterizes bonds in this class.

B--Bonds which are rated "B" generally lack characteristics of a desirable investment. Assurance of interest and principal payments or of maintenance and other terms of the contract over any long period of time may be small.

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

Ca--Bonds which are rated "Ca" represent obligations which are speculative in high degree.

Such issues are often in default or have other marked shortcomings.

C--Bonds which are rated "C" are the lowest rated class of bonds and issues so rated can be regarded as having extremely poor prospects of ever attaining any real investment standing.

Moody's applies numerical modifiers "1", "2", and "3" to certain of its rating classifications. The modifier "1" indicates that the security ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category; the modifier "2" indicates a mid-range ranking; and the modifier "3" indicates that the issue ranks in the lower end of its generic rating category.

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Standard & Poor's Ratings Group Corporate Bond Ratings

AAA--This is the highest rating assigned by Standard & Poor's to a debt obligation and indicates an extremely strong capacity to repay principal and pay interest.

AA--Bonds rated "AA" also qualify as high quality debt obligations. Capacity to pay principal and interest is very strong, and differs from "AAA" issues only in small degree.

A--Bonds rated "A" have a strong capacity to repay principal and pay interest, although they are somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than debt in higher rated categories.

BBB--Bonds rated "BBB" are regarded as having an adequate capacity to repay principal and pay interest. Whereas they normally exhibit adequate protection parameters, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity to repay principal and pay interest for bonds in this category than for higher rated categories.

BB-B-CCC-CC-C-Bonds rated "BB", "B", "CCC", "CC" and "C" are regarded, on balance, as predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of the obligations. BB indicates the lowest degree of speculation and C the highest degree of speculation. While such bonds will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these are outweighed by large uncertainties or major risk exposures to adverse conditions.

CI--Bonds rated "CI" are income bonds on which no interest is being paid.

D--Bonds rated "D" are in default. The "D" category is used when interest payments or principal payments are not made on the date due even if the applicable grace period has not expired unless S&P believes that such payments will be made during such grace period. The "D" rating is also used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition if debt service payments are jeopardized.

The ratings set forth above may be modified by the addition of a plus or minus to show relative standing within the major rating categories.

Moody's Investors Service's Commercial Paper Ratings

Prime-1--Issuers (or related supporting institutions) rated "Prime-1" have a superior ability for repayment of senior short-term debt obligations.
"Prime-1" repayment ability will often be evidenced by many of the following characteristics: leading market positions in well-established industries, high rates of return on funds employed, conservative capitalization structures with moderate reliance on debt and ample asset protection, broad margins in earnings coverage of fixed financial charges and high internal cash generation, and well- established access to a range of financial markets and assured sources of alternate liquidity.

Prime-2--Issuers (or related supporting institutions) rated "Prime-2" have a strong ability for repayment of senior short-term debt obligations. This will normally be evidenced by many of the characteristics cited above but to a lesser degree. Earnings trends and coverage ratios, while sound, will be more subject to variation. Capitalization characteristics, while still appropriate, may be more affected by external conditions. Ample alternative liquidity is maintained.

Prime-3--Issuers (or related supporting institutions) rated "Prime-3" have an acceptable ability for repayment of senior short-term obligations. The effect of industry characteristics and market compositions may be more pronounced. Variability in earnings and profitability may result in changes in the level of debt protection measurements and the requirement for relatively high financial leverage. Adequate alternate liquidity is maintained.

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Not Prime--Issuers rated "Not Prime" do not fall within any of the Prime rating categories.

Standard & Poor's Ratings Group Commercial Paper Ratings

A S&P commercial paper rating is current assessment of the likelihood of timely payment of debt having an original maturity of no more than 365 days. Ratings are graded in several categories, ranging from "A-1" for the highest quality obligations to "D" for the lowest. The four categories are as follows:

A-1--This highest category indicates that the degree of safety regarding timely payment is strong. Those issues determined to possess extremely strong safety characteristics are denoted with a plus (+) sign designation.

A-2--Capacity for timely payment on issues with this designation is satisfactory. However, the relative degree of safety is not as high as for issues designated "A-1".

A-3--Issues carrying this designation have adequate capacity for timely payment. They are, however, somewhat more vulnerable to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances than obligations carrying the higher designations.

 $\ensuremath{\mathtt{B}}\xspace--\ensuremath{\mathtt{IS}}\xspace$  rated "B" are regarded as having only speculative capacity for timely payment.

C--This rating is assigned to short-term debt obligations with a doubtful capacity for payment.

D--Debt rated "D" is in payment default. The "D" rating category is used when interest payments or principal payments are not made on the date due, even if the applicable grace period has not expired, unless S&P believes that such payments will be made during such grace period.

Fitch Bond Ratings

AAA--Bonds rated AAA by Fitch are considered to be investment grade and of the highest credit quality. The obligor has an exceptionally strong ability to pay interest and repay principal, which is unlikely to be affected by reasonably foreseeable events.

AA--Bonds rated AA by Fitch are considered to be investment grade and of very

high credit quality. The obligor's ability to pay interest and repay principal is very strong, although not quite as strong as bonds rated AAA. Because bonds rated in the AAA and AA categories are not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable future developments, short-term debt of these issues is generally rated F-1+ by Fitch

A--Bonds rated A by Fitch are considered to be investment grade and of high credit quality. The obligor's ability to pay interest and repay principal is considered to be strong, but may be more vulnerable to adverse changes in economic conditions and circumstances than bonds with higher ratings.

BBB--Bonds rated BBB by Fitch are considered to be investment grade and of satisfactory credit quality. The obligor's ability to pay interest and repay principal is considered to be adequate. Adverse changes in economic conditions and circumstances, however, are more likely to have adverse consequences on these bonds, and therefore impair timely payment. The likelihood that the ratings of these bonds will fall below investment grade is higher than for bonds with higher ratings.

Plus and minus signs are used by Fitch to indicate the relative position of a credit within a rating category. Plus and minus signs, however, are not used in the AAA category.

Fitch Short-Term Ratings

Fitch's short-term ratings apply to debt obligations that are payable on demand or have original maturities of generally up to three years, including commercial paper, certificates of deposit, medium-term notes, and municipal and investment notes.

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The short-term rating places greater emphasis than a long-term rating on the existence of liquidity necessary to meet the issuer's obligations in a timely manner.

Fitch's short-term ratings are as follows:

F-1+--Issues assigned this rating are regarded as having the strongest degree of assurance for timely payment.

F-1--Issues assigned this rating reflect an assurance of timely payment only slightly less in degree than issues rated F-1+.

F-2--Issues assigned this rating have a satisfactory degree of assurance for timely payment but the margin of safety is not as great as for issues assigned F-1+ and F-1 ratings.

F-3--Issues assigned this rating have characteristics suggesting that the degree of assurance for timely payment is adequate, although near-term adverse changes could cause these securities to be rated below investment grade.

 ${\tt LOC--The}$  symbol LOC indicates that the rating is based on a letter of credit issued by a commercial bank.

Like higher rated bonds, bonds rated in the Baa or BBB categories are considered to have adequate capacity to pay principal and interest. However, such bonds may have speculative characteristics, and changes in economic conditions or other circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity to make principal and interest payments than is the case with higher grade bonds.

After purchase by a Fund, a security may cease to be rated or its rating may be reduced below the minimum required for purchase by such Fund. Neither event will require a sale of such security by a Fund. However, a Fund's investment manager will consider such event in its determination of whether such Fund should continue to hold the security. To the extent the ratings given by Moody's, S&P or Fitch may change as a result of changes in such organizations or their rating systems, a Fund will attempt to use comparable ratings as standards for investments in accordance with the investment policies contained in this Prospectus and in the Statement of Additional Information.

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# MUTUAL FUND GROUP PART C. OTHER INFORMATION

Financial Highlights

# ITEM 24. Financial Statements and Exhibits

In Part A:

# (a) Financial statements

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Exhibit Number -----1(a)

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Custodian Agreement. (1)

Sub-Custodian Agreement. (1) Transfer Agency Agreement. (1) Administrative Services Plan. (1)

In Part B:	Financial Statements and the Reports thereon for the Funds filed herein are incorporated by reference into Part B as part of the 1996 Annual Reports to Shareholders for such Funds as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Mutual Fund Group on Form N-30D on, 1996, accession number, which are incorporated into Part B by reference.
In Part C:	None.
Exhibits:	
Declaration of Trust	as amonded (1)
	ment to Declaration of Trust dated December 14,
1995. (12)	much to Declaration of Fourth dated October 10
1995.(12)	ment to Declaration of Trust dated October 19,
, ,	ment to Declaration of Trust dated July 25,
1993.(12)	(1)
By-laws, as amended. None.	(1)
Specimen share certi	ficate. (1)
_	Agreements and Sub-Advisory Agreements(6)
Form of Investment A Fund. (9)	dvisory Agreement for Vista Small Cap Equity
Administration Agree	ment.(6)
	stment Advisory Agreement.(12)
	estment Advisory Agreement.(12)
-	-Advisory Agreement between The Chase Manhattan
Bank and Chase Asset Form of Administrati	Management, Inc.(12)
	estment Subadvisory Agreement between The Chase
	Chase Asset Management, Inc./Van Deventer &
Hoch(12)].	
	-Administration Agreement.(6)
Distribution and Sub	-Administration Agreement dated August 21,

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Shareholder Servicing Agreement of Vista Mutual Funds. (1)

Form of Shareholder Servicing Agreement of Vista Premier Funds.(1)

9(f)	Agreement and Plan of Reorganization and Liquidation. (12)
10	Opinion re: Legality of Securities being Registered.(1)
11	Consent of Price Waterhouse LLP. (13)

Form of Shareholder Servicing Agreement. (12)

Retirement Plan for Eligible Trustees. (12)

Deferred Compensation Plan for Eligible Trustees. (12)

14	None.
15(a)	Rule 12b-1 Distribution Plan of Vista Mutual Funds including
	Selected Dealer Agreement and Shareholder Service Agreement. (1)
15 (b)	Rule 12b-1 Distribution Plan of Vista Premier Funds including
	Selected Dealer Agreement and Shareholder Service Agreement. (1)
15(c)	Rule 12b-1 Distribution Plan for each of Vista Bond Fund, Vista
	Short-Term Bond Fund, Vista Equity Fund and Vista U.S. Government
	Money Market Fund including Selected Dealer Agreement and
	Shareholder Service Agreement.(3)
15 (d)	Form of Rule 12b-1 Distribution Plan for Class B shares of the Vista
	Prime Money Market Fund.(8)
15(e)	Form of Rule 12b-1 Distribution Plan for Vista Asian Oceanic Shares
	Fund, Vista Japan Pacific Shares Fund, Vista U.S. Government
	Securities Fund and Vista European Shares Fund. (8)
15(f)	Form of Rule 12b-1 Distribution Plan for Vista Small Cap Equity
	Fund. (9)
15 (g)	Proposed Rule 12b-1 Distribution Plan - Class A Shares - Vista
	American Value Fund (including forms of Selected Dealer Agreement
	and Shareholder Servicing Agreement).(12)
15(h)	Rule 12b-1 Distribution Plan - Class B Shares (including forms of
	Selected Dealer Agreement and Shareholder Servicing Agreement).(12)
16	Schedule for Computation for Each Performance Quotation.(11)
17	Financial Data Schedule.(13)

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None.

Not Applicable

(1) Filed as an exhibit to Amendment No. 6 to the Registration Statement on Form N-1A of the Registrant (File No. 33-14196) as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 23, 1990.

Form of Rule 18f-3 Multi-Class Plan.(12)

- (2) Filed as an exhibit to Amendment No. 11 to the Registration Statement on Form N-1A of the Registrant (File No. 33-14196) as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 1992 to register shares of the Vista Balanced Fund and IEEE Spectrum Fund series of the Trust.
- (3) Filed as an exhibit to Amendment No. 15 to the Registration Statement on Form N-1A of the Registrant (File No. 33-14196) as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 30, 1992.
- (4) Filed as an exhibit to Amendment No. 16 to the Registration Statement on Form N-1A of the Registrant (File No. 33-14196) on December 28, 1992.
- (5) Filed as an exhibit to Amendment No. 19 to the Registration Statement on Form N-1A of the Registrant (File No. 33-14196) on June 30, 1993.
- (6) Filed as an exhibit to Amendment No. 23 to the Registration Statement on Form N-1A of the Registrant (File No. 33-14196) on December 30, 1993.
- (7) Filed as an exhibit to Amendment No. 24 to the Registration Statement on Form N-1A of the Registrant (File No. 33-14196) on February 10, 1994.
- (8) Filed as an Exhibit to Amendment No. 26 to the Registration Statement on Form N-1A of the Registrant (File No. 33-14196) on June 30, 1994.
- (9) Filed as an Exhibit to Amendment No. 27 to the Registration Statement on Form N-1A of the Registrant (File No. 33-14196) on October 3, 1994.
- (10) Filed as an Exhibit to Amendment No. 30 to the Registration Statement on Form N-1A of the Registrant (File No. 33-14196) on July 19, 1995.
- (11) Filed as an Exhibit to Amendment No. 31 to the Registration Statement on Form N-1A of the Registrant (File No. 33-14196) on November 13, 1995.
- (12) Filed as an Exhibit to Amendment No. 32 to the Registration Statement on Form N-1A of the Registrant (File No. 33-14196) on December 28, 1995.
- (13) Filed as an exhibit to Amendment No. 37 to the Registration Statement on Form N-1A of the Registrant (File No. 33-14196) on August 7, 1996.

ITEM 25. Persons Controlled by or Under Common Control with Registrant

Not applicable

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ITEM 26. Number of Holders of Securities

Title of Series	Number of Record Holders as of November 30, 1996		
	A	B	Institutiona
	Shares	Shares	Shares
VISTA(SM) U.S. Treasury Income Fund	2,349	723	n/a
VISTA(SM) U.S. Government Securities Fund	64	n/a	93
VISTA(SM) Balanced Fund	1,930	756	n/a
VISTA(SM) Short-Term Bond Fund	73	n/a	66

Bond Fund	41	45	65
	240	30	194
	161	n/a	n/a
Equity Income Fund	893	95	n/a
Small Cap Equity Fund	8,501	6,754	4
Growth and Income Fund	72,620	23,614	9
Capital Growth Fund	36 <b>,</b> 573	23,564	12
International Equity Fund	2,375	1,145	n/a
Global Fixed Income Fund	0	0	n/a
Southeast Asian Fund	383	194	n/a
European Fund	80	38	n/a
Japan Fund	99	30	n/a
Select Growth and Income Fund	n/a	n/a	none
	Bond Fund Large Cap Equity Fund American Value Fund Equity Income Fund Small Cap Equity Fund Growth and Income Fund Capital Growth Fund International Equity Fund Global Fixed Income Fund Southeast Asian Fund European Fund Japan Fund Select Growth and Income Fund	Large Cap Equity Fund         240           American Value Fund         161           Equity Income Fund         893           Small Cap Equity Fund         8,501           Growth and Income Fund         72,620           Capital Growth Fund         36,573           International Equity Fund         2,375           Global Fixed Income Fund         0           Southeast Asian Fund         383           European Fund         80           Japan Fund         99	Large Cap Equity Fund         240         30           American Value Fund         161         n/a           Equity Income Fund         893         95           Small Cap Equity Fund         8,501         6,754           Growth and Income Fund         72,620         23,614           Capital Growth Fund         36,573         23,564           International Equity Fund         2,375         1,145           Global Fixed Income Fund         0         0           Southeast Asian Fund         383         194           European Fund         80         38           Japan Fund         99         30

#### ITEM 27. Indemnification

Reference is hereby made to Article V of the Registrant's Declaration of Trust.

The Trustees and officers of the Registrant and the personnel of the Registrant's investment adviser, administrator and distributor are insured under an errors and omissions liability insurance policy. The Registrant and its officers are also insured under the fidelity bond required by Rule 17g-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Under the terms of the Registrant's Declaration of Trust, the Registrant may indemnify any person who was or is a Trustee, officer or employee of the Registrant to the maximum extent permitted by law; provided, however, that any such indemnification (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Registrant only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of such persons is proper in the circumstances. Such determination shall be made (i) by the Trustees, by a majority vote of a quorum which consists of Trustees who are neither in Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, nor parties to the proceeding, or (ii) if the required quorum is not obtainable or, if a quorum of such Trustees so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion. No indemnification will be provided by the Registrant to any Trustee or officer of the Registrant for any liability to the Registrant or shareholders to which he would otherwise be subject by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of duty.

Insofar as the conditional advancing of indemnification monies for actions based upon the Investment Company Act of 1940 may be concerned, such payments will be made only on the following conditions: (i) the advances must be limited to amounts used, or to be used, for the preparation or presentation of a defense to the action, including costs connected with the preparation of a settlement; (ii) advances may be made only upon receipt of a written promise by, or on behalf of, the recipient to repay that amount of the advance which exceeds that amount to which it is ultimately determined that he is entitled to receive from the Registrant by reason of indemnification; and (iii) (a) such promise must be secured by a surety bond, other suitable

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insurance or an equivalent form of security which assures that any repayments may be obtained by the Registrant without delay or litigation, which bond, insurance or other form of security must be provided by the recipient of the advance, or (b) a majority of a quorum of the Registrant's disinterested, non-party Trustees, or an independent legal counsel in a written opinion, shall determine, based upon a review of readily available facts, that the recipient of the advance ultimately will be found entitled to indemnification.

Insofar as indemnification for liability arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to trustees, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the 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 trustee, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such trustee, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of it 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 Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

ITEM 28(a). Business and Other Connections of Investment Adviser

The Chase Manhattan Bank (the "Adviser") is a commercial bank providing a wide range of banking and investment services.

To the knowledge of the Registrant, none of the Directors or executive officers of the Adviser, except those described below, are or have been, at any time during the past two years, engaged in any other business, profession, vocation or employment of a substantial nature, except that certain Directors and executive officers of the Adviser also hold or have held various positions with bank and non-bank affiliates of the Adviser, including its parent, The Chase Manhattan Corporation. Each Director listed below is also a Director of The Chase Manhattan Corporation.

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

Principal Occupation or Other

Position with Employment of a Substantial

Name the Adviser Nature During Past Two Years
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Thomas G. Labreque President and Chief Operating Officer Chairman, Chief Executive Officer

and Director and a Director of The Chase
Manhattan Corporation and a
Director of AMAX, Inc.

M. Anthony Burns Director Chairman of the Board, President

and Chief Executive Officer of

Ryder System, Inc.

David T. McLaughlin

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Director

H. Laurance Fuller Director Chairman, President, Chief

Executive Officer and Director of Amoco Corporation and Director of

Abbott Laboratories

Paul W. MacAvoy Director Dean of Yale School of

Organization and Management

President and Chief Executive Officer of The Aspen Institute,

Officer of The Aspen Institute, Chairman of Standard Fuse

Corporation and a Director of each of ARCO Chemical Company and Westinghouse Electric Corporation

Edmund T. Pratt, Jr. Director Chairman Emeritus, formerly

Chairman Emeritus, formerly
Chairman and Chief Executive
Officer, of Pfizer Inc. and a
Director of each of Pfizer, Inc.,
Celgene Corp., General Motors

Corporation and International Paper

Company

Henry B. Schacht Director Chairman and Chief Executive

Officer of Cummins Engine Company, Inc. and a Director of each of American Telephone and Telegraph Company and CBS Inc.

Donald H. Trautlein Director Retired Chairman and

Chief Executive Officer of Bethlehem Steel

Corporation

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<S> <C> <C> James L. Ferguson Retired Chairman and Chief Director Executive Officer of General Foods Corporation William H. Gray III Director President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Negro College Fund, Inc. David T. Kearns Director Retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Xerox Corporation Delano E. Lewis Director President and Chief Executive Officer of National Public Radio John H. McArthur Director Dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration Frank A. Bennack, Jr. Director President and Chief Executive Officer The Hearst Corporation Michael C. Bergerac Director Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer Bergerac & Co., Inc. Susan V. Berresford Director President, The Ford Foundation President, Springfield College; President, Randolph W. Bromery Director Geoscience Engineering Corporation Charles W. Duncan, Jr. Director Private Investor Melvin R. Goodes Director Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, The Warner-Lambert Company George V. Grune Director Retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, The Reader's Digest Association, Inc.; Chairman, The DeWitt Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund; The Lila-Wallace Reader's Digest Fund William B. Harrison, Jr. Vice Chairman of the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Harold S. Hook Director General Corporation Helen L. Kaplan Director Of Counsel, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom E. Michael Kruse Vice Chairman of the Board J. Bruce Llewellyn Director Chairman of the Board, The Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company, The Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Wilmington, Inc., Queen City Broadcasting, Inc. John P. Mascotte Director Chairman, The Missouri Corporation of Johnson & Higgins John F. McGillicuddy Retired Chairman of the Board and Director Chief Executive Officer Edward D. Miller Senior Vice Chairman of the Board Chairman of the Board and Walter V. Shipley Chief Executive Officer Chairman of the Board and Chief Andrew C. Sigler Director Executive Officer, Champion International Corporation President, Emeritus and Chancellor Kent, Michael I. Sovern Director Professor of Law, Columbia University John R. Stafford Director Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, American Home Products Corporation W. Bruce Thomas Director Private Investor Marina v. N. Whitman Professor of Business Administration and Director Public Policy, University of Michigan Richard D. Wood Director Retired Chairman of the Board, Eli Lilly

and Company

#### Item 28(b)

Chase Asset Management ("CAM") is an Investment Advisor providing investment services to institutional clients.

To the knowledge of the Registrant, none of the Directors or executive officers of the CAM, except those described below, are or have been, at any time during the past two years, engaged in any other business, profession, vocation or employment of a substantial nature, except that certain Directors and executive officers of the CAM also hold or have held various positions with bank and non-bank affiliates of the Advisor, including its parent, The Chase Manhattan Corporation.

Name	Position with the Sub-Advisor	Principal Occupation or Other Employment of a Substantial Nature During Past Two Years
James Zeigon	Chairman and Director	Director of Chase Asset Management (London) Limited
Steven Prostano	Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer	Chief Operating Officer and Director of Chase Asset Management (London) Limited
Mark Richardson	President and Chief Investment Officer	Chief Investment Officer and Director of Chase Asset Management (London) Limited

#### Item 28(c)

Chase Asset Management (London) Limited ("CAM London") is an Investment Advisor providing investment services to institutional clients.

To the knowledge of the Registrant, none of the Directors or executive officers of CAM London, except those described below, are or have been, at any time during the past two years, engaged in any other business, profession, vocation or employment of a substantial nature, except that certain Directors and executive officers of CAM London also hold or have held various positions with bank and non-bank affiliates of the Advisor, including its parent, The Chase Manhattan Corporation.

Name	Position with the Sub-Advisor	Principal Occupation or Other Employment of a Substantial Nature During Past Two Years
Michael Browne	Director	Fund Manager, The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.; Fund Manager, BZW Investment Management
David Gordon Ross	Director	Head of Global Fixed Income Management, Chase Asset Management, Inc.; Vice President, The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.
Brian Harte	Director	Investment Manager, The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.
Cornelia L. Kiley	Director	
James Zeigon	Director	Chairman and Director of Chase Asset Management, Inc.
Mark Richardson	Chief Investment Officer and Director	Director, President and Chief Operating Officer of Chase Asset Management, Inc.
Steve Prostano	Chief Operating Officer and Director	Director, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Chase Asset Management, Inc.

(a) Vista Fund Distributors, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of The BISYS Group, Inc. is the underwriter for Mutual Fund Group, Mutual Fund Trust and Mutual Fund Select Trust.

(b) The following are the Directors and officers of Vista Fund Distributors, Inc. The principal business address of each of these persons, is listed below.

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<pre><caption> Name and Address</caption></pre>	Position and Offices with Distributor	Position and Offices with the Registrant
<s></s>	<c></c>	<c></c>
Lynn J. Mangum 150 Clove Street Little Falls, NJ 07424	Chairman	None
Robert J. McMullan 150 Clove Street Little Falls, NJ 07424	Director and Exec. Vice President	None
Lee W. Schultheis 101 Park Avenue, 16th Floor New York, NY 10178	President	None
George O. Martinez 3435 Stelzer Road Columbus, OH 43219	Senior Vice President	None
Irimga McKay 1230 Columbia Street 5th Floor, Suite 500 San Diego, CA 92101	Vice President	None
Michael Burns 3435 Stelzer Road Columbus, OH 43219	Vice President/Compliance	None
William Blundin 125 West 55th Avenue 11th Floor New York, NY 10019	Vice President	None
Dennis Sheehan 150 Clove Street Little Falls, NJ 07424	Vice President	None
Annamaria Porcaro 150 Clove Street Little Falls, NJ 97424	Assistant Secretary	None
Robert Tuch 3435 Stelzer Road Columbus, OH 43219	Assistant Secretary	None
Stephen Mintos 3435 Stelzer Road Columbus, OH 43219	Executive Vice President/COO	None
Dale Smith 3435 Stelzer Road	Vice President/CFO	None

(c) Not applicable

Columbus, OH 43219
William J. Tomko

3435 Stelzer Road Columbus, OH 43219

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Vice President

ITEM 30. Location of Accounts and Records

Name Address

None

Vista Fund Distributors, Inc.

DST Systems, Inc.

The Chase Manhattan Bank

Chase Asset Mangement, Inc.

Chase Asset Management, Ltd. (London)

The Chase Manhattan Bank

ITEM 31. Management Services

Not applicable

ITEM 32. Undertakings

(1) Registrant undertakes that its trustees shall promptly call a meeting of shareholders of the Trust for the purpose of voting upon the question of removal of any such trustee or trustees when requested in writing so to do by the record holders of not less than 10 per centum of the outstanding shares of the Trust. In addition, the Registrant shall, in certain circumstances, give such shareholders assistance in communicating with other shareholders of a fund as required by Section 16(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

- (2) The Registrant, on behalf of the Funds, undertakes, provided the information required by Item 5A is contained in the latest annual report to shareholders, to furnish to each person to whom a prospectus has been delivered, upon their request and without charge, a copy of the Registrant's latest annual report to shareholders.
- (3) Registrant undertakes to file a post-effective amendment, using reasonably current financial statements which need not be certified, within four to six months from the date of commencement of investment operations for Vista Emerging Growth Fund.

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### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Registrant has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New York and the State of New York on the 30th day of December, 1996.

MUTUAL FUND GROUP

By /s/ H. Richard Vartabedian

H. Richard Vartabedian President

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment to the Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

/s/ Fergus Reid, III Chairman and Trustee December 30, 1996

Fergus Reid, III

/s/ William J. Armstrong

Trustee

December 30, 1996

William J. Armstrong

101 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10178

210 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105

270 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017

1211 Avenue of the

Americas,

New York, NY 10036

Colvile House 32 Curzon Street London, England W1Y8AL

One Chase Square, Rochester, NY 14363

/s/ John R.H. Blum	Trustee	December 30, 1996
John R.H. Blum		
/s/ Joseph J. Harkins	Trustee	December 30, 1996
Joseph J. Harkins		
/s/ Richard E. Ten Haken	Trustee	December 30, 1996
Richard E. Ten Haken		
/s/ Stuart W. Cragin, Jr.	Trustee	December 30, 1996
Stuart W. Cragin, Jr.		
/s/ Irv Thode	Trustee	December 30, 1996
Irv Thode		
/s/ H. Richard Vartabedian	President and Trustee	December 30, 1996
H. Richard Vartabedian		
/s/ W. Perry Neff	Trustee	December 30, 1996
W. Perry Neff		,
/s/ Roland R. Eppley, Jr.	Trustee	December 30, 1996
Roland R. Eppley, Jr.		
/s/ W.D. MacCallan	Trustee	December 30, 1996
W.D. MacCallan		
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/s/ Martin R. Dean	Treasurer and	December 30, 1996
Martin R. Dean	Principal Financial Officer	322

### SIGNATURES

Growth and Income Portfolio has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment to the Registration Statement on Form N-1A of Mutual Fund Group to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New York and the State of New York on the 30th day of December, 1996.

GROWTH AND INCOME PORTFOLIO

By /s/ H. Richard Vartabedian

H. Richard Vartabedian Chairman and President

This Amendment to the Registration Statement on Form N-1A of Mutual Fund Group has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

/s/ H. Richard Vartabedian  H. Richard Vartabedian	President and Trustee	December	30,	1996
* William J. Armstrong	Trustee	December	30,	1996
John R.H. Blum	Trustee	December	30,	1996

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Joseph J. Harkins	Trustee	December 30, 1996
* Richard E. Ten Haken	Trustee	December 30, 1996
* Stuart W. Cragin, Jr.	Trustee	December 30, 1996
* Irving L. Thode	Trustee	December 30, 1996
* Fergus Reid, III	Chairman and Trustee	December 30, 1996
* W. Perry Neff	Trustee	December 30, 1996
* Roland R. Eppley, Jr.	Trustee	December 30, 1996
* W.D. MacCallan	Trustee	December 30, 1996
/s/ Martin Dean  Martin Dean	Treasurer and Principal Accounting Officer	December 30, 1996
/s/ H. Richard Vartabedian  H. Richard Vartabedian	Attorney in Fact	December 30, 1996

# SIGNATURES

Capital Growth Portfolio has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment to the Registration Statement on Form N-1A of Mutual Fund Group to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New York and the State of New York on the 30th day of December, 1996.

CAPITAL GROWTH PORTFOLIO

By /s/ H. Richard Vartabedian

H. Richard Vartabedian Chairman and President

This Amendment to the Registration Statement on Form N-1A of Mutual Fund Group has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

/s/ H. Richard Vartabedian  H. Richard Vartabedian	President and Trustee	December 30, 1996
* William J. Armstrong	Trustee	December 30, 1996
*  John R.H. Blum	Trustee	December 30, 1996

* Joseph J. Harkins	Trustee	December 30, 1996
* Richard E. Ten Haken	Trustee	December 30, 1996
* Stuart W. Cragin, Jr.	Trustee	December 30, 1996
* Irving L. Thode	Trustee	December 30, 1996
* Fergus Reid, III	Chairman and Trustee	December 30, 1996
W. Perry Neff	Trustee	December 30, 1996
* Roland R. Eppley, Jr.	Trustee	December 30, 1996
* W.D. MacCallan	Trustee	December 30, 1996
/s/ Martin Dean  Martin Dean	Treasurer and Principal Accounting Officer	December 30, 1996
/s/ H. Richard Vartabedian  H. Richard Vartabedian	Attorney in Fact	December 30, 1996

# SIGNATURES

International Equity Portfolio has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment to the Registration Statement on Form N-1A of Mutual Fund Group to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New York and the State of New York on the 30th day of December, 1996.

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY PORTFOLIO

By /s/ H. Richard Vartabedian

H. Richard Vartabedian Chairman and President

This Amendment to the Registration Statement on Form N-1A of Mutual Fund Group has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

/s/ H. Richard Vartabedian  H. Richard Vartabedian	President and Trustee	December	30,	1996
* William J. Armstrong	Trustee	December	30,	1996
John R.H. Blum	Trustee	December	30,	1996

* Joseph J. Harkins	Trustee	December 30, 1996
* Richard E. Ten Haken	Trustee	December 30, 1996
* Stuart W. Cragin, Jr.	Trustee	December 30, 1996
* Irving L. Thode	Trustee	December 30, 1996
* Fergus Reid, III	Chairman and Trustee	December 30, 1996
* W. Perry Neff	Trustee	December 30, 1996
* Roland R. Eppley, Jr.	Trustee	December 30, 1996
* W.D. MacCallan	Trustee	December 30, 1996
/s/ Martin Dean  Martin Dean	Treasurer and Principal Accounting Officer	December 30, 1996
/s/ H. Richard Vartabedian	Attorney in Fact	December 30, 1996

H. Richard Vartabedian