

# SEI INSTITUTIONAL INTERNATIONAL TRUST

## International Equity Fund (the “Fund”)

### Supplement Dated February 24, 2026 to the Statement of Additional Information (the “SAI”), dated January 31, 2026

This Supplement provides new and additional information beyond that contained in the SAI and should be read in conjunction with such SAI.

*The SAI is hereby amended and supplemented to reflect the following changes to the Fund.*

#### Change in Portfolio Management of the Fund

*WCM Investment Management, LLC no longer serves as a sub-adviser to the Fund. As such, all references to WCM Investment Management, LLC are hereby deleted from the SAI.*

*Additionally, Brown Advisory LLC and Lindsell Train Ltd. are added as sub-advisers to the Fund. Accordingly, the SAI is updated as follows:*

*On the cover page of the SAI, “Brown Advisory LLC” and “Lindsell Train Ltd.” are hereby added in the appropriate alphabetical order thereof.*

*In addition, under the section titled “The Adviser and Sub-Advisers,” under the heading titled “The Sub-Advisers,” the following text is hereby added in the appropriate alphabetical order thereof:*

**BROWN ADVISORY LLC**—Brown Advisory LLC (“Brown Advisory”) serves as a Sub-Adviser to a portion of the assets of the International Equity Fund. Brown Advisory is a limited liability company and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Brown Advisory Management LLC. As of December 31, 2025, Brown Advisory had \$66,641.59 million in institutional assets under management.

**LINSELL TRAIN LTD.**—Lindsell Train Ltd. (“Lindsell Train”) serves as a Sub-Adviser to a portion of the assets of the International Equity Fund. Lindsell Train was founded in 2000 and is a majority employee-owned asset management firm. Lindsell Train specializes in the management of long-only concentrated equity portfolios.

*In addition, under the same section, under the heading titled “Portfolio Management,” the following text is hereby added in the appropriate alphabetical order thereof:*

#### Brown Advisory

**Compensation.** SIMC pays Brown Advisory a fee based on the assets under management of the International Equity Fund as set forth in an investment sub-advisory agreement between Brown Advisory and SIMC. Brown Advisory pays its investment professionals out of its total revenues and other resources, including the sub-advisory fees earned with respect to the International Equity Fund. The following information relates to the period ended December 31, 2025.

Brown Advisory compensates investment professionals using three components: base salary, cash bonus, and firm equity. The performance bonus portion of the portfolio managers’ compensation considers several factors including, but not limited to: performance, teamwork, the ability to grow and retain assets, and the firm’s profitability.

**Ownership of Fund Shares.** As of December 31, 2025, Brown Advisory’s portfolio manager did not beneficially own any shares of the International Equity Fund.

**Other Accounts.** As of December 31, 2025, in addition to the International Equity Fund, Brown Advisory’s portfolio manager was responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

<u>Portfolio Manager</u>	<u>Registered Investment Companies</u>		<u>Other Pooled Investment Vehicles</u>		<u>Other Accounts</u>	
	<u>Number of Accounts</u>	<u>Total Assets (in Millions)</u>	<u>Number of Accounts</u>	<u>Total Assets (in Millions)</u>	<u>Number of Accounts</u>	<u>Total Assets (in Millions)</u>
Priyanka Agnihotri .....	1	\$47.29	0	\$0	8	\$143.19

No account listed above is subject to a performance-based advisory fee.

**Conflicts of Interest.** A conflict of interest may arise as a result of the portfolio manager being responsible for multiple accounts, including the International Equity Fund which may have different investment guidelines and objectives. In addition to the International Equity Fund, these accounts may include accounts of registered investment companies, private pooled investment vehicles and other accounts. In particular, this conflict of interest may arise as a result of Brown Advisory’s management of the International Equity Fund and other accounts, which, in theory, may allow Brown Advisory to allocate investment opportunities in a way that favors other accounts over the International Equity Fund. This conflict of interest may be exacerbated to the extent that Brown Advisory or the portfolio manager receive, or expect to receive, greater compensation from their management of the other accounts (some of which receive both a management and incentive fee) than the International Equity Fund. Brown Advisory (or its members, employees and affiliates) may

give advice or take action with respect to the other accounts that differs from the advice given with respect to the International Equity Fund. To the extent a particular investment is suitable for both the International Equity Fund and the other accounts, such investments will be allocated between the International Equity Fund and the other accounts in a manner that Brown Advisory determines is fair and equitable under the circumstances to all clients, including the International Equity Fund.

To address and manage these potential conflicts of interest, Brown Advisory has adopted compliance policies and procedures to allocate investment opportunities and to ensure that each of their clients is treated on a fair and equitable basis.

**Lindsell Train**

*Compensation.* SIMC pays Lindsell Train a fee based on the assets under management of the International Equity Fund as set forth in an investment sub-advisory agreement between Lindsell Train and SIMC. Lindsell Train pays its investment professionals out of its total revenues and other resources, including the sub-advisory fees earned with respect to the International Equity Fund. The following information relates to the period ended December 31, 2025.

Lindsell Train seeks to pay its employees competitive rates of remuneration, supplemented by discretionary bonuses when appropriate to reflect the company’s success and to reward an employee’s contributions. The award of staff bonuses is influenced by Lindsell Train’s annual profits but also pays testament to the longer-term success of the company. Importantly, Lindsell Train does not reward on the basis of short-term targets. Discretionary bonus payments recognize an employee’s contribution to the overall business, including supporting the culture and values of Lindsell Train, and their overall job performance.

For key employees, there is also the opportunity to acquire shares in Lindsell Train as well as the opportunity to share in its profit through a dedicated profits share scheme. These measures help to encourage long-term motivation and to foster an alignment of interest. Both Messrs. Bullock and Van Leeuwen are members of this scheme.

*Ownership of Fund Shares.* As of December 31, 2025, Lindsell Train’s portfolio managers did not beneficially own any shares of the International Equity Fund.

*Other Accounts.* As of December 31, 2025, in addition to the International Equity Fund, Lindsell Train’s portfolio managers were responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

Portfolio Manager	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)
James Bullock .....	0	\$0	3	\$4,636	5	\$2,624
Ben Van Leeuwen .....	0	\$0	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0

No account listed above is subject to a performance-based advisory fee.

*Conflicts of Interest.* A conflict of interest may arise as a result of the portfolio manager being responsible for multiple accounts, including the International Equity Fund which may have different investment guidelines and objectives. In addition to the International Equity Fund, these accounts may include accounts of registered investment companies, private pooled investment vehicles and other accounts. In particular, this conflict of interest may arise as a result of Lindsell Train’s management of the International Equity Fund and other accounts, which, in theory, may allow Lindsell Train to allocate investment opportunities in a way that favors other accounts over the International Equity Fund. This conflict of interest may be exacerbated to the extent that Lindsell Train or the portfolio manager receive, or expect to receive, greater compensation from their management of the other accounts (some of which receive both a management and incentive fee) than the International Equity Fund. Lindsell Train (or its members, employees and affiliates) may give advice or take action with respect to the other accounts that differs from the advice given with respect to the International Equity Fund. To the extent a particular investment is suitable for both the International Equity Fund and the other accounts, such investments will be allocated between the International Equity Fund and the other accounts in a manner that Lindsell Train determines is fair and equitable under the circumstances to all clients, including the International Equity Fund.

To address and manage these potential conflicts of interest, Lindsell Train has adopted compliance policies and procedures to allocate investment opportunities and to ensure that each of their clients is treated on a fair and equitable basis.

*There are no other changes to the SAI.*

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## STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### SEI INSTITUTIONAL INTERNATIONAL TRUST

#### Class F Shares

International Equity Fund (SEITX)  
Emerging Markets Equity Fund (SIEMX)

International Fixed Income Fund (SEFIX)  
Emerging Markets Debt Fund (SITEX)

#### Class I Shares

International Equity Fund (SEEIX)

#### Class Y Shares

International Equity Fund (SEFCX)  
Emerging Markets Equity Fund (SEQFX)

International Fixed Income Fund (SIFIX)  
Emerging Markets Debt Fund (SIEDX)

#### Investment Adviser:

SEI Investments Management Corporation

#### Administrator:

SEI Investments Global Funds Services

#### Distributor:

SEI Investments Distribution Co.

#### Sub-Advisers:

Ardea Investment Management Pty Ltd.  
Artisan Partners Limited Partnership  
Acadian Asset Management LLC  
Aikya Investment Management Limited  
Colchester Global Investors Ltd  
Grantham, Mayo, Van Otterloo & Co. LLC  
Invesco Advisers, Inc.

JOHCM (USA) Inc.  
Marathon Asset Management, L.P.  
Pzena Investment Management, LLC  
RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited  
Robeco Institutional Asset Management US Inc.  
WCM Investment Management, LLC

This **Statement of Additional Information** is not a prospectus. It is intended to provide additional information regarding the activities and operations of SEI Institutional International Trust (the "Trust"), and should be read in conjunction with the Trust's Class F, Class I and Class Y Shares prospectuses (the "Prospectuses"), each dated January 31, 2026. The Prospectuses may be obtained upon request and without charge by writing the Trust's distributor, SEI Investments Distribution Co., One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456, or by calling 1-800-342-5734.

The Trust's financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025, including notes thereto and the report of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm thereon are included in the most recent Form N-CSR for the Funds and are incorporated herein by reference to this SAI. Shareholders may obtain copies of the Prospectus, the Funds' annual or semi-annual report, and other information such as the Funds' financial statements free of charge online or by calling 1-800-DIAL-SEI. Unless you have elected to receive paper copies of the shareholder reports, you will be notified by mail each time a report is posted on the Funds' website and provided with a link to access the report online.

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## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

The following terms are used throughout this SAI, and have the meanings set forth below. Because the following is a combined glossary of terms used for all the SEI Funds, certain terms below may not apply to your fund. Any terms used but not defined herein have the meaning ascribed to them in the applicable Fund's prospectus or as otherwise defined in this SAI.

<u>Term</u>	<u>Definition</u>
1933 Act	Securities Act of 1933, as amended
1940 Act	Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended
ADRs	American Depositary Receipts
ARMS	Adjustable Rate Mortgage Securities
BHCA	Bank-Holding Company Act
Bank Loan Rate	The rate of interest that would be charged by a bank for short-term borrowings
Board	The Trust's Board of Trustees
CATS	Certificates of Accrual on Treasury Securities
CDOs	Collateralized Debt Obligations
CDRs	Continental Depositary Receipts
CFTC	Commodity Futures Trading Commission
CLCs	Construction Loan Certificates
CLOs	Collateralized Loan Obligations
CMBS	Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities
CMOs	Collateralized Mortgage Obligations
Code	Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended
Confidential Information	Material, non-public information
Dodd-Frank Act	Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protections Act
EDRs	European Depositary Receipts
ETFs	Exchange-Traded Funds
ETNs	Exchange-Traded Notes
ETPs	Exchange-Traded Products
EU	European Union
Fannie Mae	Federal National Mortgage Association
FHA	Federal Housing Administration
Freddie Mac	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation
GDRs	Global Depositary Receipts
GNMA	Government National Mortgage Association
IFA	Insurance Funding Agreement
IO	Interest-Only Security
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
LYONs	Liquid Yield Option Notes
MLPs	Master Limited Partnerships
Moody's	Moody's Investors Service, Inc.
NAV	Net Asset Value
NDFs	Non-Deliverable Forwards
NRSRO	Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization
OTC	Over-the-Counter
PAC Bonds	Planned Amortization Class CMOs
PIPEs	Private Investments in Public Equity
PLC	Permanent Loan Certificate

<u>Term</u>	<u>Definition</u>
P-Notes	Participation Notes
PO	Principal-Only Security
Program	SEI Funds' interfund lending program
QFII	Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor
QPTPs	Qualified Publicly Traded Partnerships
REITs	Real Estate Investment Trusts
REMIC Certificates	REMIC pass-through certificates
REMICs	Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduits
REOCs	Real Estate Operating Companies
Repo Rate	rate of interest for an investment in overnight repurchase agreements
RIC	Regulated Investment Company
S&P	Standard & Poor's Rating Group
SEC	U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
SEI Funds	The existing or future investment companies registered under the 1940 Act that are advised by SIMC
SOFR	Secured Overnight Financing Rate
STRIPS	Separately Traded Registered Interest and Principal Securities
Subsidiary	A wholly-owned subsidiary organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands
TIGRs	Treasury Investment Growth Receipts
TRs	Treasury Receipts
UK	United Kingdom
World Bank	International Bank of Reconstruction and Development
Yankees	Yankee Obligations

## THE TRUST

SEI Institutional International Trust (the “Trust”) is an open-end management investment company that offers shares of diversified and non-diversified portfolios (only International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds are non-diversified). The Trust was established as a Massachusetts business trust pursuant to an Agreement and Declaration of Trust dated June 28, 1988. The Amended and Restated Agreement and Declaration of Trust permits the Trust to offer separate series (“portfolios”) of units of beneficial interest (“shares”) and separate classes of shares of such portfolios. Shareholders may purchase shares in certain portfolios through separate classes. Class F, Class I and Class Y Shares may be offered, which provide for variations in transfer agent fees, shareholder servicing fees, administrative servicing fees, distribution fees, dividends and certain voting rights. Except for differences among the classes pertaining to shareholder servicing, administrative servicing, distribution, voting rights, dividends and transfer agent expenses, each share of each portfolio represents an equal proportionate interest in that portfolio with each other share of that portfolio.

This Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) relates to the following portfolios: International Equity, Emerging Markets Equity, International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds (each, a “Fund” and together, the “Funds”), including all classes of the Funds.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

**INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUND**—The International Equity Fund seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets in equity securities. For purposes of this policy, net assets mean net assets plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes. Equity securities include common stocks, preferred stocks, participation notes, warrants and depositary receipts. The Fund will invest primarily in equity securities of issuers of all capitalization ranges that are located in at least three countries other than the U.S. It is expected that at least 40% of the Fund’s assets will be invested outside the U.S. The Fund will invest primarily in companies located in developed countries, but may also invest in companies located in emerging market countries. Generally, the Fund will invest less than 20% of its assets in emerging markets. Emerging market countries are those countries that: (i) are characterized as developing or emerging by any of the World Bank, the United Nations, the International Finance Corporation, or the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; (ii) are included in an emerging markets index by a recognized index provider; or (iii) have similar developing or emerging characteristics as countries classified as emerging market countries pursuant to sub-paragraph (i) and (ii) above, in each case determined at the time of purchase.

SEI Investments Management Corporation, the Fund’s adviser (“SIMC” or the “Adviser”), directly manages a portion of the Fund’s assets. With the remaining assets, the Fund uses a multi-manager approach, relying on one or more sub-advisers (each, a “Sub-Adviser” and together, the “Sub-Advisers”) with differing investment philosophies to manage Fund assets under the general supervision of SIMC. One or more Sub-Advisers may apply a quantitative investment style, which generally involves a systematic or rules-based approach to selecting investments based on specific measurable factors.

The Sub-Adviser(s) may implement a long/short equity investment strategy by investing in securities believed to offer capital appreciation opportunities while also attempting to take advantage of an anticipated decline in the price of a company. A long/short equity investment strategy takes (i) long positions with respect to investments that are believed to be undervalued relative to their potential and likely to increase in price, and (ii) short positions with respect to investments that are believed to have significant risk of decreasing in price. The Sub-Adviser(s) seek returns from strong security selection on both the long and short sides. These long and short positions may be completely unrelated.

Securities of non-U.S. issuers purchased by the Fund will typically be listed on recognized foreign exchanges, but may also be purchased in over-the-counter markets, on U.S. registered exchanges or in the form of sponsored or unsponsored ADRs traded on registered exchanges or NASDAQ, or sponsored or unsponsored EDRs, CDRs or GDRs.

The Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in: (i) foreign corporate government fixed income securities of different types and maturities, including mortgage-backed or other asset-backed securities; (ii) fixed income securities rated below investment grade (“junk bonds”); (iii) repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements; (iv) U.S. or non-U.S. cash reserves; (v) money market instruments; (vi) swaps; (vii) options on securities and non-U.S. indexes; (viii) futures contracts, including stock index futures contracts; (ix) options on futures contracts; and (x) equity-linked warrants, in each case to the extent not covered by the Fund’s 80% policy. The Fund is permitted to acquire floating and variable rate securities, purchase securities on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis and invest up to 15% of its net assets in illiquid investments. The Fund may also lend its securities to qualified borrowers and invest in shares of other investment companies, including securities issued by passive foreign investment companies. The Fund may invest in futures contracts, forward contracts and options for hedging purposes, including seeking to manage the Fund’s currency exposure to foreign securities and mitigate the Fund’s overall risk.

There is no restriction on the maturity of any single instrument held by the Fund. Maturities may vary widely depending on SIMC’s or a Sub-Adviser’s assessment of interest rate trends and other economic and market factors. There is no bottom limit on the ratings of high-yield securities that may be purchased or held by the Fund.

For temporary defensive purposes, when SIMC or a Sub-Adviser determines that market conditions warrant, the Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in U.S. dollar-denominated fixed income securities or debt obligations and the following domestic and foreign money market instruments: (i) government obligations; (ii) certificates of deposit; (iii) bankers’ acceptances; (iv) time deposits; (v) commercial paper; (vi) short-term corporate debt issues and repurchase agreements; and (vii) may hold a portion of its assets in cash. In addition, the Fund may invest in the foregoing instruments and hold cash for liquidity purposes.

Due to its investment strategy, the Fund may buy and sell securities frequently. This may result in higher transaction costs and taxes subject to ordinary income tax rates as opposed to more favorable capital gain rates.

Subject to Section 12 of the 1940 Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder, the Fund may purchase futures contracts or shares of ETFs to gain exposure to a particular portion of the market while awaiting an opportunity to purchase securities or other instruments directly. The particular ETF complexes in which the Fund may invest and additional information about the limitations of such investments are further described under the heading “Exchange-Traded Funds” in the sub-section “Investment Companies” of the “Description of Permitted Investments and Risk Factors” section below.

**EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY FUND**—The Emerging Markets Equity Fund seeks to provide capital appreciation. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets in equity securities of emerging market issuers. For purposes of this policy, net assets mean net assets plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes. Equity securities include equity-linked securities, common stocks, preferred stock, warrants, participation notes and depositary receipts of all capitalization ranges. The Fund will invest primarily in equity securities of foreign companies located in emerging market countries. The Fund normally maintains investments in at least six emerging market countries, however, it may invest a substantial amount of its assets in issuers located in a single country or a limited number of countries. Due to the size of its economy relative to other emerging market countries, it is expected that China will generally constitute a significant exposure in the Fund and may include investments in variable interest entities (“VIEs”). Emerging market countries are those countries that: (i) are characterized as developing or emerging by any of the World Bank, the United Nations, the International Finance Corporation, or the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; (ii) are included in an emerging markets index by a recognized index provider; or (iii) have similar developing or emerging characteristics as countries classified as emerging market countries pursuant to sub-paragraph (i) and (ii) above, in each case determined at the time of purchase. SIMC and the Sub-Advisers consider emerging market issuers to include: (i) companies the securities of which are principally traded in the capital markets of emerging market countries; (ii) companies that derive at least 50% of their total revenue

from either goods produced or services rendered in emerging market countries, regardless of where the securities of such companies are principally traded; or (iii) companies that are organized under the laws of, and have a principal office in, an emerging market country.

SIMC, the Fund's adviser, directly manages a portion of the Fund's assets. With the remaining assets, the Fund uses a multi-manager approach, relying on one or more Sub-Advisers with differing investment philosophies to manage Fund assets under the general supervision of SIMC. Assets of the Fund not allocated to Sub-Advisers are managed directly by SIMC. SIMC and one or more Sub-Advisers may apply a quantitative investment style, which generally involves a systematic or rules-based approach to selecting investments based on specific measurable factors.

The Fund may invest in swaps based on a single security or an index of securities, futures contracts, forward contracts and options to synthetically obtain exposure to securities or baskets of securities or for hedging purposes, including seeking to manage the Fund's currency exposure to foreign securities and mitigate the Fund's overall risk. Swaps may be used to obtain exposure to different foreign equity markets.

There is no restriction on the maturity of any single instrument held by the Fund. Maturities may vary widely depending on SIMC's or a Sub-Adviser's assessment of interest rate trends and other economic and market factors. There is no bottom limit on the ratings of high-yield securities that may be purchased or held by the Fund.

Due to its investment strategy, the Fund may buy and sell securities frequently. This may result in higher transaction costs and taxes subject to ordinary income tax rates as opposed to more favorable capital gain rates.

For temporary defensive purposes, when SIMC or a Sub-Adviser determines that market conditions warrant, the Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in U.S. dollar-denominated fixed income securities or debt obligations and the following domestic and foreign money market instruments: (i) government obligations; (ii) certificates of deposit; (iii) bankers' acceptances; (iv) time deposits; (v) commercial paper; (vi) short-term corporate debt issues and repurchase agreements; and (vii) may hold a portion of its assets in cash. In addition, the Fund may invest in the foregoing instruments and hold cash for liquidity purposes.

Subject to Section 12 of the 1940 Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder, the Fund may purchase futures contracts or shares of ETFs to gain exposure to a particular portion of the market while awaiting an opportunity to purchase securities or other instruments directly. The particular ETF complexes in which the Fund may invest and additional information about the limitations of such investments are further described under the heading "Exchange-Traded Funds" in the sub-section "Investment Companies" of the "Description of Permitted Investments and Risk Factors" section below. The Fund may also invest a portion of its assets in securities of companies located in developed foreign countries.

**INTERNATIONAL FIXED INCOME FUND**—The International Fixed Income Fund seeks to provide capital appreciation and current income. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets in fixed income securities. For purposes of this policy, net assets mean net assets plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes. The Fund will invest primarily in investment grade foreign government and corporate fixed income securities, as well as foreign mortgage-backed and/or asset-backed fixed income securities, of issuers located in at least three countries other than the U.S. (including, to a lesser extent, emerging market countries). It is expected that at least 40% of the Fund's assets will be invested in non-U.S. securities.

The Fund will invest primarily in: (i) fixed income securities issued or guaranteed by a foreign government or one of its agencies, authorities, instrumentalities or political subdivisions; (ii) fixed income securities issued or guaranteed by supranational entities; (iii) fixed income securities issued by foreign or multinational corporations; (iv) convertible securities issued by foreign or multinational corporations; (v) fixed income securities issued by foreign banks or bank holding companies; (vi) asset-backed securities; and (vii) mortgage-backed securities. All such investments will be in investment-grade securities denominated in various currencies, including the euro.

The Fund uses a multi-manager approach, relying upon a number of Sub-Advisers with differing investment philosophies to manage portions of the Fund's portfolio under the general supervision of SIMC. In selecting investments for the Fund, the Sub-Advisers choose securities issued by corporations and governments located in various countries, looking for opportunities to achieve capital appreciation and gain, as well as current income.

The Fund expects to be fully invested in the primary investments described above, but may invest in: (i) obligations issued or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities ("U.S. Government securities"); (ii) shares of other investment companies; (iii) swaps; (iv) options; (v) futures; (vi) forward foreign currency contracts; and (vii) equity-linked warrants. The Fund may also purchase and write options to buy or sell futures contracts, purchase securities on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis, engage in short selling and currency transactions and lend its securities to qualified borrowers. The Sub-Advisers may seek to enhance the Fund's return by actively managing the Fund's foreign currency exposure. In managing the Fund's currency exposure, the Sub-Advisers buy and sell currencies (*i.e.*, take long or short positions) using derivatives, principally futures, foreign currency forward contracts and currency swaps. The Fund may take long and short positions in foreign currencies in excess of the value of the Fund's assets denominated in a particular currency or when the Fund does not own assets denominated in that currency. The Fund may also engage in currency transactions in an attempt to take advantage of certain inefficiencies in the currency exchange market, to increase its exposure to a foreign currency or to shift exposure to foreign currency fluctuations from one currency to another.

In managing the Fund's currency exposure from foreign securities, the Sub-Advisers may buy and sell currencies for hedging or for speculative purposes. The Fund may invest up to 15% of its net assets in illiquid investments. Furthermore, although the Fund will concentrate its investments in relatively developed countries, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in investment-grade fixed income securities of issuers in, or denominated in the currencies of, developing countries or are determined by SIMC or a Sub-Adviser to be of comparable quality to such securities at the time of purchase. The Fund may also invest in securities rated below investment grade, bank loans and loan participation notes.

The Fund may also invest in futures contracts, forward contracts and swaps for speculative or hedging purposes. Futures, forwards and swaps are used to synthetically obtain exposure to the securities identified above or baskets of such securities and to manage the Fund's interest rate duration and yield curve exposure.

These derivatives are also used to mitigate the Fund's overall level of risk and/or the Fund's risk to particular types of securities, currencies or market segments. Interest rate swaps are further used to manage the Fund's yield spread sensitivity. When the Fund seeks to take an active long or short position with respect to the likelihood of an event of default of a security or basket of securities, the Fund may use credit default swaps. The Fund may buy credit default swaps in an attempt to manage credit risk where the Fund has credit exposure to an issuer and the Fund may sell credit default swaps to more efficiently gain credit exposure to such security or basket of securities.

There are no restrictions on the Fund's average portfolio maturity or on the maturity of any specific security. Maturities may vary widely depending on SIMC's or a Sub-Adviser's assessment of interest rate trends and other economic and market factors. There may be no bottom limit on the ratings of high-yield securities that may be purchased or held by the Fund.

Due to its investment strategy, the Fund may buy or sell securities frequently. This may result in higher transaction costs and taxes subject to ordinary income tax rates as opposed to more favorable capital gain rates.

The Fund is non-diversified, which means that it may invest in the securities of relatively few issuers. As a result, the Fund may be more susceptible to a single adverse economic or political occurrence affecting one or more of these issuers, and may experience increased volatility due to its investments in those securities.

For temporary defensive purposes, when SIMC or a Sub-Adviser determines that market conditions warrant, the Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in: (i) U.S. dollar-denominated fixed income securities or debt obligations; (ii) certificates of deposit; (iii) bankers' acceptances; (iv) time deposits; (v) commercial paper;

(vi) short-term corporate debt issues and repurchase agreements; and (vii) may hold a portion of its assets in cash. In addition, the Fund may invest in the foregoing instruments and hold cash for liquidity purposes.

Subject to Section 12 of the 1940 Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder, the Fund may purchase shares of ETFs to gain exposure to a particular portion of the market while awaiting an opportunity to purchase securities or other instruments directly. The particular ETF complexes in which the Fund may invest and additional information about the limitations of such investments are further described under the heading “Exchange-Traded Funds” in the sub-section “Investment Companies” of the “Description of Permitted Investments and Risk Factors” section below.

**EMERGING MARKETS DEBT FUND**—The investment objective of the Emerging Markets Debt Fund is to maximize total return. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

Under normal circumstances, the Emerging Markets Debt Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets (plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) in fixed income securities of emerging market issuers. The Fund will invest in debt securities of government, government-related, supranational entities, and corporate issuers in emerging market countries, as well as debt securities of entities organized to restructure the outstanding debt of any such issuers. The Fund may obtain its exposures by investing directly (*e.g.*, in fixed income securities and other instruments) or indirectly/synthetically (*e.g.*, through the use of derivative instruments, principally futures contracts, forward contracts and swaps and structured securities, such as credit-linked and inflation-linked notes). The Fund may invest in swaps based on a single security or an index of securities, including interest rate swaps, credit default swaps, currency swaps and fully-funded total return swaps. Emerging market countries are those countries that: (i) are characterized as developing or emerging by any of the World Bank, the United Nations, the International Finance Corporation, or the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; (ii) are included in an emerging markets index by a recognized index provider; or (iii) have similar developing or emerging characteristics as countries classified as emerging market countries pursuant to sub-paragraph (i) and (ii) above, in each case determined at the time of purchase.

The Fund uses a multi-manager approach, relying upon a number of Sub-Advisers with differing investment philosophies to manage portions of the Fund’s portfolio under the general supervision of SIMC. The Sub-Advisers will spread the Fund’s holdings across a number of countries and industries to limit its exposure to any single emerging market economy and may not invest more than 25% of its assets in any single country. There are no restrictions on the Fund’s average portfolio maturity or on the maturity of any specific security. There is no minimum rating standard for the Fund’s securities, and the Fund’s securities will generally be in the lower or lowest rating categories (including those below the fourth highest rating category by a NRSRO, commonly referred to as junk bonds).

The Sub-Advisers may seek to enhance the Fund’s return by actively managing the Fund’s foreign currency exposure. In managing the Fund’s currency exposure, the Sub-Advisers buy and sell currencies (*i.e.*, take long or short positions) using derivatives, principally futures, foreign currency forward contracts, options on foreign currencies and currency swaps. The Fund may take long and short positions in foreign currencies in excess of the value of the Fund’s assets denominated in a particular currency or when the Fund does not own assets denominated in that currency. The Fund may also engage in currency transactions in an attempt to take advantage of certain inefficiencies in the currency exchange market, to increase its exposure to a foreign currency or to shift exposure to foreign currency fluctuations from one currency to another. In managing the Fund’s currency exposure from foreign securities, the Sub-Advisers may buy and sell currencies for hedging or for speculative purposes.

The Fund may also invest in futures contracts, forward contracts and swaps for speculative or hedging purposes. Futures contracts, forward contracts and swaps are used to synthetically obtain exposure to the securities identified above or baskets of such securities and to manage the Fund’s interest rate duration and yield curve exposure. These derivatives are also used to mitigate the Fund’s overall level of risk and/or the Fund’s risk to particular types of securities, currencies or market segments. Interest rate swaps are further used to manage the Fund’s yield spread sensitivity. When the Fund seeks to take an active long or short position with respect to the likelihood of an event of default of a security or basket of securities, the Fund may use credit

default swaps. The Fund may buy credit default swaps in an attempt to manage credit risk where the Fund has credit exposure to an issuer and the Fund may sell credit default swaps to more efficiently gain credit exposure to such security or basket of securities.

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## DESCRIPTION OF PERMITTED INVESTMENTS AND RISK FACTORS

The following are descriptions of the permitted investments and investment practices of the Funds, including those discussed in the applicable Prospectuses and the Funds’ “Investment Objectives and Policies” section of this SAI and the associated risk factors. A Fund may purchase any of these instruments and/or engage in any of these investment practices if, in the opinion of SIMC or the Sub-Advisers, such investments or investment practices will be advantageous to the Fund. A Fund is free to reduce or eliminate its activity in any of these areas. SIMC or a Sub-Adviser, as applicable, may invest in any of the following instruments or engage in any of the following investment practices unless such investment or activity is inconsistent with or not permitted by a Fund’s stated investment policies. There is no assurance that any of these strategies or any other strategies and methods of investment available to a Fund will result in the achievement of the Fund’s investment objectives.

**AMERICAN DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS**—ADRs, as well as other “hybrid” forms of ADRs, including EDRs, CDRs and GDRs, are certificates evidencing ownership of shares of a foreign issuer. Depositary receipts may be sponsored or unsponsored. These certificates are issued by depositary banks and generally trade on an established market in the United States or elsewhere. The underlying shares are held in trust by a custodian bank or similar financial institution in the issuer’s home country. The depositary bank may not have physical custody of the underlying securities at all times and may charge fees for various services, including forwarding dividends and interest and corporate actions. ADRs are alternatives to directly purchasing the underlying foreign securities in their national markets and currencies. However, ADRs continue to be subject to many of the risks associated with investing directly in foreign securities.

Investments in the securities of foreign issuers may subject a Fund to investment risks that differ in some respects from those related to investments in securities of U.S. issuers. Such risks include future adverse political and economic developments, possible imposition of withholding taxes on income, possible seizure, nationalization or expropriation of foreign deposits, possible establishment of exchange controls or taxation at the source or greater fluctuation in value due to changes in exchange rates. Foreign issuers of securities often engage in business practices different from those of domestic issuers of similar securities, and there may be less information publicly available about foreign issuers. In addition, foreign issuers are, generally, subject to less government supervision and regulation and different accounting treatment than are those in the United States.

Although the two types of depositary receipt facilities (unsponsored and sponsored) are similar, there are differences regarding a holder’s rights and obligations and the practices of market participants. A depositary may establish an unsponsored facility without participation by (or acquiescence of) the underlying issuer. Typically, however, the depositary requests a letter of non-objection from the underlying issuer prior to establishing the facility. Holders of unsponsored depositary receipts generally bear all the costs of the facility. The depositary usually charges fees upon the deposit and withdrawal of the underlying securities, the conversion of dividends into U.S. dollars or other currency, the disposition of non-cash distributions and the performance of other services. The depositary of an unsponsored facility frequently is under no obligation to distribute shareholder communications received from the underlying issuer or to pass through voting rights to depositary receipt holders with respect to the underlying securities.

Sponsored depositary receipt facilities are created in generally the same manner as unsponsored facilities, except that sponsored depositary receipts are established jointly by a depositary and the underlying issuer through a deposit agreement. The deposit agreement sets out the rights and responsibilities of the underlying issuer, the depositary and the depositary receipt holders. With sponsored facilities, the underlying issuer typically bears some of the costs of the depositary receipts (such as dividend payment fees of the depositary), although most sponsored depositary receipt holders may bear costs such as deposit and withdrawal fees. Depositaries of most sponsored depositary receipts agree to distribute notices of shareholder meetings, voting instructions and other shareholder communications and information to the depositary receipt holders at the underlying issuer's request.

**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGY**—The rapid development and increasingly widespread use of certain artificial intelligence technologies, including machine learning models and generative artificial intelligence (collectively “AI”), may adversely impact markets, the overall performance of a Fund's investments, or the services provided to a Fund. To the extent a Fund invests in companies that are involved in various aspects of AI, the Fund will be affected by the risks of those types of companies, including changes in business cycles, world economic growth, technological progress, and changes in government regulation. Rapid change to technologies that affect a company's products could have a material adverse effect on such company's operating results. Companies that are extensively involved in AI also may rely heavily on a combination of patents, copyrights, trademarks, and trade secret laws to establish and protect their proprietary rights in their products and technologies. There can be no assurance that the steps taken by these companies to protect their proprietary rights will be adequate to prevent the misappropriation of their technology or that competitors will not independently develop technologies that are substantially equivalent or superior to such companies' technology. Further, because of the innovative nature of the AI market, outpaced advancement by one company or increasing market share by one company could result in rapid and substantial declines in the value of competing companies. In addition, market reaction to the potential impact of AI could result in excess demand for access to AI-related investments, thereby resulting in accelerated growth in the market value of such companies, which may then be subject to sharp resets in the wake of news or other information that tempers expectations of AI or of particular AI-related companies, thus potentially resulting in periods of high volatility in the price of such securities, which could negatively affect the Funds' performance.

**ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES**—Asset-backed securities are securities that are backed primarily by the cash flows of a discrete pool of fixed or revolving receivables or other financial assets that by their terms convert into cash within a finite time period. Asset-backed securities include mortgage-backed securities, but the term is more commonly used to refer to securities supported by non-mortgage assets such as auto loans, motor vehicle leases, student loans, credit card receivables, floorplan receivables, equipment leases and peer-to-peer loans. The assets are removed from any potential bankruptcy estate of an operating company through the true sale of the assets to an issuer that is a special purpose entity, and the issuer obtains a perfected security interest in the assets. Payments of principal of and interest on asset-backed securities rely entirely on the performance of the underlying assets. Asset-backed securities are generally not insured or guaranteed by the related sponsor or any other entity and therefore, if the assets or sources of funds available to the issuer are insufficient to pay those securities, the Funds will incur losses. In addition, asset-backed securities entail prepayment risk that may vary depending on the type of asset, but is generally less than the prepayment risk associated with mortgage-backed securities. Additional risks related to collateralized risk obligations, CLOs and mortgage-backed securities are described below.

Losses may be greater for asset-backed securities that are issued as “pass-through certificates” rather than as debt securities, because those types of certificates only represent a beneficial ownership interest in the related assets and their payment is based primarily on collections actually received. For asset-backed securities as a whole, if a securitization issuer defaults on its payment obligations due to losses or shortfalls on the assets held by the issuer, a sale or liquidation of the assets may not be sufficient to support payments on the securities and the Funds, as securityholders, may suffer a loss.

There is a limited secondary market for asset-backed securities. Consequently, it may be difficult for the Funds to sell or realize profits on those securities at favorable times or for favorable prices.

CDO and CLO securities are non-recourse obligations of their issuer payable solely from the related underlying collateral or its proceeds. Therefore, as a holder of CDOs and CLOs, the Funds must rely only on distributions on the underlying collateral or related proceeds for payment. If distributions on the underlying collateral are insufficient to make payments on the CDO or CLO securities, no other assets will be available for payment of the deficiency. As a result, the amount and timing of interest and principal payments in respect of CDO and CLO securities will depend on the performance and characteristics of the related underlying collateral.

**BANK LOANS**—Bank loans typically are arranged through private negotiations between a borrower and several financial institutions or a group of lenders which are represented by one or more lenders acting as agent. The agent is often a commercial bank that originates the loan and invites other parties to join the lending syndicate. The agent will be primarily responsible for negotiating the loan agreement and will have responsibility for the documentation and ongoing administration of the loan on behalf of the lenders after completion of the loan transaction. A Fund can invest in a bank loan either as a direct lender or through an assignment or participation.

When a Fund acts as a direct lender, it will have a direct contractual relationship with the borrower and may participate in structuring the loan, may enforce compliance by the borrower with the terms of the loan agreement and may have voting, consent and set-off rights under the loan agreement.

Loan assignments are investments in all or a portion of certain bank loans purchased from the lenders or from other third parties. The purchaser of an assignment typically will acquire direct rights against the borrower under the loan. While the purchaser of an assignment typically succeeds to all the rights and obligations of the assigning lender under the loan agreement, because assignments are arranged through private negotiations between potential assignees and assignors, or other third parties whose interests are being assigned, the rights and obligations acquired by a Fund may differ from and be more limited than those held by the assigning lender.

A holder of a loan participation typically has only a contractual right with the seller of the participation and not with the borrower or any other entities interpositioned between the seller of the participation and the borrower. As such, the purchaser of a loan participation assumes the credit risk of the seller of the participation, and any intermediary entities between the seller and the borrower, in addition to the credit risk of the borrower. When a Fund holds a loan participation, it will have the right to receive payments of principal, interest and fees to which it may be entitled only from the seller of the participation and only upon receipt of the seller of such payments from the borrower or from any intermediary parties between the seller and the borrower. Additionally, a Fund will generally will have no right to enforce compliance by the borrower with the terms of the loan agreement, will have no voting, consent or set-off rights under the loan agreement and may not directly benefit from the collateral supporting the loan although lenders that sell participations generally are required to distribute liquidation proceeds received by them pro rata among the holders of such participations. In the event of the bankruptcy or insolvency of the borrower, a loan participation may be subject to certain defenses that can be asserted by the borrower as a result of improper conduct by the seller or intermediary. If the borrower fails to pay principal and interest when due, a Fund may be subject to greater delays, expenses and risks than those that would have been involved if the Fund had purchased a direct obligation of such borrower.

Direct loans, assignments and loan participations may be considered liquid, as determined by SIMC or a Sub-Adviser based on criteria approved by the Board.

SIMC or a Sub-Adviser may from time to time have the opportunity to receive Confidential Information about the borrower, including financial information and related documentation regarding the borrower that is not publicly available. Pursuant to applicable policies and procedures, SIMC or a Sub-Adviser may (but is not required to) seek to avoid receipt of Confidential Information from the borrower so as to avoid possible restrictions on its ability to purchase and sell investments on behalf of a Fund and other clients to which such Confidential Information relates (*e.g.*, publicly traded securities issued by the borrower). In such circumstances, a Fund (and other clients of SIMC or a Sub-Adviser) may be disadvantaged in comparison to other investors, including with respect to the price the Fund pays or receives when it buys or sells a bank loan. Further, SIMC or a Sub-Adviser's abilities to assess the desirability of proposed consents, waivers or amendments with respect to certain bank loans may be compromised if it is not privy to available Confidential Information. SIMC or a

Sub-Adviser may also determine to receive such Confidential Information in certain circumstances under its applicable policies and procedures. If SIMC or a Sub-Adviser intentionally or unintentionally comes into possession of Confidential Information, it may be unable, potentially for a substantial period of time, to purchase or sell publicly traded securities to which such Confidential Information relates.

**BRADY BONDS**—Certain debt obligations, customarily referred to as “Brady Bonds,” are created through the exchange of existing commercial bank loans to foreign entities for new obligations in connection with a debt restructuring. Brady Bonds have only been issued since 1989 and, accordingly, do not have a long payment history. In addition, they are issued by governments that may have previously defaulted on the loans being restructured by the Brady Bonds and are thus subject to the risk of default by the issuer. Brady Bonds may be fully or partially collateralized or uncollateralized and issued in various currencies (although most are U.S. dollar-denominated), and they are actively traded in the OTC secondary market.

U.S. dollar-denominated, collateralized Brady Bonds, which may be fixed rate par bonds or floating rate discount bonds, are generally collateralized in-full as to principal due at maturity by U.S. Treasury zero coupon obligations, which have the same maturity as the Brady Bonds. Certain interest payments on these Brady Bonds may be collateralized by cash or securities in an amount that, in the case of fixed rate bonds, is typically equal to between 12 and 18 months of rolling interest payments or, in the case of floating rate bonds, initially is typically equal to between 12 and 18 months rolling interest payments based on the applicable interest rate at that time and is adjusted at regular intervals thereafter with the balance of interest accruals in each case being uncollateralized. Payment of interest and (except in the case of principal collateralized Brady Bonds) principal on Brady Bonds with no or limited collateral depends on the willingness and ability of the foreign government to make payment. In the event of a default on collateralized Brady Bonds for which obligations are accelerated, the collateral for the payment of principal will not be distributed to investors, nor will such obligations be sold and the proceeds distributed. The collateral will be held by the collateral agent to the scheduled maturity of the defaulted Brady Bonds, which will continue to be outstanding, at which time the face amount of the collateral will equal the principal payments that would have then been due on the Brady Bonds in the normal course.

Based upon current market conditions, a Fund would not intend to purchase Brady Bonds that, at the time of investment, are in default as to payment. However, in light of the residual risk of Brady Bonds and, among other factors, the history of default with respect to commercial bank loans by public and private entities of countries issuing Brady Bonds, investments in Brady Bonds are to be viewed as speculative. A substantial portion of the Brady Bonds and other sovereign debt securities in which a Fund invests may be acquired at a discount, which involves certain additional considerations.

Sovereign obligors in developing and emerging market countries are among the world’s largest debtors to commercial banks, other governments, international financial organizations and other financial institutions. These obligors have in the past experienced substantial difficulties in servicing their external debt obligations, which led to defaults on certain obligations and the restructuring of certain indebtedness. Restructuring arrangements have included, among other things, reducing and rescheduling interest and principal payments by negotiating new or amended credit agreements or converting outstanding principal and unpaid interest to Brady Bonds and obtaining new credit to finance interest payments. Holders of certain foreign sovereign debt securities may be requested to participate in the restructuring of such obligations and to extend further loans to their issuers. There can be no assurance that the Brady Bonds and other foreign sovereign debt securities in which a Fund may invest will not be subject to similar restructuring arrangements or to requests for new credit, which may adversely affect the Fund’s holdings. Furthermore, certain participants in the secondary market for such debt may be directly involved in negotiating the terms of these arrangements and may therefore have access to information not available to other market participants.

**COMMERCIAL PAPER**—Commercial paper is the term used to designate unsecured short-term promissory notes issued by corporations and other entities to finance short-term credit needs. Commercial paper is usually sold on a discount basis and has a maturity at the time of issuance generally not exceeding 270 days. The value of commercial paper may be affected by changes in the credit rating or financial condition of the issuing entities. The value of commercial paper will tend to fall when interest rates rise and rise when interest rates fall.

**CONSTRUCTION LOANS**—In general, construction loans are mortgages on multifamily homes that are insured by the FHA under various federal programs of the National Housing Act of 1934 and its amendments. Several FHA programs have evolved to insure the construction financing and permanent mortgage financing on multifamily residences, nursing homes, elderly residential facilities and health care units. Project loans typically trade in two forms: either as FHA-insured or GNMA insured pass-through securities. In this case, a qualified issuer issues the pass-through securities while holding the underlying mortgage loans as collateral. Regardless of form, all projects are government-guaranteed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the FHA insurance fund. The credit backing of all FHA and GNMA projects derives from the FHA insurance fund, so projects issued in either form enjoy the full faith and credit backing of the U.S. Government.

Most project pools consist of one large mortgage loan rather than numerous smaller mortgages, as is typically the case with agency single-family mortgage securities. As such, prepayments on projects are driven by the incentives most mortgagors have to refinance and are very project-specific in nature. However, to qualify for certain government programs, many project securities contain specific prepayment restrictions and penalties.

Under multifamily insurance programs, the government insures the construction financing of projects as well as the permanent mortgage financing on the completed structures. This is unlike the single-family mortgage market, in which the government only insures mortgages on completed homes. Investors purchase new projects by committing to fund construction costs on a monthly basis until the project is built. Upon project completion, an investor's construction loan commitments are converted into a proportionate share of the final permanent project mortgage loan. The construction financing portion of a project trades in the secondary market as an insured CLC. When the project is completed, the investor exchanges all the monthly CLCs for an insured PLC. The PLC is an insured pass-through security backed by the final mortgage on the completed property. As such, PLCs typically have a thirty-five to forty year maturity, depending on the type of final project. There are vastly more PLCs than CLCs in the market, owing to the long economic lives of the project structures. While neither CLCs nor PLCs are as liquid as agency single-family mortgage securities, both are traded on the secondary market and would generally not be considered illiquid. The benefit to owning these securities is a relatively high yield combined with significant prepayment protection, which generally makes these types of securities more attractive when prepayments are expected to be high in the mortgage market. CLCs typically offer a higher yield due to the fact that they are somewhat more administratively burdensome.

**CREDIT-LINKED NOTES**—Credit-linked notes and similarly structured products typically are issued by a limited purpose trust or other vehicle that, in turn, enters into a credit protection agreement or invests in a derivative instrument or basket of derivative instruments, such as credit default swaps or interest rate swaps, to obtain exposure to certain fixed-income markets or to remain fully invested when more traditional income producing securities are not available. Additional information about derivatives and the risks associated with them is provided under "Swaps, Caps, Floors, Collars and Swaptions." Like an investment in a bond, an investment in credit-linked notes represents the right to receive periodic income payments (in the form of distributions) and payment of principal at the end of the term of the security. However, these payments are conditioned on the issuer's receipt of payments from, and the issuer's potential obligations to, the counterparties to certain credit protection agreements or derivative instruments entered into by the issuer of the credit-linked note. For example, the issuer may sell one or more credit default swaps entitling the issuer to receive a stream of payments over the term of the swap agreements provided that no event of default has occurred with respect to the referenced debt obligation upon which the swap is based. If a default occurs, the stream of payments may stop and the issuer would be obligated to pay the counterparty the par (or other agreed upon value) of the referenced debt obligation. An investor holding a credit-linked note generally receives a fixed or floating coupon and the note's par value upon maturity, unless the referenced creditor defaults or declares bankruptcy, in which case the investor receives the amount recovered. In effect, investors holding credit-linked notes receive a higher yield in exchange for assuming the risk of a specified credit event.

**CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS RISK**—Current market conditions risk is the risk that a particular investment, or shares of the Funds in general, may fall in value due to current market conditions. Although interest rates were unusually low in recent years in the U.S. and abroad, in 2022, the Federal Reserve and certain

foreign central banks raised interest rates as part of their efforts to address rising inflation. The Federal Reserve and certain foreign central banks subsequently started to lower interest rates in September 2024, though economic or other factors, such as inflation, could lead to the Federal Reserve stopping or reversing these changes. It is difficult to accurately predict the pace at which interest rates might change, the timing, frequency or magnitude of any such changes in interest rates, or when such changes might stop or again reverse course. Unexpected changes in interest rates could lead to significant market volatility or reduce liquidity in certain sectors of the market. The ongoing adversarial political climate in the United States, as well as political and diplomatic events both domestic and abroad, have and may continue to have an adverse impact on the U.S. regulatory landscape, markets and investor behavior, which could have a negative impact on the Funds' investments and operations. In particular, the imposition of tariffs on foreign countries has led to retaliatory tariffs imposed by additional foreign countries, as well as increased and prolonged market volatility, and sector-specific downturns in industries reliant on international trade. Other unexpected political, regulatory and diplomatic events within the U.S. and abroad may affect investor and consumer confidence and may adversely impact financial markets and the broader economy. For example, ongoing armed conflicts between Russia and Ukraine in Europe and among Israel, Hamas and other militant groups in the Middle East, have caused and could continue to cause significant market disruptions and volatility within the markets in Russia, Europe, the Middle East and the United States. The hostilities and sanctions resulting from those hostilities have and could continue to have a significant impact on certain Fund investments as well as Fund performance and liquidity. If geopolitical conflicts develop or worsen, economies, markets and individual securities may be adversely affected, and the value of the Funds' assets may go down. The COVID-19 global pandemic, or any future public health crisis, and the ensuing policies enacted by governments and central banks have caused and may continue to cause significant volatility and uncertainty in global financial markets, negatively impacting global growth prospects. Additionally, advancements in technology may also adversely impact markets and the overall performance of the Funds. For instance, the economy may be significantly impacted by the advanced development and increased regulation of artificial intelligence. These events, and any other future events, may adversely affect the prices and liquidity of the Funds' portfolio investments and could result in disruptions in the trading markets.

**DEMAND INSTRUMENTS**—Certain instruments may entail a demand feature that permits the holder to demand payment of the principal amount of the instrument. Demand instruments may include variable amount master demand notes. Demand instruments with demand notice periods exceeding seven days are considered to be illiquid securities. Additional information about illiquid securities is provided under “Illiquid Securities” below.

**DERIVATIVES**—In an attempt to reduce systemic and counterparty risks associated with OTC derivative transactions, the Dodd-Frank Act requires that a substantial portion of OTC derivatives be executed in regulated markets and submitted for clearing to regulated clearinghouses. The CFTC also requires a substantial portion of derivative transactions that have historically been executed on a bilateral basis in the OTC markets to be executed through a regulated swap execution facility or designated contract market. The SEC has and is expected to continue to impose similar requirements with respect to security-based swaps. Such requirements could limit the ability of the Funds to invest or remain invested in derivatives and may make it more difficult and costly for investment funds, including the Funds, to enter into highly tailored or customized transactions. They may also render certain strategies in which a Fund might otherwise engage impossible or so costly that they will no longer be economical to implement.

OTC trades submitted for clearing will be subject to minimum initial and variation margin requirements set by the relevant clearinghouse, as may be adjusted to a higher amount by the Fund's Futures Commission Merchant, as well as SEC- or CFTC-mandated margin requirements. With respect to uncleared swaps, swap dealers are required to collect variation margin from a Fund and may be required to collect initial margin from a Fund pursuant to the CFTC's or the Prudential Regulators' uncleared swap margin rules. Both initial and variation margin must be in the form of eligible collateral, and may be composed of cash and/or securities, subject to applicable regulatory haircuts. These rules also mandate that collateral in the form of initial margin be posted to cover potential future exposure attributable to uncleared swap transactions for certain entities, which may include the Funds. In the event a Fund is required to post collateral in the form of initial margin in

respect of its uncleared swap transactions, all such collateral will be posted with a third-party custodian pursuant to a triparty custody agreement between the Fund, its dealer counterparty and an unaffiliated custodian.

Although the Dodd-Frank Act requires many OTC derivative transactions previously entered into on a principal-to-principal basis to be submitted for clearing by a regulated clearinghouse, certain of the derivatives that may be traded by a Fund may remain principal-to-principal or OTC contracts between the Fund and third parties. The risk of counterparty non-performance can be significant in the case of these OTC instruments, and “bid-ask” spreads may be unusually wide in these markets. To the extent not mitigated by implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act, if at all, the risks posed by such instruments and techniques, which can be complex, may include: (1) credit risks (the exposure to the possibility of loss resulting from a counterparty’s failure to meet its financial obligations), as further discussed below; (2) market risk (adverse movements in the price of a financial asset or commodity); (3) legal risks (the characterization of a transaction or a party’s legal capacity to enter into it could render the transaction unenforceable, and the insolvency or bankruptcy of a counterparty could pre-empt otherwise enforceable contract rights); (4) operational risk (inadequate controls, deficient procedures, human error, system failure or fraud); (5) documentation risk (exposure to losses resulting from inadequate documentation); (6) liquidity risk (exposure to losses created by inability to prematurely terminate derivative transactions); (7) systemic risk (the risk that financial difficulties in one institution or a major market disruption will cause uncontrollable financial harm to the financial system); (8) concentration risk (exposure to losses from the concentration of closely related risks such as exposure to a particular industry or exposure linked to a particular entity); and (9) settlement risk (the risk faced when one party to a transaction has performed its obligations under a contract but has not yet received value from its counterparty).

Swap dealers and major swap participants that are registered with the CFTC and with whom a Fund may trade are subject to minimum capital and margin requirements. These requirements may apply irrespective of whether the OTC derivatives in question are traded bilaterally or cleared. OTC derivatives dealers are subject to business conduct standards, disclosure requirements, reporting and recordkeeping requirements, transparency requirements, position limits, limitations on conflicts of interest, and other regulatory burdens. These requirements may increase the overall costs for OTC derivative dealers, which are likely to be passed along, at least partially, to market participants in the form of higher fees or less advantageous dealer marks.

Rule 18f-4 under the 1940 Act governs a Fund’s use of derivative instruments and certain other transactions that create future payment and/or delivery obligations by the Fund. Rule 18f-4 permits a Fund to enter into Derivative Transactions (as defined below) and certain other transactions notwithstanding the restrictions on the issuance of “senior securities” under Section 18 of the 1940 Act. Section 18 of the 1940 Act, among other things, prohibits open-end funds, including a Fund, from issuing or selling any “senior security,” other than borrowing from a bank (subject to a requirement to maintain 300% “asset coverage”). In connection with the adoption of Rule 18f-4, the SEC eliminated the asset segregation framework arising from prior SEC guidance for covering Derivative Transactions and certain financial instruments.

Under Rule 18f-4, “Derivative Transactions” include the following: (1) any swap, security-based swap (including a contract for differences), futures contract, forward contract, option (excluding purchased options), any combination of the foregoing, or any similar instrument, under which a Fund is or may be required to make any payment or delivery of cash or other assets during the life of the instrument or at maturity or early termination, whether as margin or settlement payment or otherwise; (2) any short sale borrowing; (3) reverse repurchase agreements and similar financing transactions, if a Fund elects to treat these transactions as Derivative Transactions under Rule 18f-4; and (4) when-issued or forward-settling securities (*e.g.*, firm and standby commitments, including to-be-announced (“TBA”) commitments, and dollar rolls) and non-standard settlement cycle securities, unless the Fund intends to physically settle the transactions and the transaction will settle within 35 days of its trade date.

Rule 18f-4 requires that a Fund that invests in Derivative Transactions above a specified amount adopt and implement a derivatives risk management program administered by a derivatives risk manager that is appointed by and overseen by the Funds’ Board, and comply with an outer limit on Fund leverage risk based on value at risk. A Fund that uses Derivative Transactions in a limited amount are considered “limited derivatives users,” as defined in Rule 18f-4, will not be subject to the full requirements of Rule 18f-4, but will have to adopt and

implement policies and procedures reasonably designed to manage the Funds' derivatives risk. A Fund will be subject to reporting and recordkeeping requirements regarding its use of Derivative Transactions.

The requirements of Rule 18f-4 may limit a Fund's ability to engage in Derivative Transactions as part of its investment strategies. These requirements may also increase the cost of a Fund's investments and cost of doing business, which could adversely affect the value of the Fund's investments and/or the performance of the Fund. The rule also may not be effective to limit a Fund's risk of loss. In particular, measurements of VaR rely on historical data and may not accurately measure the degree of risk reflected in a Fund's derivatives or other investments. There may be additional regulation of the use of Derivative Transactions by registered investment companies, which could significantly affect their use. The ultimate impact of the regulations remains unclear. Additional regulation of Derivative Transactions may make them more costly, limit their availability or utility, otherwise adversely affect their performance or disrupt markets.

More information about particular types of derivatives instruments is included below in the sections titled "Forward Foreign Currency Contracts," "Futures Contracts and Options on Futures Contracts," "Options" and "Swaps, Caps, Floors, Collars and Swaptions."

**DOLLAR ROLLS**—Dollar rolls are transactions in which securities (usually mortgage-backed securities) are sold for delivery in the current month and the seller simultaneously contracts to repurchase substantially similar securities on a specified future date. The difference between the sale price and the purchase price (plus any interest earned on the cash proceeds of the sale) is netted against the interest income foregone on the securities sold to arrive at an implied borrowing rate. Alternatively, the sale and purchase transactions can be executed at the same price, with a Fund being paid a fee as consideration for entering into the commitment to purchase. Dollar rolls may be renewed prior to cash settlement and may initially involve only a firm commitment agreement by a Fund to buy a security. If the broker-dealer to whom a Fund sells the security becomes insolvent, the Fund's right to repurchase the security may be restricted. Other risks involved in entering into dollar rolls include the risk that the value of the security may change adversely over the term of the dollar roll and that the security a Fund is required to repurchase may be worth less than the security that the Fund originally held.

A Fund must comply with Rule 18f-4 under the 1940 Act with respect to its dollar roll transactions, which are considered Derivative Transactions under the Rule. See "Derivatives" above.

**EQUITY-LINKED WARRANTS**—Equity-linked warrants provide a way for investors to access markets where entry is difficult and time consuming due to regulation. Typically, a broker issues warrants to an investor and then purchases shares in the local market and issues a call warrant hedged on the underlying holding. If the investor exercises his call and closes his position, the shares are sold and the warrant is redeemed with the proceeds.

Each warrant represents one share of the underlying stock. Therefore, the price, performance and liquidity of the warrant are all directly linked to the underlying stock. The warrant can be redeemed for 100% of the value of the underlying stock (less transaction costs). As American-style warrants, they can be exercised at any time. The warrants are U.S. dollar-denominated and priced daily on several international stock exchanges.

There are risks associated with equity-linked warrants. The investor will bear the full counterparty risk to the issuing broker; however, SIMC or a Sub-Adviser may select to mitigate this risk by only purchasing from issuers with high credit ratings. Equity-linked warrants also have a longer settlement period because they go through the same registration process as the underlying shares (about three weeks) and during this time the shares cannot be sold. There is currently no active trading market for equity-linked warrants. Certain issuers of such warrants may be deemed to be "investment companies" as defined in the 1940 Act. As a result, a Fund's investment in such warrants may be limited by certain investment restrictions contained in the 1940 Act.

**EQUITY SECURITIES**—Equity securities represent ownership interests in a company and include common stocks, preferred stocks, warrants to acquire common stock and securities convertible into common stock.

In general, investments in equity securities are subject to market risks, which may cause their prices to fluctuate over time. Fluctuations in the value of equity securities in which a Fund invests will cause the NAV of the Fund to fluctuate. The Funds purchase and sell equity securities in various ways, including through recognized

foreign exchanges, registered exchanges in the United States or the OTC market. Equity securities are described in more detail below:

*Common Stock.* Common stock represents an equity or ownership interest in an issuer. In the event an issuer is liquidated or declares bankruptcy, the claims of owners of bonds and preferred stock take precedence over the claims of those who own common stock.

*Preferred Stock.* Preferred stock represents an equity or ownership interest in an issuer that pays dividends at a specified rate and that has precedence over common stock in the payment of dividends. In the event an issuer is liquidated or declares bankruptcy, the claims of owners of bonds take precedence over the claims of those who own preferred and common stock. A Fund may purchase preferred stock of all ratings as well as unrated stock.

*Warrants.* Warrants are instruments that entitle the holder to buy an equity security at a specific price for a specific period of time. Changes in the value of a warrant do not necessarily correspond to changes in the value of its underlying security. The price of a warrant may be more volatile than the price of its underlying security, and a warrant may offer greater potential for capital appreciation as well as capital loss. Warrants do not entitle a holder to dividends or voting rights with respect to the underlying security and do not represent any rights in the assets of the issuing company. A warrant ceases to have value if it is not exercised prior to its expiration date. These factors can make warrants more speculative than other types of investments.

*Convertible Securities.* Convertible securities are bonds, debentures, notes, preferred stocks or other securities that may be converted or exchanged by the holder or by the issuer into shares of the underlying common stock (or cash or securities of equivalent value) at a stated exchange ratio. A convertible security may also be called for redemption or conversion by the issuer after a particular date and under certain circumstances (including a specified price) established upon issue. If a convertible security held by a Fund is called for redemption or conversion, the Fund could be required to tender it for redemption, convert it into the underlying common stock or sell it to a third party.

Convertible securities generally have less potential for gain or loss than common stocks. Convertible securities generally provide yields that are higher than the underlying common stocks, but generally lower than comparable non-convertible securities. Because of this higher yield, convertible securities generally sell at a price above their "conversion value," which is the current market value of the stock to be received upon conversion. The difference between this conversion value and the price of convertible securities will vary over time depending on changes in the value of the underlying common stocks and interest rates. When the underlying common stocks decline in value, convertible securities will tend not to decline to the same extent because of the interest or dividend payments and the repayment of principal at maturity for certain types of convertible securities. However, securities that are convertible other than at the option of the holder generally do not limit the potential for loss to the same extent as securities convertible at the option of the holder. When the underlying common stocks rise in value, the value of convertible securities may also be expected to increase. At the same time, however, the difference between the market value of convertible securities and their conversion value will narrow, which means that the value of convertible securities will generally not increase to the same extent as the value of the underlying common stocks. Because convertible securities may also be interest rate sensitive, their value may increase as interest rates fall and decrease as interest rates rise. Convertible securities are also subject to credit risk and are often lower-quality securities. The Funds that invest in convertible securities may purchase convertible securities of all ratings, as well as unrated securities.

*Small and Medium Capitalization Issuers.* Investing in equity securities of small and medium capitalization companies often involves greater risk than is customarily associated with investments in larger capitalization companies. This increased risk may be due to the greater business risks of smaller size, limited markets and financial resources, narrow product lines and the frequent lack of depth of management associated with small and medium capitalization companies. The securities of small and medium capitalization companies typically have lower trading volumes than large capitalization companies and consequently are often less liquid. Such securities may also have less market stability and may be subject to more severe, abrupt or erratic market movements than securities of larger, more established companies or the market averages in general.

*Initial Public Offerings.* Certain Funds may purchase securities of companies that are offered pursuant to an IPO. An IPO is a company's first offering of stock to the public in the primary market, typically to raise additional capital. Like all equity securities, IPO securities are subject to market risk and liquidity risk, but those risks may be heightened for IPO securities. The market value of IPO securities may fluctuate considerably due to factors such as the absence of a prior public market for the security, unseasoned trading of the security, the small number of shares available for trading, limited information about the issuer, and aberrational trading activity and market interest surrounding the IPO. There is also the possibility of losses resulting from the difference between the issue price and potential diminished value of the security once it is traded in the secondary market. In addition, the purchase of IPO securities may involve high transaction costs. Investments in foreign IPOs may be subject to additional risks due to, among other things, political, social and economic developments abroad, currency movements and different legal, regulatory, tax, accounting and audit environment. The Funds' investment in IPO securities may have a significant positive or negative impact on the Funds' performance and may result in significant capital gains.

**EUROBONDS**—A Eurobond is a fixed income security denominated in U.S. dollars or another currency and sold to investors outside of the country whose currency is used. Eurobonds may be issued by government or corporate issuers and are typically underwritten by banks and brokerage firms from numerous countries. Although Eurobonds typically pay principal and interest in Eurodollars or U.S. dollars held in banks outside of the United States, they may pay principal and interest in other currencies.

**EXCHANGE-TRADED PRODUCTS**—Certain Funds may directly purchase shares of or interests in ETPs (including ETFs, ETNs and exchange-traded commodity pools). A Fund will only invest in ETPs to the extent consistent with its investment objectives, policies, strategies and limitations.

The risks of owning interests of ETPs generally reflect the risks of owning the underlying securities or other instruments that the ETP is designed to track. The shares of certain ETPs may trade at a premium or discount to their intrinsic value (*i.e.*, the market value may differ from the NAV of an ETP's shares). For example, supply and demand for shares of an ETF or market disruptions may cause the market price of the ETF to deviate from the value of the ETF's investments, which may be emphasized in less liquid markets. The value of an ETN may also differ from the valuation of its reference market or instrument due to changes in the issuer's credit rating. By investing in an ETP, a Fund indirectly bears the proportionate share of any fees and expenses of the ETP in addition to the fees and expenses that the Fund and its shareholders directly bear in connection with the Fund's operations. Because certain ETPs may have a significant portion of their assets exposed directly or indirectly to commodities or commodity-linked instruments, developments affecting commodities may have a disproportionate impact on such ETPs and may subject the ETPs to greater volatility than investments in traditional securities.

**ETFs.** ETFs are investment companies that are registered under the 1940 Act as open-end funds or unit investment trusts. ETFs are actively traded on national securities exchanges and are generally based on specific domestic and foreign market indexes. An "index-based ETF" seeks to track the performance of an index by holding in its portfolio either the contents of the index or a representative sample of the securities in the index. Because ETFs are based on an underlying basket of stocks or an index, they are subject to the same market fluctuations as these types of securities in volatile market swings.

**ETNs.** ETNs are generally senior, unsecured, unsubordinated debt securities issued by a sponsor. ETNs are designed to provide investors with a different way to gain exposure to the returns of market benchmarks, particularly those in the natural resource and commodity markets. An ETN's returns are based on the performance of a market index minus fees and expenses. ETNs are not equity investments or investment companies, but they do share some characteristics with those investment vehicles. As with equities, ETNs can be shorted, and as with ETFs and index funds, ETNs are designed to track the total return performance of a benchmark index. Like ETFs, ETNs are traded on an exchange and can be bought and sold on the listed exchange. However, unlike an ETF, an ETN can be held until the ETN's maturity, at which time the issuer will pay a return linked to the performance of the market index to which the ETN is linked minus certain fees. Unlike regular bonds, ETNs do not make periodic interest payments, and principal is not protected. The market value of an

ETN is determined by supply and demand, the current performance of the market index to which the ETN is linked and the credit rating of the ETN issuer.

The market value of ETN shares may differ from their NAV. This difference in price may be due to the fact that the supply and demand in the market for ETN shares at any point in time is not always identical to the supply and demand in the market for the securities/commodities/instruments underlying the index that the ETN seeks to track. The value of an ETN may also change due to a change in the issuer's credit rating. As a result, there may be times when an ETN share trades at a premium or discount to its NAV.

Certain ETNs may not produce qualifying income for purposes of the Qualifying Income Test (as defined below in the section titled "Taxes"), which must be met in order for a Fund to maintain its status as a RIC under the Code. The Funds intend to monitor such investments to ensure that any non-qualifying income does not exceed permissible limits, but the Funds may not be able to accurately predict the non-qualifying income from these investments (see more information in the "Taxes" section of this SAI).

**Exchange-Traded Commodity Pools.** Exchange-traded commodity pools are similar to ETFs in some ways, but are not structured as registered investment companies. Shares of exchange-traded commodity pools trade on an exchange and are registered under the 1933 Act. Unlike mutual funds, exchange-traded commodity pools generally will not distribute dividends to shareholders. There is a risk that the changes in the price of an exchange-traded commodity pool's shares on the exchange will not closely track the changes in the price of the underlying commodity or index that the pool is designed to track. This could happen if the price of shares does not correlate closely with the pool's NAV, the changes in the pool's NAV do not correlate closely with the changes in the price of the pool's benchmark, or the changes in the benchmark do not correlate closely with the changes in the cash or spot price of the commodity that the benchmark is designed to track. Exchange-traded commodity pools are often used as a means of investing indirectly in a particular commodity or group of commodities, and there are risks involved in such investments. Commodity prices are inherently volatile, and the market value of a commodity may be influenced by many unpredictable factors which interrelate in complex ways, such that the effect of one factor may offset or enhance the effect of another. Supply and demand for certain commodities tends to be particularly concentrated. Commodity markets are subject to temporary distortions or other disruptions due to various factors, including periodic illiquidity in the markets for certain positions, the participation of speculators, and government regulation and intervention. In addition, U.S. futures exchanges and some foreign exchanges have regulations that limit the amount of fluctuation in some futures contract prices that may occur during a single business day. These and other risks and hazards that are inherent in a commodity or group of commodities may cause the price of that commodity or group of commodities to fluctuate widely, which will, in turn, affect the price of the exchange-traded commodity pool that invests in that commodity or group of commodities. The regulation of commodity interest transactions in the United States is a rapidly changing area of law and is subject to ongoing modification by governmental and judicial action. Considerable regulatory attention has been focused on non-traditional investment pools that are publicly distributed in the United States. There is a possibility of future regulatory changes within the United States altering, perhaps to a material extent, the nature of an investment in exchange-traded commodity pools or the ability of an exchange-traded commodity pool to continue to implement its investment strategy. In addition, various national governments outside of the United States have expressed concern regarding the disruptive effects of speculative trading in the commodities markets and the need to regulate the derivatives markets in general. The effect of any future regulatory change on exchange-traded commodity pools is impossible to predict, but could be substantial and adverse.

Exchange-traded commodity pools generally do not produce qualifying income for purposes of the Qualifying Income Test (as defined below in the section titled "Taxes"), which must be met in order for a Fund to maintain its status as a RIC under the Code. The Funds intend to monitor such investments to ensure that any non-qualifying income does not exceed permissible limits, but the Funds may not be able to accurately predict the non-qualifying income from these investments (see more information in the "Taxes" section of this SAI).

**FIXED INCOME SECURITIES**—Fixed income securities consist primarily of debt obligations issued by governments, corporations, municipalities and other borrowers, but may also include structured securities that

provide for participation interests in debt obligations. The market value of the fixed income securities in which a Fund invests will change in response to interest rate changes and other factors. During periods of falling interest rates, the value of outstanding fixed income securities generally rises. Conversely, during periods of rising interest rates, the value of such securities generally declines. Moreover, while securities with longer maturities tend to produce higher yields, the prices of longer maturity securities are also subject to greater market fluctuations as a result of changes in interest rates. Changes by recognized agencies in the rating of any fixed income security and in the ability of an issuer to make payments of interest and principal also affect the value of these investments. Changes in the value of these securities will not necessarily affect cash income derived from these securities, but will affect a Fund's NAV.

Securities held by a Fund that are guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities guarantee only the payment of principal and interest and do not guarantee the yield or value of the securities or the yield or value of the Fund's shares.

There is a risk that the current interest rate on floating and variable rate instruments may not accurately reflect existing market interest rates.

Additional information regarding fixed income securities is described below:

*Duration.* Duration is a measure of the expected life of a fixed income security that is used to determine the sensitivity of a security's price to changes in interest rates. For example, if a fixed income security has a five-year duration, it will decrease in value by approximately 5% if interest rates rise 1% and increase in value by approximately 5% if interest rates fall 1%. Fixed income instruments with longer duration typically have higher risk and higher volatility. Longer-term fixed income securities in which a portfolio may invest are more volatile than shorter-term fixed income securities. A portfolio with a longer average portfolio duration is typically more sensitive to changes in interest rates than a portfolio with a shorter average portfolio duration.

*Investment Grade Fixed Income Securities.* Fixed income securities are considered investment grade if they are rated in one of the four highest rating categories by a NRSRO, or, if not rated, are determined to be of comparable quality by SIMC or a Sub-Adviser, as applicable. See "Appendix A-Description of Ratings" for a description of the bond rating categories of several NRSROs. Ratings of each NRSRO represent its opinion of the safety of principal and interest payments, not the market risk, of bonds and other fixed income securities it undertakes to rate at the time of issuance. Ratings are not absolute standards of quality and may not reflect changes in an issuer's creditworthiness. Securities rated Baa3 or higher by Moody's or BBB- or higher by S&P are considered by those rating agencies to be "investment grade" securities, although securities rated Baa3 or BBB- lack outstanding investment characteristics and have speculative characteristics. Although issuers of bonds rated BBB by S&P are considered to have adequate capacity to meet their financial commitments, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity to pay interest and principal for debt in this category than debt in higher-rated categories. In the event a security owned by a Fund is downgraded below investment grade, SIMC or a Sub-Adviser, as applicable, will review the situation and take appropriate action with regard to the security.

*Lower-Rated Securities.* Lower-rated bonds or non-investment grade bonds are commonly referred to as "junk bonds" or high yield/high-risk securities. Lower-rated securities are defined as securities rated below the fourth highest rating category by an NRSRO. Such obligations are speculative and may be in default.

Fixed income securities are subject to the risk of an issuer's ability to meet principal and interest payments on the obligation (known as "credit risk") and may also be subject to price volatility due to such factors as interest rate sensitivity, market perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer and general market liquidity (known as "market risk"). Lower-rated or unrated (*i.e.*, high yield) securities are more likely to react to developments affecting market and credit risk than are more highly rated securities, which primarily react to movements in the general level of interest rates. Yields and market values of high yield securities will fluctuate over time, reflecting not only changing interest rates but also the market's perception of credit quality and the outlook for economic growth. When economic conditions appear to be deteriorating, medium- to lower-rated securities may decline in value due to heightened concern over credit quality, regardless of prevailing interest rates.

Investors should carefully consider the relative risks of investing in high yield securities and understand that such securities are not generally meant for short-term investing.

Adverse economic developments can disrupt the market for high yield securities and severely affect the ability of issuers, especially highly leveraged issuers, to service their debt obligations or to repay their obligations upon maturity, which may lead to a higher incidence of default on such securities. In addition, the secondary market for high yield securities may not be as liquid as the secondary market for more highly rated securities. As a result, it may be more difficult for a Fund to sell these securities, or a Fund may only be able to sell the securities at prices lower than if such securities were highly liquid. Furthermore, a Fund may experience difficulty in valuing certain high yield securities at certain times. Under these circumstances, prices realized upon the sale of such lower-rated or unrated securities may be less than the prices used in calculating the Fund's NAV. Prices for high yield securities may also be affected by legislative and regulatory developments.

Lower-rated or unrated fixed income obligations also present risks based on payment expectations. If an issuer calls the obligations for redemption, a Fund may have to replace the security with a lower-yielding security, resulting in a decreased return for investors. If a Fund experiences unexpected net redemptions, it may be forced to sell its higher-rated securities, resulting in a decline in the overall credit quality of the Fund's investment portfolio and increasing the Fund's exposure to the risks of high yield securities.

A Fund may invest in securities rated as low as "C" by Moody's or "D" by S&P and may invest in unrated securities that are of comparable quality as "junk bonds."

**Sensitivity to Interest Rate and Economic Changes.** Lower-rated bonds are very sensitive to adverse economic changes and corporate developments. During an economic downturn, highly leveraged issuers may experience financial stress that would adversely affect their ability to service their principal and interest payment obligations, to meet projected business goals and to obtain additional financing. If the issuer of a bond defaulted on its obligations to pay interest or principal or entered into bankruptcy proceedings, a Fund may incur losses or expenses in seeking recovery of amounts owed to it. In addition, periods of economic uncertainty and change can be expected to result in increased volatility of market prices of high-yield, high-risk bonds and a Fund's NAV.

**Payment Expectations.** High-yield, high-risk bonds may contain redemption or call provisions. If an issuer exercised these provisions in a declining interest rate market, a Fund would have to replace the security with a lower-yielding security, resulting in a decreased return for investors. Conversely, a high-yield, high-risk bond's value may decrease in a rising interest rate market, as will the value of a Fund's assets. If a Fund experiences significant unexpected net redemptions, it may be forced to sell high-yield, high-risk bonds without regard to their investment merits, thereby decreasing the asset base upon which expenses can be spread and possibly reducing the Fund's rate of return.

**Liquidity and Valuation.** There may be little trading in the secondary market for particular bonds, which may adversely affect a Fund's ability to value accurately or dispose of such bonds. Adverse publicity and investor perception, whether or not based on fundamental analysis, may decrease the value and liquidity of high-yield, high-risk bonds, especially in a thin market.

**Taxes.** A Fund may purchase debt securities (such as zero coupon or pay-in-kind securities) that contain original issue discount. Original issue discount that accretes in a taxable year is treated as earned by a Fund and is therefore subject to the distribution requirements applicable to RICs under Subchapter M of the Code. Because the original issue discount earned by a Fund in a taxable year may not be represented by cash income, the Fund may have to dispose of other securities and use the proceeds to make distributions to shareholders.

**FOREIGN SECURITIES AND EMERGING AND FRONTIER MARKETS**—Foreign securities are securities issued by non-U.S. issuers. Investments in foreign securities may subject a Fund to investment risks that differ in some respects from those related to investments in securities of U.S. issuers. Such risks include future adverse political and economic developments, possible imposition of withholding taxes on income, possible seizure, nationalization or expropriation of foreign deposits, possible establishment of exchange controls or taxation at the source or greater fluctuations in value due to changes in exchange rates. Foreign issuers of securities often

engage in business practices that differ from those of domestic issuers of similar securities, and there may be less information publicly available about foreign issuers. In addition, foreign issuers are, generally, subject to less government supervision and regulation and different accounting treatment than those in the United States. Foreign branches of U.S. banks and foreign banks may be subject to less stringent reserve requirements than those applicable to domestic branches of U.S. banks.

The value of a Fund's investments denominated in foreign currencies will depend on the relative strengths of those currencies and the U.S. dollar, and a Fund may be affected favorably or unfavorably by changes in the exchange rates or exchange or currency control regulations between foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar. Changes in foreign currency exchange rates may also affect the value of dividends and interest earned, gains and losses realized on the sale of securities and net investment income and gains, if any, to be distributed to shareholders by a Fund. Such investments may also entail higher custodial fees and sales commissions than domestic investments.

A Fund's investments in emerging and frontier markets can be considered speculative and therefore may offer higher potential for gains and losses than investments in developed markets. With respect to an emerging market country, there may be a greater potential for nationalization, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, political changes, government regulation, social instability or diplomatic developments (including war), which could adversely affect the economies of such countries or investments in such countries. "Frontier market countries" are a subset of emerging market countries with even smaller national economies, so these risks may be magnified further. The economies of emerging and frontier countries are generally heavily dependent upon international trade and, accordingly, have been and may continue to be adversely affected by trade barriers, exchange or currency controls, managed adjustments in relative currency values and other protectionist measures imposed or negotiated by the countries with which they trade.

The economies of frontier market countries tend to be less correlated to global economic cycles than the economies of more developed countries and their markets have lower trading volumes and may exhibit greater price volatility and illiquidity. A small number of large investments in these markets may affect these markets to a greater degree than more developed markets. Frontier market countries may also be affected by government activities to a greater degree than more developed countries. For example, the governments of frontier market countries may exercise substantial influence within the private sector or subject investments to government approval, and governments of other countries may impose or negotiate trade barriers, exchange controls, adjustments to relative currency values and other measures that adversely affect a frontier market country. Governments of other countries may also impose sanctions or embargoes on frontier market countries. Although all of these risks are generally heightened with respect to frontier market countries, they also apply to emerging market countries.

In addition to the risks of investing in debt securities of emerging and frontier markets, a Fund's investment in government or government-related securities of emerging and frontier market countries and restructured debt instruments in emerging and frontier markets are subject to special risks, including the inability or unwillingness to repay principal and interest, requests to reschedule or restructure outstanding debt and requests to extend additional loan amounts. A Fund may have limited recourse in the event of default on such debt instruments.

Growing tensions, including trade disputes, between the United States and other nations, or among foreign powers, and possible diplomatic, trade or other sanctions could adversely impact the global economy, financial markets and the Funds. The strengthening or weakening of the U.S. dollar relative to other currencies may, among other things, adversely affect the Funds' investments denominated in non-U.S. dollar currencies. It is difficult to predict when similar events affecting the U.S. or global financial markets may occur, the effects that such events may have, and the duration of those effects.

Investments in the United Kingdom. On January 31, 2020, the UK officially withdrew from the EU (commonly known as "Brexit"). Following a transition period, the United Kingdom's post-Brexit trade agreement with the European union passed into law in December 2020, became effective on a provisional basis on January 1, 2021, and formally entered into force on May 1, 2021.

The impact of Brexit on the UK, the EU and global markets remains unclear and will depend largely upon the UK's ability to negotiate favorable terms with the EU with respect to trade and market access. Brexit may also impact each of these markets should it lead to the creation of divergent national laws and regulations that produce new legal regimes and unpredictable tax consequences. As a result of the uncertain consequences of Brexit, the economies of the UK and EU as well as the broader global economy could be significantly impacted, which may result in increased volatility and illiquidity, and potentially lower economic growth on markets in the UK, EU and globally that could potentially have an adverse effect on the value of a Fund's investments.

Investments in China. China is an emerging market, and as a result, investments in securities of companies organized and listed in China may be subject to liquidity constraints and significantly higher volatility, from time to time, than investments in securities of more developed markets. China may be subject to considerable government intervention and varying degrees of economic, political and social instability. These factors may result in, among other things, a greater risk of stock market, interest rate, and currency fluctuations, as well as inflation. While progress has been made in aligning audit oversight between China and the United States, including the PCAOB's recent inspections of certain Chinese companies, significant differences remain in accounting, auditing, and financial reporting standards. Therefore, foreign investors may face challenges in accessing reliable and transparent financial information, and disclosure of certain material information may not be made, may be less available, or may be less reliable. It may also be difficult or impossible for a Fund to obtain or enforce a judgment in a Chinese court. In addition, periodically there may be restrictions on investments in Chinese companies. For example, Executive Orders have been issued prohibiting U.S. persons from purchasing or investing in publicly-traded securities of certain companies identified by the U.S. government because of their ties to the Chinese military or China's surveillance technology sector. These restrictions have also applied to instruments that are derivative of, or are designed to provide investment exposure to, those companies. The list of affected securities is subject to change and has expanded over time. As a result, these restrictions may reduce the liquidity of designated securities, impact their market prices, and potentially create broader market effects for other Chinese-based issuers. As a result of an increase in the number of investors looking to sell such securities, or because of an inability to participate in an investment that the Adviser or a Sub-Adviser otherwise believes is attractive, a Fund may incur losses. Certain investments that are or become designated as prohibited may have less liquidity as a result of such designation and the market price of such prohibited investments may decline, potentially causing losses to a Fund. In addition, the market for securities and other investments of other Chinese-based issuers may also be negatively impacted, resulting in reduced liquidity and price declines.

Investments in the China A-Shares. A Fund may invest in equity securities of certain Chinese companies or ETFs in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") (such securities, collectively referred to as "PRC A-shares") through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program or Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect program (collectively, the "Stock Connect") subject to any applicable laws, rules and regulations. PRC A-shares traded through the Stock Connect are referred to as "Stock Connect Securities," which include those listed on the SSE market ("SSE Securities") and the SZSE market ("SZSE Securities"). The Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing linked program developed by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited ("HKEx"), the Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited ("HKSCC"), Shanghai Stock Exchange ("SSE"), Shenzhen Stock Exchange ("SZSE") and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited ("ChinaClear") with the aim of achieving mutual stock market access between PRC and Hong Kong. This program allows foreign investors to trade eligible SSE-listed or SZSE-listed PRC A-Shares through their Hong Kong based brokers. All Hong Kong and overseas investors in the Stock Connect will trade and settle SSE or SZSE Securities in the offshore Renminbi ("CNH") only. A Fund will be exposed to any fluctuation in the exchange rate between the U.S. Dollar and CNH in respect of such investments.

By seeking to invest in the domestic securities markets of the PRC via the Stock Connect a Fund is subject to the following additional risks:

*General Risks.* The relevant regulations governing the Stock Connect program have become more established through the years of implementation. However, they remain subject to change and may have potential retrospective effect. Regulatory or policy adjustments could adversely affect a Fund's investment in

PRC A-Shares. The program requires the use of new information technology systems which may be subject to operational risk due to the program's cross-border nature. Additionally, increasing cybersecurity risks, including potential cyberattacks on cross-border trading systems, could adversely impact the program's operations and a Fund's ability to trade PRC A-Shares.

Stock Connect will only operate on days when both the PRC and Hong Kong markets are open for trading and when banks in both markets are open on the corresponding settlement days. There may be occasions when it is a normal trading day for the PRC market but the Stock Connect is not trading. As a result, a Fund may be subject to the risk of price fluctuations in PRC A-Shares when the Fund cannot carry out any PRC A-Shares trading.

Each of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange ("SEHK"), SSE and SZSE reserves the right to suspend trading if necessary for ensuring an orderly and fair market and that risks are managed prudently. In case of a suspension, the Fund's ability to access the PRC market will be adversely affected.

PRC regulations impose restrictions on selling and buying certain Stock Connect Securities from time to time. In the event that a Stock Connect security is recalled from the scope of eligible securities for trading via Stock Connect, the ability of the Fund to invest in Stock Connect Securities will be adversely affected.

*Clearing and Settlement Risk.* HKSCC and ChinaClear have established the clearing links and each will become a participant of each other to facilitate clearing and settlement of cross-boundary trades. For cross-boundary trades initiated in a market, the clearing house of that market will on one hand clear and settle with its own clearing participants and on the other hand undertake to fulfill the clearing and settlement obligations of its clearing participants with the counterparty clearing house.

In the event ChinaClear defaults, HKSCC's liabilities under its market contracts with clearing participants may be limited to assisting clearing participants with claims. It is anticipated that HKSCC will act in good faith to seek recovery of the outstanding stocks and monies from ChinaClear through available legal channels or the liquidation of ChinaClear. However, there is no guarantee that full recovery will be achieved, and investors may suffer losses as a result. As ChinaClear does not contribute to the HKSCC guarantee fund, HKSCC will not use the HKSCC guarantee fund to cover any residual loss as a result of closing out any of ChinaClear's positions. HKSCC will in turn distribute the Stock Connect Securities and/or monies recovered to clearing participants on a pro-rata basis. The relevant broker through whom a Fund trades shall in turn distribute Stock Connect Securities and/or monies to the extent recovered directly or indirectly from HKSCC. As such, a Fund may not fully recover their losses or their Stock Connect Securities and/or the process of recovery could be delayed.

*Legal/Beneficial Ownership.* The Stock Connect Securities purchased by a Fund will be held by the relevant sub-custodian in accounts in the Hong Kong Central Clearing and Settlement System ("CCASS") maintained by the HKSCC, as central securities depository in Hong Kong. The HKSCC will be the "nominee holder" of the Funds' Stock Connect Securities traded through Stock Connect. The Stock Connect regulations as promulgated by the China Securities Regulatory Commission ("CSRC") expressly provide that HKSCC acts as nominee holder and that the Hong Kong and overseas investors (such as the Funds) enjoy the rights and interests with respect to the Stock Connect Securities acquired through Stock Connect in accordance with applicable laws. The precise nature and rights of a Fund as the beneficial owner of the SSE Securities or SZSE Securities through HKSCC as nominee is not well defined under the PRC laws. There is a lack of a clear definition of, and distinction between, legal ownership and beneficial ownership under the PRC laws and there have been few cases involving a nominee account structure in the PRC courts. The exact nature and methods of enforcement of the rights and interests of a Fund under the PRC laws is also uncertain. Therefore, although the Funds' ownership may be ultimately recognized, it may suffer difficulties or delays in enforcing its rights over its Stock Connect Securities.

To the extent that HKSCC is deemed to be performing safekeeping functions with respect to assets held through it, it should be noted that a Fund and its custodian will have no legal relationship with HKSCC and no direct legal recourse against HKSCC in the event that the Fund suffers losses resulting from the performance or insolvency of HKSCC. In the event that the Fund suffers losses due to the negligence, or willful default, or insolvency of HKSCC, the Fund may not be able to institute legal proceedings, file any proof of claim in any insolvency proceeding or take any similar action. In the unlikely event that HKSCC becomes subject to winding

up proceedings in Hong Kong, there is a risk that the SSE Securities or SZSE Securities may not be regarded as held for the beneficial ownership of a Fund or as part of the general assets of HKSCC available for general distribution to its creditors. Consequently, the value of the Fund's investment in PRC A-Shares and the amount of its income and gains could be adversely affected.

*Participation in corporate actions and shareholder meetings.* Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Fund) are holding Stock Connect Securities traded via the Stock Connect through their brokers or custodians, and they need to comply with the arrangement and deadline specified by their respective brokers or custodians (i.e. CCASS participants). The time for them to take actions for some types of corporate actions of Stock Connect Securities may be as short as one business day only. Therefore, the Fund may not be able to participate in some corporate actions in a timely manner. According to existing mainland practice, multiple proxies are not available. Therefore, the Fund may not be able to appoint proxies to attend or participate in shareholders' meetings in respect of the Stock Connect Securities.

*Operational Risk.* The HKSCC provides clearing, settlement, nominee functions and other related services in respect of trades executed by Hong Kong market participants. PRC regulations impose certain restrictions on the buying and selling of A-Shares, including pre-trade checking requirements. For investors not using SPSA (Special Segregated Account) or Master SPSA accounts (Master Special Segregated Account), pre-delivery of shares to the broker may be required, which could increase counterparty risk. Consequently, a Fund may face delays or operational challenges in purchasing or disposing of PRC A-Shares in a timely manner.

*Quota Limitations.* The Stock Connect program is subject to daily quota limitations which require that buy orders for A-Shares be rejected once the daily quota is exceeded. These limitations may restrict a Fund from investing in A-Shares on a timely basis, which could affect the Fund's ability to effectively pursue its investment strategy. Investment quotas are also subject to change.

*Investor Compensation.* A Fund will not benefit from the China Securities Investor Protection Fund in mainland China. The China Securities Investor Protection Fund is established to pay compensation to investors in the event that a securities company in mainland China is subject to compulsory regulatory measures (such as dissolution, closure, bankruptcy, and administrative takeover by the China Securities Regulatory Commission). Because the Fund is carrying out trading of PRC A-Shares through securities brokers in Hong Kong, but not mainland China brokers, it is not protected by the China Securities Investor Protection Fund.

That said, if the Fund suffers losses due to default matters of its securities brokers in Hong Kong in relation to the investment of PRC A-Shares through the Stock Connect program, it would be compensated by Hong Kong's Investor Compensation Fund.

*Investments in the China Interbank Bond Market—*A Fund may invest in the China Interbank Bond Market (the "CIBM") through the Bond Connect program (the "Bond Connect") subject to any applicable regulatory limits. Bond Connect is a bond trading and settlement linked program developed by the People's Bank of China ("PBOC"), the Hong Kong Monetary Authority ("HKMA"), China Foreign Exchange Trade System & National Interbank Funding Centre ("CFETS"), China Central Depository & Clearing Co., Ltd. ("CCDC"), Shanghai Clearing House ("SHCH"), HKEx and Central Moneymarkets Unit ("CMU"), with the aim of achieving mutual bond market access between the PRC and Hong Kong. Currently, this program allows eligible Hong Kong and overseas investors to invest in the bonds traded in the CIBM through the northbound trading link of Bond Connect (known as "Northbound Trade Link") without any investment quota. Additionally, since September 24, 2021, a southbound trading link (known as "Southbound Trade Link") has been available, allowing mainland Chinese investors to invest in bonds traded in the Hong Kong bond market.

Starting from July 3, 2017, eligible Hong Kong and overseas investors may use their own sources of Renminbi in the PRC offshore market CNH or convert foreign currencies into the Renminbi to invest in CIBM bonds under Bond Connect. A Fund will be exposed to any fluctuation in the exchange rate between the U.S. Dollar and Renminbi in respect of such investments.

By seeking to invest in the CIBM via Bond Connect, a Fund is subject to the following additional risks:

*General Risk.* Although there is no quota limitation regarding investment via the Bond Connect, a Fund is required to update its filings with the PBOC if it wishes to increase its anticipated investment size or if there is any material change to the previously filed information, such as a significant adjustment to the anticipated investment size. Filing updates are part of regulatory compliance and are typically procedural in nature; however, there is no guarantee that the PBOC will accept such updates. If the filings for material changes are not accepted, a Fund's ability to invest in the CIBM may be temporarily affected, which could negatively impact the Fund's performance. The PBOC exercises ongoing supervision of the onshore settlement agent and the Fund's trading activities under the CIBM rules. In the event of non-compliance with the CIBM rules or Bond Connect regulations, the PBOC may take administrative actions, such as the suspension of trading or mandatory exit, against the Fund.

*Market Risk.* A Fund investing in the CIBM is subject to liquidity and volatility risks. Market volatility and potential lack of liquidity due to possible low trading volume of certain bonds in the CIBM may result in prices of certain bonds traded in the CIBM fluctuating significantly. The bid and offer spreads of the prices of such bonds may be large, and the Fund may therefore incur significant trading and realization costs and may even suffer losses when selling such investments.

To the extent that a Fund transacts in the CIBM, the Fund may also be exposed to risks associated with settlement procedures and default of counterparties. The counterparty which has entered into a transaction with the Fund may default in its obligation to settle the transaction by failing to deliver relevant securities or to make payment.

*Third Party Agent Risk.* Under the Northbound Trading Link, CFETS or other institutions recognized by PBOC (as the registration agents) shall apply for registration with PBOC for the eligible Hong Kong and overseas investors. In addition, CMU (as the offshore custody agent recognized by the HKMA) shall open a nominee account with CCDC/SHCH (as the onshore custody agent) as nominee holder of the CIBM bonds purchased by Hong Kong and overseas investors through Bond Connect.

As the relevant filings, registration with PBOC, and account opening have to be carried out by an onshore settlement agent, offshore custody agent, registration agent or other third parties (as the case may be), a Fund is subject to the risks of default or errors on the part of such third parties.

*Operational Risk.* Bond Connect provides a relatively new channel for investors from Hong Kong and overseas to access the CIBM directly. It is premised on the functioning of the operational systems of the relevant market participants. Market participants are able to participate in this program subject to meeting certain information technology capability, risk management and other requirements as may be specified by the relevant authorities.

The "connectivity" in Bond Connect requires routing of orders across the border. This requires the development of new information technology systems. There is no assurance that the systems of market participants will function properly or will continue to be adapted to changes and developments in both markets. In the event that the relevant systems fail to function properly, trading in the CIBM through Bond Connect could be disrupted. A Fund's ability to access the CIBM (and hence to pursue its investment strategy) will be adversely affected.

*Regulatory Risk.* The PBOC Bond Connect rules are departmental regulations having legal effect in the PRC. However, the application of such rules is untested, and there is no assurance that PRC courts will recognize such rules.

Bond Connect is novel in nature and is subject to regulations promulgated by regulatory authorities and implementation rules made by the relevant authorities in the PRC and Hong Kong. Further, new regulations may be promulgated from time to time by the regulators in connection with operations and cross-border legal enforcement in connection with cross-border trades under Bond Connect.

The regulations are untested so far and there is no certainty as to how they will be applied. Moreover, the current regulations are subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. In the event that the

relevant PRC authorities suspend account opening or trading under the Bond Connect, the ability of the Fund to invest in the CIBM and the ability of the Fund to achieve its investment objective will be adversely affected. In addition, there can be no assurance that Bond Connect will not be abolished. A Fund which may invest in the CIBM through Bond Connect may be adversely affected as a result of such changes.

*Legal/Beneficial Ownership Risk.* CIBM bonds will be held by CMU as a nominee holder of the bonds purchased by foreign investors through Bond Connect. The PBOC has made it clear that the ultimate investors are the beneficial owners of the relevant bonds and shall exercise their rights against the bond issuer through CMU as the nominee holder. The PBOC also made various references to Stock Connect and indicated the position is essentially the same. Please refer to the Investments in the China A-Shares section for more information. The precise nature and rights of a Fund as the beneficial owner of the bonds traded in the China Interbank Bond Market through CMU as nominee is not well-defined under PRC law. There is a lack of a clear definition of, and distinction between, legal ownership and beneficial ownership under PRC law and there have been few cases involving a nominee account structure in the PRC courts. The exact nature and methods of enforcement of the rights and interests of a Fund under PRC law are also uncertain.

*Tax within the PRC.* Uncertainties in the PRC tax rules governing taxation of income and gains from investments in PRC securities could result in unexpected tax liabilities for a Fund. A Fund's investments in securities, including A-Shares and CIBM bonds, issued by PRC companies may cause the Fund to become subject to withholding and other taxes imposed by the PRC.

If a Fund were considered to be a tax resident enterprise of the PRC, it would be subject to PRC corporate income tax at the rate of 25% on its worldwide taxable income. If a Fund were considered to be a non-tax resident enterprise with a "permanent establishment" in the PRC, it would be subject to PRC corporate income tax on the profits attributable to the permanent establishment. SIMC and the Funds' Sub-Advisers intend to operate the Funds in a manner that will prevent them from being treated as tax resident enterprises of the PRC and from having a permanent establishment in the PRC. It is possible, however, that the PRC could disagree with that conclusion, or that changes in PRC tax law could affect the PRC corporate income tax status of a Fund.

Unless reduced or exempted by the applicable tax treaties, the PRC generally imposes withholding income tax at the rate of 10% on dividends, premiums, interest and capital gains originating in the PRC and paid to a company that is not a resident of the PRC for tax purposes and that has no permanent establishment in China.

SIMC or the Funds' Sub-Advisers or a Fund may also potentially be subject to PRC value added tax at the rate of 6% on capital gains derived from trading of A-Shares, CIBM bonds and interest income (if any). Existing guidance provides a temporary value added tax exemption for Hong Kong and overseas investors in respect of their gains derived from the trading of Chinese securities through Stock Connect and Bond Connect. In addition, urban maintenance and construction tax (currently at rates ranging from 1% to 7%), educational surcharge (currently at the rate of 3%) and local educational surcharge (currently at the rate of 2%) (collectively, the "surtaxes") are imposed based on value added tax liabilities, so if SIMC or the Funds' Sub-Advisers or a Fund were liable for value added tax it would also be required to pay the applicable surtaxes.

*Taxation of A-Shares.* The Ministry of Finance of the PRC, the State Administration of Taxation of the PRC and the CSRC (collectively, the "PRC Authorities") issued the "Notice on the Pilot Program of Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect" Caishui [2014] No.81 ("Notice 81"), on October 31, 2014, which states that the capital gain from disposal of A-Shares by foreign investors enterprises via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program will be temporarily exempt from withholding income tax. Notice 81 also states that the dividends derived from A-Shares by foreign investors enterprises are subject to 10% withholding income tax, unless a lower rate is applicable under a relevant tax treaty.

The PRC Authorities issued the "Notice on the Pilot Program of Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect" Caishui [2016] No.127 ("Notice 127") on November 5, 2016, which states that the capital gain from disposal of A-Shares by foreign investors enterprises via the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect program will be temporarily exempt from withholding income tax. Notice 127 also states that the dividends derived from A-Shares by foreign investors enterprises are subject to 10% withholding income tax, unless a lower rate is applicable under a relevant tax treaty.

Because there is no indication of how long the temporary exemption will remain in effect, the Funds may be subject to such withholding tax in the future. If in the future China begins applying tax rules regarding the taxation of income from A-Shares investment through the Stock Connect, and/or begins collecting capital gains taxes on such investments, a Fund could be subject to withholding tax liability if the Fund determines that such liability cannot be reduced or eliminated by applicable tax treaties. The negative impact of any such tax liability on a Fund's return could be substantial.

SIMC or the Funds' Sub-Advisers or a Fund may also potentially be subject to PRC value added tax at the rate of 6% on capital gains derived from trading of A-Shares and interest income (if any). Existing guidance provides a temporary value added tax exemption for Hong Kong and overseas investors in respect of their gains derived from the trading of Chinese securities through Stock Connect. Because there is no indication how long the temporary exemption will remain in effect, the Funds may be subject to such value added tax in the future. In addition, surtaxes are imposed based on value added tax liabilities, so if SIMC or the Funds' Sub-Advisers or a Fund were liable for value added tax it would also be required to pay the applicable surtaxes.

Stamp duty under the PRC laws generally applies to the execution and receipt of taxable documents, which includes contracts for the sale of China A-shares traded on stock exchanges in China. In the case of such contracts, the stamp duty is currently imposed on the seller but not on the purchaser, at the rate of 0.05%. The sale or other transfer by the adviser of China A-shares will accordingly be subject to PRC stamp duty, but a Fund will not be subject to PRC stamp duty when it acquires China A-shares. A Fund will not be required to pay stamp duty arising from the transactions of SSE-listed and SZSE-listed ETFs for Northbound Trading Link under the Stock Connect.

The PRC rules for taxation of Stock Connect are evolving, and the tax regulations to be issued by the PRC State Administration of Taxation and/or PRC Ministry of Finance to clarify the subject matter may apply retrospectively, even if such rules are adverse to a Fund and its shareholders.

*Taxation of CIBM Bonds.* The Ministry of Finance of the PRC and the State Administration of Taxation of the PRC issued Caishui No. 108 on November 7, 2018 ("Notice 108"), which states that foreign institutional investors will be temporarily exempt from the withholding income tax and value added tax on their bond interest income derived from CIBM bond interest. The temporary exemption of withholding tax and value added tax remained in effect until November 6, 2021. According to the Announcement on Continuation of Corporate Income Tax and Value-added Tax Policies for Overseas Institutions Investing in the Domestic Bond Market (Announcement [2021] No. 34), which was jointly made by the Ministry of Finance of the PRC and the State Taxation Administration of the PRC on November 22, 2021, the temporary exemption under Notice 108 will continue during the period from November 7, 2021 to December 31, 2025. However, this temporary measure has now expired, as no new regulation has been issued to further extend the exemption as of the date of this SAI.

In addition, surtaxes are imposed based on value added tax liabilities, so if SIMC or the Funds' Sub-Advisers or a Fund were liable for value added tax it would also be required to pay the applicable surtaxes.

The above information is only a general summary of the potential Chinese tax consequences that may be imposed on the Funds and their shareholders either directly or indirectly and should not be taken as a definitive, authoritative or comprehensive statement of the relevant matter. Shareholders should seek their own tax advice on their tax position with regard to their investment in the Funds.

The Chinese government has implemented a number of tax reform policies in recent years. The current tax laws and regulations may be revised or amended in the future. Any revision or amendment in tax laws and regulations may affect the after-taxation profit of Chinese companies and foreign investors in such companies, such as the Funds.

*Investments in VIEs.* In seeking exposure to Chinese companies, a Fund may invest in VIE structures. Investments in companies that utilize VIE structures involve significant legal, regulatory, and operational risks that are distinct from, and may be greater than, the risks associated with direct equity ownership in the operating company.

*Mechanism of VIEs.* VIE structures can vary, but generally consist of a U.S.-listed company with contractual arrangements, through one or more wholly-owned special purpose vehicles, with a Chinese company that ultimately provides the U.S.-listed company with contractual rights to exercise control over and obtain economic benefits from the Chinese company. Although the U.S.-listed company in a VIE structure has no equity ownership in the underlying Chinese company, the VIE contractual arrangements permit the VIE structure to consolidate its financial statements with those of the underlying Chinese company. Investors in the listed entity's securities do not hold equity interests in the China-based operating company; they hold interests in an offshore entity whose value is derived from contractual rights.

The VIE structure enables foreign investors, such as a Fund, to obtain investment exposure similar to that of an equity owner in a Chinese company in situations in which the Chinese government has restricted the non-Chinese ownership of such company. As a result, an investment in a VIE structure subjects a Fund to the risks associated with the underlying Chinese company. In its efforts to monitor, regulate and/or control foreign investment and participation in the ownership and operation of Chinese companies, including in particular those within the technology, telecommunications and education industries, the Chinese government may intervene or seek to control the operations, structure, or ownership of Chinese companies, including VIEs, to the disadvantage of foreign investors, such as a Fund.

The emergence and proliferation of these U.S.-listed companies in recent years implicate a range of investor protection issues, including concerns over the extent of intervention or control by the PRC government over the Chinese operating, the enforceability of contractual arrangements, limitations on shareholder rights, the reliability of VIEs' financial reporting, and the quality of their disclosures. VIE is one of several objectives for the SEC's Office of the Investor Advocate (OIAD) in fiscal 2026.

*Risks Associated with Investments in VIEs.* The contractual arrangements in the VIE structure may not be as effective as direct ownership and are subject to substantial uncertainty and risk of enforceability.

PRC Government Intervention. PRC regulators could determine that the VIE structure, the underlying contracts, or related control arrangements violate applicable law or public policy, or could otherwise prohibit, modify, or require unwinding of such structures. Intervention by the Chinese government with respect to VIE structures may adversely affect both the operations of the underlying Chinese company and the enforceability of the contractual arrangements. If these risks materialize simultaneously, a Fund could face severe losses with no legal recourse.

Change of Chinese Law. Authorities in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") have broad discretion to interpret and enforce laws and regulations, which may change without notice. In particular, changes in PRC foreign investment, cybersecurity, data, national security, industry access, or listing rules, or actions by securities regulators, exchanges, or other governmental bodies in any relevant jurisdiction, could materially impair the viability of VIE structures.

Enforceability of Contractual Arrangements. A Fund's investment in a VIE structure is also subject to risks related to the enforceability of contractual arrangements. For example, the underlying Chinese company (or its officers, directors, or Chinese equity owners) may breach these arrangements, or changes in Chinese law may render them unenforceable. Courts in the PRC may decline to enforce some or all of the relevant contracts, or counterparties may fail or refuse to perform. If such risks materialize, a Fund may suffer significant losses on its VIE investments with little or no recourse available.

If any of the foregoing occurs, investors of VIEs could experience severe adverse outcomes, including but not limited to: loss of economic exposure to the underlying operating company; significant declines in the market value or liquidity of the listed securities; inability to repatriate cash flows; subordination to onshore creditors; or forced restructuring on unfavorable terms. If these risks materialize simultaneously, a Fund could face severe losses with no legal recourse. In an extreme scenario, if the VIE structure is disallowed, invalidated, or otherwise rendered inoperative, the securities issued by the offshore listed entity could become worthless, and investors could lose their entire investment.

VIE-related risks may also interact with other risks, such as those outlined below, and may be difficult to anticipate, quantify, or mitigate.

Limitations on Shareholder Rights: Shareholder rights in a VIE structure are significantly limited because foreign investors do not directly own the operating company. Instead, they hold shares in an offshore shell company, relying on complex contracts that provide economic benefits but often lack real voting control. This makes rights subject to PRC law risks, potential conflicts of interest, and a lack of direct corporate governance, meaning investors lack typical equity protections and have few avenues to enforce decisions against onshore operating team.

Reliability of Financial Reporting: Financial reporting for VIEs is inherently complex due to opaque structures, relying heavily on subjective judgments, such as primary beneficiary evaluation, limited transparency, and potential conflicts between China's control and investor rights. Investors must scrutinize VIE disclosures, auditor reports, and legal risks, as standard GAAP/IFRS cannot fully capture off-balance sheet realities, demanding deep diligence beyond typical financial analysis.

Quality of Disclosure: The risk to disclosure quality under a VIE structure arises from inherent opacity and conflicts between the offshore listed entity and the onshore operating company. This can lead to potential misrepresentation of true financial health, control, and legal standing, especially concerning Chinese regulations, increasing information asymmetry and making it difficult for investors to gauge real value.

A Fund may have exposure to securities of companies that utilize VIE structures. The Fund's exposure may be concentrated in particular sectors where VIE structures are prevalent, which may amplify these risks.

To address the risks associated with investments in securities of companies employing VIE structures, a Fund and the Adviser may maintain policies and procedures reasonably designed to identify and assess which investments are subject to VIE-related risks, determine overall exposure to such risks and ensure that external materials reflect those risks. However, investors should carefully consider these risks before investing. A Fund and the Adviser may not be able to eliminate or fully mitigate VIE-related risks. There can be no assurance that a Fund's policies and procedures will be effective in preventing losses arising from VIE structures, and adverse developments could result in substantial or total loss of the value of a Fund's affected holdings.

Investments in Russia. Russia launched a large-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, significantly amplifying already existing geopolitical tensions. Russia's actions and the resulting responses by the United States and other countries could increase volatility and uncertainty in the financial markets and adversely affect regional and global economies. The United States and other countries have imposed broad-ranging economic sanctions on Russia, certain Russian individuals, banking entities and corporations, and Belarus as a response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine and may impose sanctions on other countries that provide military or economic support to Russia. The extent and duration of Russia's military actions or future escalation of such hostilities, and the extent and impact of the resulting sanctions (including any retaliatory actions or countermeasures that may be taken by those subject to sanctions, including cyber-attacks) are impossible to predict, but could result in significant market disruptions, including in certain industries or sectors, such as the oil and natural gas markets, and may negatively affect global supply chains, inflation and global growth. These and any related events could have a significant impact on a Fund's performance and the value of the Fund's investments, even though the Fund does not have direct exposure to Russian issuers or issuers in other countries affected by the invasion.

Investments in the Middle East. Armed conflict between Israel and Hamas and other militant groups in the Middle East and related events could cause significant market disruptions and volatility. This conflict could disrupt regional trade and supply chains, potentially affecting U.S. businesses with exposure to the region. Additionally, the Middle East plays a pivotal role in the global energy sector, and prolonged instability could impact oil prices, leading to increased costs for businesses and consumers. These and any related events could significantly impact a Fund's performance and the value of an investment in a Fund, even if the Fund does not have direct exposure to affected issuers.

**FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS**—A forward foreign currency contract involves a negotiated obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency at a future date or range of future dates (with or without delivery required), which may be any 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. These contracts are generally traded in the interbank market conducted directly between currency traders (usually large, commercial banks) and their customers. A forward foreign currency contract generally has no deposit requirement, and no commissions are charged at any stage for trades.

Forward contracts generally may not be liquidated prior to the stated maturity date, although the parties to a contract may agree to enter into a second offsetting transaction with the same maturity, thereby fixing each party's profit or loss on the two transactions. Nevertheless, each position must still be maintained to maturity unless the parties separately agree on an earlier settlement date. As a result, a party to a forward contract must be prepared to perform its obligations under each such contract in full. Parties to a forward contract may also separately agree to extend the contract by "rolling" it over prior to the originally scheduled settlement date. A Fund may use forward contracts for cash equitization purposes, which allows a Fund to invest consistent with its investment strategy while managing daily cash flows, including significant client inflows and outflows.

The Funds may use currency instruments as part of a hedging strategy, as described below.

*Transaction Hedging.* Transaction hedging is entering into a currency transaction with respect to specific assets or liabilities of a Fund, which will generally arise in connection with the purchase or sale of its portfolio securities or the receipt of income therefrom. A Fund may enter into transaction hedging out of a desire to preserve the U.S. dollar price of a security when it enters into a contract for the purchase or sale of a security denominated in a foreign currency. A Fund may be able to protect itself against possible losses resulting from changes in the relationship between the U.S. dollar and foreign currencies during the period between the date the security is purchased or sold and the date on which payment is made or received by entering into a forward contract for the purchase or sale, for a fixed amount of U.S. dollars, of the amount of the foreign currency involved in the underlying security transactions.

*Position Hedging.* A Fund may sell a non-U.S. currency and purchase U.S. currency to reduce exposure to the non-U.S. currency (called "position hedging"). A Fund may use position hedging when SIMC or a Sub-Adviser reasonably believes that the currency of a particular foreign country may suffer a substantial decline against the U.S. dollar. A Fund may enter into a forward foreign currency contract to sell, for a fixed amount of U.S. dollars, the amount of foreign currency approximating the value of some or all of its portfolio securities denominated in such foreign currency. The forward foreign currency contract amount and the value of the portfolio securities involved may not have a perfect correlation because the future value of the securities hedged will change as a consequence of the market between the date the forward contract is entered into and the date it matures.

*Cross Hedges.* A Fund may also cross-hedge currencies by entering into transactions to purchase or sell one or more currencies that are expected to decline in value relative to other currencies to which the Fund has, or in which the Fund expects to have, portfolio exposure.

*Proxy Hedges.* Proxy hedging is often used when the currency to which a Fund's portfolio is exposed is difficult to hedge or to hedge against the U.S. dollar. Proxy hedging entails entering into a forward contract to sell a currency whose changes in value are generally considered to be linked to a currency or currencies in which some or all of a Fund's portfolio securities are, or are expected to be denominated, and to buy U.S. dollars. The amount of the contract would not exceed the value of the Fund's securities denominated in linked currencies.

In addition to the hedging transactions described above, the Funds may also engage in currency transactions in an attempt to take advantage of certain inefficiencies in the currency exchange market, to increase their exposure to a foreign currency or to shift exposure to foreign currency fluctuations from one currency to another.

Unless consistent with and permitted by its stated investment policies, a Fund will not enter into a transaction to hedge currency exposure to an extent greater, after netting all transactions intended wholly or partially to offset other transactions, than the aggregate market value (at the time of entering into the

transaction) of the securities held in its portfolio that are denominated or generally quoted in or currently convertible into such currency, other than with respect to proxy hedging, described above. If consistent with and permitted by its stated investment policies, a Fund may take long and short positions in foreign currencies in excess of the value of the Fund's assets denominated in a particular currency or when the Fund does not own assets denominated in that currency. Certain Funds may engage in currency transactions for hedging purposes as well as to enhance the Fund's returns.

A non-deliverable forward transaction is a transaction that represents an agreement between a Fund and a counterparty (usually a commercial bank) to buy or sell a specified (notional) amount of a particular currency at an agreed-upon foreign exchange rate on an agreed upon future date. The non-deliverable forward transaction position is closed using a fixing rate, as defined by the central bank in the country of the currency being traded, that is generally publicly stated within one or two days prior to the settlement date. Unlike other currency transactions, there is no physical delivery of the currency on the settlement of a non-deliverable forward transaction. Rather, a Fund and the counterparty agree to net the settlement by making a payment in U.S. dollars or another fully convertible currency that represents any differential between the foreign exchange rate agreed upon at the inception of the non-deliverable forward agreement and the actual exchange rate on the agreed-upon future date. Thus, the actual gain or loss of a given non-deliverable forward transaction is calculated by multiplying the transaction's notional amount by the difference between the agreed-upon forward exchange rate and the actual exchange rate when the transaction is completed. Although forward foreign currency transactions are exempt from the definition of "swap" under the Commodity Exchange Act, non-deliverable forward transactions are not, and, thus, are subject to the CFTC's regulatory framework applicable to swaps.

The ability to establish and close out positions on currency futures contracts is subject to the maintenance of a liquid market, which may not always be available. An option on a currency provides the purchaser, or "holder," with the right, but not the obligation, to purchase, in the case of a "call" option, or sell, in the case of a "put" option, a stated quantity of the underlying currency at a fixed exchange rate up to a stated expiration date (or, in the case of certain options, on such date). The holder generally pays a nonrefundable fee for the option, referred to as the "premium," but cannot lose more than this amount, plus related transaction costs. Thus, where a Fund is a holder of options contracts, such losses will be limited in absolute amount. In contrast to a forward contract, an option imposes a binding obligation only on the seller, or "writer." If the holder exercises the option, the writer is obligated to complete the transaction in the underlying currency. An option generally becomes worthless to the holder when it expires. In addition, in the context of an exchange-traded option, the writer is often required to deposit initial margin and may be required to increase the margin on deposit if the market moves against the writer's position. Options on currencies may be purchased in the OTC market between commercial entities dealing directly with each other as principals. In purchasing an OTC currency option, the holder is subject to the risk of default by the writer and, for this reason, purchasers of options on currencies may require writers to post collateral or other forms of performance assurance.

Buyers and sellers of currency futures contracts are subject to the same risks that apply to the use of futures contracts generally, which are described elsewhere in this SAI. Further, settlement of a currency futures contract for the purchase of most currencies must occur at a bank based in the issuing nation, which may subject a Fund to additional risk.

*Risks.* Currency transactions are subject to risks that are different from those of other portfolio transactions. Currency exchange rates may fluctuate based on factors extrinsic to that country's economy. Although forward foreign currency contracts and currency futures tend to minimize the risk of loss due to a decline in the value of the hedged currency, at the same time they may limit any potential gain which might result should the value of such currency increase. Because currency control is of great importance to the issuing governments and influences economic planning and policy, purchase and sales of currency and related instruments can be negatively affected by government exchange controls, blockages, and manipulations or exchange restrictions imposed by governments. These can result in losses to a Fund if it is unable to deliver or receive currency or funds in the settlement of obligations and could also cause hedges it has entered into to be rendered useless, resulting in full currency exposure as well as incurring transaction costs. Buyers and sellers of currency futures are subject to the same risks that apply to the use of futures generally. Further, settlement of

a currency futures contract for the purchase of most currencies must occur at a bank based in the issuing nation. The ability to establish and close out positions on currency futures contracts is subject to the maintenance of a liquid market, which may not always be available.

The Funds may take active positions in currencies, which involve different techniques and risk analyses than the Funds' purchase of securities. Active investment in currencies may subject the Funds to additional risks, and the value of the Funds' investments may fluctuate in response to broader macroeconomic risks than if the Funds invested only in fixed income securities. The Funds may take long and short positions in foreign currencies in excess of the value of the Funds' assets denominated in a particular currency or when the Funds do not own assets denominated in that currency. If a Fund enters into currency transactions when it does not own assets denominated in that currency, the Fund's volatility may increase and losses on such transactions will not be offset by increases in the value of the Fund's assets.

Currency hedging involves some of the same risks and considerations as other transactions with similar instruments. Currency transactions can result in losses to a Fund if the currency being hedged fluctuates in value to a degree in a direction that is not anticipated. Furthermore, there is a risk that the perceived linkage between various currencies may not be present or may not be present during the particular time that a Fund is engaging in proxy hedging. Suitable hedging transactions may not be available in all circumstances. Hedging transactions may also eliminate any chance for a Fund to benefit from favorable fluctuations in relevant foreign currencies.

Risks associated with entering into forward foreign currency contracts include the possibility that the market for forward foreign currency contracts may be limited with respect to certain currencies and, upon a contract's maturity, the inability of a Fund to negotiate with the dealer to enter into an offsetting transaction. As mentioned above, forward foreign currency contracts may be closed out only by the parties entering into an offsetting contract. This creates settlement risk in forward foreign currency contracts, which is the risk of loss when one party to the forward foreign currency contract delivers the currency it sold but does not receive the corresponding amount of the currency it bought. Settlement risk arises in deliverable forward foreign currency contracts where the parties have not arranged to use a mechanism for payment-versus-payment settlement, such as an escrow arrangement. In addition, the correlation between movements in the prices of those contracts and movements in the price of the currency hedged or used for cover will not be perfect. There is no assurance an active forward foreign currency contract market will always exist. These factors will restrict a Fund's ability to hedge against the risk of devaluation of currencies in which the Fund holds a substantial quantity of securities and are unrelated to the qualitative rating that may be assigned to any particular security. In addition, if a currency devaluation is generally anticipated, the Fund may not be able to contract to sell currency at a price above the devaluation level it anticipates. The successful use of forward foreign currency contracts as a hedging technique draws upon special skills and experience with respect to these instruments and usually depends on the ability of SIMC or a Sub-Adviser to forecast interest rate and currency exchange rate movements correctly. Should interest or exchange rates move in an unexpected manner, the Fund may not achieve the anticipated benefits of forward foreign currency contracts or may realize losses and thus be in a worse position than if those strategies had not been used. Many forward foreign currency contracts are subject to no daily price fluctuation limits so adverse market movements could continue with respect to those contracts to an unlimited extent over a period of time.

**FUTURES CONTRACTS AND OPTIONS ON FUTURES CONTRACTS**—Futures contracts (also called "futures") provide for the future sale by one party and purchase by another party of a specified amount of a specific security at a specified future time and at a specified price. An option on a futures contract gives the purchaser the right, in exchange for a premium, to assume a position in a futures contract at a specified exercise price during the term of the option. An index futures contract is a bilateral agreement pursuant to which two parties agree to take or make delivery of an amount of cash equal to a specified dollar amount times the difference between the index value at the close of trading of the contract and the price at which the futures contract is originally struck. No physical delivery of the securities comprising the index is made, and generally contracts are closed out prior to the expiration date of the contract.

A Fund may also invest in Treasury futures, interest rate futures, interest rate swaps, and interest rate swap futures. A Treasury futures contract involves an obligation to purchase or sell Treasury securities at a future date at a price set at the time of the contract. The sale of a Treasury futures contract creates an obligation by the Fund to deliver the amount of certain types of Treasury securities called for in the contract at a specified future time for a specified price. A purchase of a Treasury futures contract creates an obligation by the Fund to take delivery of an amount of securities at a specified future time at a specific price. Interest rate futures can be sold as an offset against the effect of expected interest rate increases and purchased as an offset against the effect of expected interest rate declines. Interest rate swaps are an agreement between two parties where one stream of future interest rate payments is exchanged for another based on a specified principal amount. Interest rate swaps often exchange a fixed payment for a floating payment that is linked to a particular interest rate. Interest rate swap futures are instruments that provide a way to gain swap exposure and the structure features of a futures contract in a single instrument. Swap futures are futures contracts on interest rate swaps that enable purchasers to cash settle at a future date at the price determined by the benchmark rate at the end of a fixed period.

A Fund will reduce the risk that it will be unable to close out a futures contract by only entering into futures contracts that are traded on national futures exchanges regulated by the CFTC (generally, futures must be traded on such exchanges). Subject to their permitted investment strategies, certain Funds may use futures contracts and related options for either hedging purposes or risk management purposes, or to gain exposure to currencies, as well as to enhance the Fund's returns. Instances in which a Fund may use futures contracts and related options for risk management purposes include: (i) attempting to offset changes in the value of securities held or expected to be acquired or be disposed of; (ii) attempting to minimize fluctuations in foreign currencies; (iii) attempting to gain exposure to a particular market, index or instrument; or (iv) other risk management purposes. A Fund may use futures contracts for cash equitization purposes, which allows a Fund to invest consistent with its investment strategy while managing daily cash flows, including significant client inflows and outflows.

There are significant risks associated with a Fund's use of futures contracts and options on futures contracts, including: (i) the success of a hedging strategy may depend on SIMC or a Sub-Adviser's ability to predict movements in the prices of individual securities, fluctuations in markets and movements in interest rates; (ii) there may be an imperfect or no correlation between the changes in market value of the securities held by a Fund and the prices of futures and options on futures; (iii) there may not be a liquid secondary market for a futures contract or option; (iv) trading restrictions or limitations may be imposed by an exchange; and (v) government regulations or exchange requirements may restrict trading in futures contracts and options on futures contracts. In addition, some strategies reduce a Fund's exposure to price fluctuations, while others tend to increase its market exposure.

**HIGH YIELD FOREIGN SOVEREIGN DEBT SECURITIES**—Investing in fixed and floating rate high yield foreign sovereign debt securities will expose a Fund to the direct or indirect consequences of political, social or economic changes in the countries that issue the securities. The ability of a foreign sovereign obligor to make timely payments on its external debt obligations will also be strongly influenced by the obligor's balance of payments, including export performance, its access to international credits and investments, fluctuations in interest rates and the extent of its foreign reserves. Countries such as those in which a Fund may invest have historically experienced, and may continue to experience, high rates of inflation, high interest rates, exchange rate or trade difficulties and extreme poverty and unemployment. Many of these countries are also characterized by political uncertainty or instability. Additional factors that may influence the ability or willingness to service debt include, but are not limited to, a country's cash flow situation, the availability of sufficient foreign exchange on the date a payment is due, the relative size of its debt service burden to the economy as a whole and its government's policy towards the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and other international agencies. A country whose exports are concentrated in a few commodities or whose economy depends on certain strategic imports could be vulnerable to fluctuations in international prices of these commodities or imports. To the extent that a country receives payment for its exports in currencies other than U.S. dollars, its ability to make debt payments denominated in U.S. dollars could be adversely affected. If a foreign sovereign obligor cannot generate sufficient earnings from foreign trade to service its external debt, it may need to depend on continuing

loans and aid from foreign governments, commercial banks and multilateral organizations and inflows of foreign investment. The commitment on the part of these foreign governments, multilateral organizations and others to make such disbursements may be conditioned on the government's implementation of economic reforms and/or economic performance and the timely service of its obligations. Failure to implement such reforms, achieve such levels of economic performance or repay principal or interest when due may result in the cancellation of such third parties' commitments to lend funds, which may further impair the obligor's ability or willingness to timely service its debts.

**ILLIQUID SECURITIES**—Illiquid securities are investments that cannot be sold or disposed of in seven calendar days or less without the sale or disposition significantly changing the market value of the investment. If, subsequent to purchase, a security held by a Fund becomes illiquid, the Fund may continue to hold the security. Because of their illiquid nature, illiquid securities must be priced at fair value as determined in good faith pursuant to procedures approved by the Board. Despite such good faith efforts to determine fair value prices, a Fund's illiquid securities are subject to the risk that the security's fair value price may differ from the actual price that the Fund may ultimately realize upon its sale or disposition. Difficulty in selling illiquid securities may result in a loss or may be costly to a Fund. Under the supervision of the Board, SIMC or the Sub-Adviser, as applicable, determines the liquidity of a Fund's investments. In determining the liquidity of a Fund's investments, SIMC or the Sub-Adviser, as applicable, may consider various factors, including: (i) the frequency and volume of trades and quotations; (ii) the number of dealers and prospective purchasers in the marketplace; (iii) dealer undertakings to make a market; and (iv) the nature of the security and the market in which it trades (including any demand, put or tender features, the mechanics and other requirements for transfer, any letters of credit or other credit enhancement features, any ratings, the number of holders, the method of soliciting offers, the time required to dispose of the security, and the ability to assign or offset the rights and obligations of the security).

**INSURANCE FUNDING AGREEMENTS**—An IFA is normally a general obligation of the issuing insurance company and not a separate account. The purchase price paid for an IFA becomes part of the general assets of the insurance company, and the obligation is repaid from the company's general assets. Generally, IFAs are not assignable or transferable without the permission of the issuing insurance company, and an active secondary market in IFAs may not exist. Therefore, IFAs will be subject to the Fund's limitation on investment in illiquid securities when the Fund may not demand payment of the principal amount within seven days and a reliable trading market is absent. Additional information about illiquid securities is provided under "Illiquid Securities."

**INTERFUND LENDING AND BORROWING ARRANGEMENTS**—The SEC has granted an exemption that permits the Funds to participate in the Program with the SEI Funds. The Program allows the SEI Funds to lend money to and borrow money from each other for temporary or emergency purposes. Participation in the Program is voluntary for both borrowing and lending funds. Interfund loans may be made only when the rate of interest to be charged is more favorable to the lending fund than the Repo Rate and more favorable to the borrowing fund than the Bank Loan Rate. The Bank Loan Rate will be determined using a formula approved by the SEI Funds' Board of Trustees. The interest rate imposed on interfund loans is the average of the Repo Rate and the Bank Loan Rate.

All interfund loans and borrowings must comply with the conditions set forth in the exemption, which are designed to ensure fair and equitable treatment of all participating funds. Each Fund's participation in the Program must be consistent with its investment policies and limitations and is subject to certain percentage limitations. SIMC administers the Program according to procedures approved by the SEI Funds' Board of Trustees. In addition, the Program is subject to oversight and periodic review by the SEI Funds' Board of Trustees.

**INVESTMENT COMPANIES**—Securities of other investment companies, including shares of closed-end investment companies, unit investment trusts, open-end investment companies and REITs, represent interests in professionally managed portfolios that may invest in various types of instruments. Investing in other investment companies involves substantially the same risks as investing directly in the underlying instruments, but may involve additional expenses at the investment company-level, such as portfolio management fees and operating expenses. When a Fund invests in an affiliated or unaffiliated investment company, it will bear a pro rata portion of the investment company's expenses in addition to directly bearing the expenses associated with its own operations. Certain types of investment companies, such as closed-end investment companies, issue a

fixed number of shares that trade on a stock exchange or over-the-counter at a premium or a discount to their NAV. Others are continuously offered at NAV, but may also be traded in the secondary market at a premium or discount to their NAV.

Because of restrictions on direct investment by U.S. entities in certain countries, investment in other investment companies may be the most practical or the only manner in which an international and global fund can invest in the securities markets of those countries. A Fund also may be subject to adverse tax consequences to the extent it invests in the stock of a foreign issuer that constitutes a “passive foreign investment company.”

Generally, federal securities laws limit the extent to which investment companies can invest in securities of other investment companies, subject to certain statutory, regulatory and other exceptions. For example an investment company is generally prohibited under Section 12(d)(1)(A) of the 1940 Act from acquiring the securities of another investment company if, as a result of such acquisition: (i) the acquiring investment company would own more than 3% of the total voting stock of the other company; (ii) securities issued by any one investment company represent more than 5% of the acquiring investment company’s total assets; or (iii) securities (other than treasury stock) issued by all investment companies represent more than 10% of the total assets of the acquiring investment company, subject to certain statutory, regulatory or other exceptions. Pursuant to Rule 12d1-1 under the 1940 Act and the conditions set forth therein, a Fund may invest in one or more affiliated or unaffiliated investment companies that operate in compliance with Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act, in excess of the limits of Section 12(d)(1)(A). A Fund may invest in investment companies managed by SIMC or the Fund’s Sub-Adviser to the extent permitted by any rule or regulation of the SEC or any order or interpretation thereunder. A Fund may invest in such Rule 2a-7 compliant investment companies for cash management purposes, including as discussed in the “Securities Lending” section below, and to serve as collateral for derivatives positions.

In addition, Rule 12d1-4 under the 1940 Act permits an investment company to invest in other investment companies beyond the statutory limits of Section 12(d)(1)(A), subject to certain conditions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an investment company that is an acquired fund of a registered investment company in reliance on Section 12(d)(1)(G) of the 1940 Act, generally will not be permitted to invest in shares of other investment companies beyond the limits set forth in Section 12(d)(1)(A), other than in the limited circumstances set forth in Rule 12d1-4.

*Exchange-Traded Funds.* ETFs are investment companies that are registered under the 1940 Act as open-end funds or unit investment trusts. ETFs are actively traded on national securities exchanges and are generally based on specific domestic and foreign market indexes. An index-based ETF seeks to track the performance of an index by holding in its portfolio either the contents of the index or a representative sample of the securities in the index. Because ETFs are based on an underlying basket of stocks or an index, they are subject to the same market fluctuations as these types of securities in volatile market swings.

Leveraged ETFs contain all of the risks that non-leveraged ETFs present. Additionally, to the extent a Fund invests in ETFs that achieve leveraged exposure to their underlying indexes through the use of derivative instruments, the Fund will indirectly be subject to leverage risk and other risks associated with derivatives and will be subject to Rule 18f-4 under the 1940 Act. The more these ETFs invest in derivative instruments that give rise to leverage, the more this leverage will magnify any losses on those investments. Because leverage tends to exaggerate the effect of any increase or decrease in the value of an ETF’s portfolio securities or other investments, leverage will cause the value of an ETF’s shares to be more volatile than if the ETF did not use leverage. A leveraged ETF will engage in transactions and purchase instruments that give rise to forms of leverage, including, among others, the use of reverse repurchase agreements and other borrowings, the investment of collateral from loans of portfolio securities, the use of when issued, delayed-delivery or forward commitment transactions or short sales. Certain types of leveraging transactions, such as short sales that are not “against the box,” could theoretically be subject to unlimited losses in cases where a leveraged ETF, for any reason, is unable to close out the transaction. In addition, to the extent a leveraged ETF borrows money, interest costs on such borrowed money may not be recovered by any appreciation of the securities purchased with the borrowed funds and could exceed the ETF’s investment income, resulting in greater losses. Such ETFs often “reset” daily, meaning that they are designed to achieve their stated objectives on a daily basis. Due to the

effect of compounding, their performance over longer periods of time can differ significantly from the performance (or inverse of the performance) of their underlying index or benchmark during the same period of time, which may be enhanced during the periods of increased market volatility. Consequently, leveraged ETFs may not be suitable as long-term investments.

Leveraged inverse ETFs contain all of the risks that regular ETFs present. Additionally, to the extent a Fund invests in ETFs that seek to provide investment results that match a negative multiple of the performance of an underlying index, the Fund will indirectly be subject to the risk that the performance of such ETF will fall as the performance of that ETF's benchmark rises—a result that is the opposite from traditional mutual funds. Leveraged inverse ETFs contain all of the risks that regular ETFs present, but also pose all of the risks associated with other leveraged ETFs as well as other inverse ETFs. These investment vehicles may be extremely volatile and can potentially expose an investing Fund to theoretically unlimited losses.

An investment company may invest in ETFs in excess of the limitations prescribed by Section 12(d)(1)(A), provided that such investment company otherwise complies with certain conditions imposed through Rule 12d1-4. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an investment company that is an acquired fund of a registered investment company in reliance on Section 12(d)(1)(G) of the 1940 Act, generally will not be permitted to invest in shares of other investment companies beyond the limits set forth in Section 12(d)(1)(A), other than in the limited circumstances set forth in Rule 12d1-4. Neither the ETFs nor their investment advisers make any representations regarding the advisability of investing in the ETFs.

Certain ETFs that in general do not register as investment companies under the 1940 Act may not produce qualifying income for purposes of the “Qualifying Income Test” or the shares of such ETFs may not be considered “securities” for purposes of the “Asset Test” (as defined below under the heading “Taxes”), which must be met in order for a Fund to maintain its status as a RIC under the Code. If one or more ETFs generate more non-qualifying income for purposes of the Qualifying Income Test or if a Fund is not considered to be holding sufficient amounts of “securities” than SIMC or the Funds’ Sub-Advisers expect, it could cause a Fund to inadvertently fail the Qualifying Income Test or Asset Test, thereby causing the Fund to inadvertently fail to qualify as a RIC under the Code, unless certain relief provisions (described in more detail under the heading “Taxes”) are available to the Fund.

**LOAN PARTICIPATIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS**—Loan participations are interests in loans to corporations or governments that are administered by the lending bank or agent for a syndicate of lending banks and sold by the lending bank, financial institution or syndicate member (so-called “intermediary bank”). In a loan participation, the borrower will be deemed to be the issuer of the participation interest, except to the extent that a Fund derives its rights from the intermediary bank. Because the intermediary bank does not guarantee a loan participation in any way, a loan participation is subject to the credit risks generally associated with the underlying borrower. In the event of the bankruptcy or insolvency of the borrower, a loan participation may be subject to certain defenses that can be asserted by such borrower as a result of improper conduct by the intermediary bank. In addition, in the event the underlying borrower fails to pay principal and interest when due, a Fund may be subject to delays, expenses and risks that are greater than those that would have been involved if the Fund had purchased a direct obligation of such borrower. Under the terms of a loan participation, a Fund may be regarded as a creditor of the intermediary bank (rather than of the underlying borrower), so that the Fund may also be subject to the risk that the intermediary bank may become insolvent.

Loan assignments are investments in assignments of all or a portion of certain loans from third parties. When a Fund purchases assignments from lenders, it will acquire direct rights against the borrower on the loan. Because assignments are arranged through private negotiations between potential assignees and assignors, however, the rights and obligations acquired by the Fund may differ from, and be more limited than, those held by the assigning lender. Loan participations and assignments may be considered liquid, as determined by SIMC or the Funds’ Sub-Advisers based on criteria approved by the Board.

**MONEY MARKET SECURITIES**—Money market securities include: (i) short-term U.S. Government securities; (ii) custodial receipts evidencing separately traded interest and principal components of securities issued by the U.S. Treasury; (iii) commercial paper determined by SIMC or a Sub-Adviser to be of the highest short-term credit quality at the time of purchase; (iv) short-term bank obligations (certificates of deposit, time

deposits and bankers' acceptances) of U.S. commercial banks with assets of at least \$1 billion as of the end of their most recent fiscal year; and (v) repurchase agreements involving such securities. For a description of ratings, see Appendix A to this SAI.

**MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES**—Mortgage-backed securities are a class of asset-backed securities representing an interest in a pool or pools of whole mortgage loans (which may be residential mortgage loans or commercial mortgage loans). Mortgage-backed securities held or acquired by the Funds could include (i) obligations guaranteed by federal agencies of the U.S. Government, such as GNMA, which are backed by the “full faith and credit” of the United States, (ii) securities issued by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which are not backed by the “full faith and credit” of the United States but are guaranteed by the U.S. Government as to timely payment of principal and interest, (iii) securities (commonly referred to as “private-label RMBS”) issued by private issuers that represent an interest in or are collateralized by whole residential mortgage loans without a government guarantee and (iv) CMBS, which are multi-class or pass-through securities backed by a mortgage loan or a pool of mortgage loans secured by commercial property such as industrial and warehouse properties, office buildings, retail space and shopping malls, multifamily properties and cooperative apartments. Because private-label RMBS and CMBS are not issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, those securities generally are structured with one or more types of credit enhancement. There can be no assurance, however, that credit enhancements will support full payment to the Funds of the principal and interest on such obligations. In addition, changes in the credit quality of the entity that provides credit enhancement could cause losses to the Funds and affect their share prices.

A Fund may invest in mortgage-backed securities in the form of debt or in the form of “pass-through” certificates. Pass-through certificates, which represent the beneficial ownership interests in the related mortgage loans, differ from debt securities, which generally provide for periodic fixed payments of interest on and principal of the related notes. Mortgage pass-through securities provide for monthly payments that are a “pass-through” of the monthly interest and principal payments (including any prepayments) made by the individual borrowers on the pooled mortgage loans, net of any fees and expenses owed to the servicers of the mortgage loans and other transaction parties that receive payment from collections on the mortgage loans.

The performance of mortgage loans and, in turn, the mortgage-backed securities acquired by a Fund, is influenced by a wide variety of economic, geographic, social and other factors, including general economic conditions, the level of prevailing interest rates, the unemployment rate, the availability of alternative financing and homeowner behavior. Beginning in late 2006, delinquencies, defaults and foreclosures on residential and commercial mortgage loans increased significantly, and they may again increase in the future. In addition, beginning in late 2006, numerous originators and servicers of residential mortgage loans experienced serious financial difficulties and, in many cases, went out of business or were liquidated in bankruptcy proceedings. Those difficulties resulted, in part, from declining markets for their mortgage loans as well as from claims for repurchases of mortgage loans previously sold under provisions that require repurchase in the event of early payment defaults or for breaches of representations and warranties regarding loan characteristics.

Since mid-2007, the residential mortgage market has been subject to extensive litigation and legislative and regulatory scrutiny. The result has been extensive reform legislation and regulations including with respect to loan underwriting, mortgage loan servicing, foreclosure practices and timing, loan modifications, enhanced disclosure and reporting obligations and risk retention. Numerous laws, regulations and rules related to residential mortgage loans generally, and foreclosure actions particularly, have been proposed or enacted by federal, state and local governmental authorities, which may result in delays in the foreclosure process, reduced payments by borrowers, modification of the original terms of mortgage loans, permanent forgiveness of debt, increased prepayments due to the availability of government-sponsored refinancing initiatives and/or increased reimbursable servicing expenses. Any of these factors could result in delays and reductions in distributions to residential mortgage-backed securities and may reduce the amount of investment proceeds to which a Fund would be entitled.

The conservatorship of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and the current uncertainty regarding the future status of these organizations may also adversely affect the mortgage market and the value of mortgage-related assets. It remains unclear to what extent the ability of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to act as the primary sources

of liquidity in the residential mortgage markets, both by purchasing mortgage loans for their own portfolios and by guaranteeing mortgage-backed securities, may be curtailed. Legislators have repeatedly unveiled various plans to reduce and reform the role of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in the mortgage market and, possibly, wind down both institutions. Although it is unclear whether, and if so how, those plans may be implemented or how long any such wind-down or reform of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, if implemented, would take, a reduction in the ability of mortgage loan originators to access Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to sell their mortgage loans may adversely affect the financial condition of mortgage loan originators. In addition, any decline in the value of agency securities may affect the value of residential mortgage-backed securities as a whole.

The rate and aggregate amount of distributions on mortgage-backed securities, and therefore the average lives of those securities and the yields realized by a Fund, will be sensitive to the rate of prepayments (including liquidations) and modifications of the related mortgage loans, any losses and shortfalls on the related mortgage loans allocable to the tranches held by a Fund and the manner in which principal payments on the related mortgage loans are allocated among the various tranches in the particular securitization transaction. Furthermore, mortgage-backed securities are sensitive to changes in interest rates, but may respond to those changes differently from other fixed income securities due to the possibility of prepayment of the mortgage loans. Among other factors, a significant amount of defaults, rapid prepayments or prepayment interest shortfalls may erode amounts available for distributions to a Fund. The timing of changes in the rate of prepayments of the mortgage loans may significantly affect the Funds' actual yield to maturity, even if the average rate of principal payments is consistent with a Fund's expectations. If prepayments of mortgage loans occur at a rate faster than that anticipated by a Fund, payments of interest on the mortgage-backed securities could be significantly less than anticipated. Similarly, if the number of mortgage loans that are modified is larger than that anticipated by a Fund, payments of principal and interest on the mortgage-backed securities could be significantly less than anticipated.

*Collateralized Mortgage Obligations.* CMOs are securities collateralized by mortgages, mortgage pass-throughs, mortgage pay-through bonds (bonds representing an interest in a pool of mortgages where the cash flow generated from the mortgage collateral pool is dedicated to bond repayment) and mortgage-backed bonds (general obligations of the issuers payable out of the issuers' general funds and additionally secured by a first lien on a pool of single family detached properties). To the extent a Fund invests in CMOs, the Fund typically will seek to invest in CMOs rated in one of the two highest categories by S&P or Moody's. Many CMOs are issued with a number of classes or series that have different expected maturities. Investors purchasing such CMOs are credited with their portion of the scheduled payments of interest and principal on the underlying mortgages plus all unscheduled prepayments of principal based on a predetermined priority schedule. Accordingly, the CMOs in the longer maturity series are less likely than other mortgage pass-through securities to be prepaid prior to their stated maturity. Although some of the mortgages underlying CMOs may be supported by various types of insurance and some CMOs may be backed by GNMA certificates or other mortgage pass-through securities issued or guaranteed by U.S. Government agencies or instrumentalities, the CMOs themselves are not generally guaranteed.

*Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduits.* REMICs are private entities formed for the purpose of holding a fixed pool of mortgages secured by interests in real property. REMIC Certificates issued by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac represent beneficial ownership interests in a REMIC trust consisting principally of mortgage loans or Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac or GNMA-guaranteed mortgage pass-through certificates. For Freddie Mac REMIC Certificates, Freddie Mac guarantees the timely payment of interest. GNMA REMIC Certificates are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government.

*Parallel Pay Securities; Planned Amortization Class CMOs.* Parallel pay CMOs and REMICs are structured to provide payments of principal on each payment date to more than one class. These simultaneous payments are taken into account in calculating the stated maturity date or final distribution date of each class, which must be retired by its stated maturity date or final distribution date but may be retired earlier. PAC Bonds generally require payments of a specified amount of principal on each payment date. PAC Bonds are always

parallel pay CMOs, with the required principal payment on such securities having the highest priority after interest has been paid to all classes.

*Adjustable Rate Mortgage Securities.* ARMS are a form of pass-through security representing interests in pools of mortgage loans whose interest rates are adjusted from time to time. The adjustments are usually determined in accordance with a predetermined interest rate index and may be subject to certain limits. Although the value of ARMS, like other debt securities, generally varies inversely with changes in market interest rates (increasing in value during periods of declining interest rates and decreasing in value during periods of increasing interest rates), the value of ARMS should generally be more resistant to price swings than other debt securities because the interest rates of ARMS move with market interest rates. The adjustable rate feature of ARMS will not, however, eliminate fluctuations in the prices of ARMS, particularly during periods of extreme fluctuations in interest rates. Also, because many adjustable rate mortgages only reset on an annual basis, it can be expected that the prices of ARMS will fluctuate to the extent that changes in prevailing interest rates are not immediately reflected in the interest rates payable on the underlying adjustable rate mortgages.

*Stripped Mortgage-Backed Securities.* Stripped mortgage-backed securities are securities that are created when a U.S. Government agency or a financial institution separates the interest and principal components of a mortgage-backed security and sells them as individual securities. The holder of the PO receives the principal payments made by the underlying mortgage-backed security, while the holder of the IO receives interest payments from the same underlying security. The prices of stripped mortgage-backed securities may be particularly affected by changes in interest rates. As interest rates fall, prepayment rates tend to increase, which tends to reduce prices of IOs and increase prices of POs. Rising interest rates can have the opposite effect.

*Pfandbriefe.* A Pfandbriefe is a fixed-term, fixed-rate bond issued by a German mortgage bank or a public-sector bank to finance secured real estate loans or public sector loans. Although Pfandbriefe are collateralized securities, the issuer assumes all of the prepayment risk.

*Estimated Average Life.* Due to the possibility of prepayments of the underlying mortgage instruments, mortgage-backed securities generally do not have a known maturity. In the absence of a known maturity, market participants generally refer to an “average life estimate.” An average life estimate is a function of an assumption regarding anticipated prepayment patterns and is based upon current interest rates, current conditions in the relevant housing markets and other factors. The assumption is necessarily subjective, and thus different market participants can produce different average life estimates with regard to the same security. There can be no assurance that the estimated average life will be a security’s actual average life.

**MORTGAGE DOLLAR ROLLS**—Mortgage dollar rolls, or “covered rolls,” are transactions in which a Fund sells securities (usually mortgage-backed securities) and simultaneously contracts to repurchase, typically in 30 or 60 days, substantially similar, but not identical, securities on a specified future date. During the roll period, a Fund forgoes principal and interest paid on such securities. A Fund is compensated by the difference between the current sales price and the forward price for the future purchase (often referred to as the “drop”), as well as by the interest earned on the cash proceeds of the initial sale. At the end of the roll commitment period, a Fund may or may not take delivery of the securities it has contracted to purchase. Mortgage dollar rolls may be renewed prior to cash settlement and initially may involve only a firm commitment agreement by the Fund to buy a security. A “covered roll” is a specific type of mortgage dollar roll for which there is an offsetting cash position or cash equivalent securities position that matures on or before the forward settlement date of the mortgage dollar roll transaction. As used herein, the term “mortgage dollar roll” refers to mortgage dollar rolls that are not “covered rolls.” If the broker-dealer to whom a Fund sells the security becomes insolvent, the Fund’s right to repurchase the security may be restricted. Other risks involved in entering into mortgage dollar rolls include the risk that the value of the security may change adversely over the term of the mortgage dollar roll and that the security a Fund is required to repurchase may be worth less than the security that the Fund originally held.

**MUNICIPAL SECURITIES**—Municipal securities consist of: (i) debt obligations issued by or on behalf of public authorities to obtain funds to be used for various public facilities, refunding outstanding obligations,

general operating expenses and lending such funds to other public institutions and facilities, and (ii) certain private activity and industrial development bonds issued by or on behalf of public authorities to obtain funds to provide for the construction, equipment, repair or improvement of privately operated facilities. Additional information regarding municipal securities is described below:

*Municipal Bonds.* Municipal bonds are debt obligations issued to obtain funds for various public purposes. Municipal bonds include general obligation bonds, revenue or special obligation bonds, private activity and industrial development bonds, moral obligation bonds and participation interests in municipal bonds. General obligation bonds are backed by the taxing power of the issuing municipality. Revenue bonds are backed by the revenues of a project or facility, such as tolls from a toll bridge. Certificates of participation represent an interest in an underlying obligation or commitment, such as an obligation issued in connection with a leasing arrangement. The payment of principal and interest on private activity and industrial development bonds is generally dependent solely on the ability of the facility's user to meet its financial obligations and the pledge, if any, of real and personal property so financed as security for such payment. A Fund may purchase private activity or industrial development bonds if, in the opinion of counsel for the issuers, the interest paid is exempt from federal income tax. Municipal bonds are issued by or on behalf of public authorities to raise money to finance various privately-owned or operated facilities for business and manufacturing, housing, sports and pollution control. These bonds are also used to finance public facilities such as airports, mass transit systems, ports, parking, sewage or solid waste disposal facilities and certain other facilities. The payment of the principal and interest on such bonds is dependent solely on the ability of the facility's user to meet its financial obligations and the pledge, if any, of real and personal property so financed as security for such payment. Moral obligation bonds are normally issued by special purpose authorities. Moral obligation bonds are not backed by the full faith and credit of the state, but are generally backed by the agreement of the issuing authority to request appropriations from the state legislative body.

*Municipal Leases.* Municipal leases are instruments, or participations in instruments, issued in connection with lease obligations or installment purchase contract obligations of municipalities (so-called "municipal lease obligations"). Although municipal lease obligations do not constitute general obligations of the issuing municipality, a lease obligation may be backed by the municipality's covenant to budget for, appropriate funds for and make the payments due under the lease obligation. However, certain lease obligations contain "non-appropriation" clauses, which provide that the municipality has no obligation to make lease or installment purchase payments in future years unless money is appropriated for such purpose in the relevant years. Municipal lease obligations are a form of financing, and the market for such obligations is still developing. Municipal leases will be treated as liquid only if they satisfy criteria set forth in guidelines established by the Board, and there can be no assurance that a market will exist or continue to exist for any municipal lease obligation. Information regarding illiquid securities is provided under the section "Illiquid Securities" above.

*Municipal Notes.* Municipal notes consist of general obligation notes, tax anticipation notes (notes sold to finance working capital needs of the issuer in anticipation of receiving taxes on a future date), revenue anticipation notes (notes sold to provide needed cash prior to receipt of expected non-tax revenues from a specific source), bond anticipation notes, tax and revenue anticipation notes, certificates of indebtedness, demand notes and construction loan notes. The maturities of the instruments at the time of issue will generally range from three months to one year.

SIMC and/or the Sub-Adviser, as applicable, may rely on the opinion of the issuer's counsel, which is rendered at the time the security is issued, to determine whether the security is fit, with respect to its validity and tax status, to be purchased by a Fund. SIMC, the Sub-Advisers and the Funds do not guarantee this opinion is correct, and there is no assurance that the IRS will agree with such counsel's opinion.

**NON-DIVERSIFICATION**—As indicated in the Investment Limitations section, certain Funds are non-diversified investment companies as defined in the 1940 Act, which means that a relatively high percentage of such Fund's assets may be invested in the obligations of a limited number of issuers. The value of shares of each such Fund may be more susceptible to any single economic, political or regulatory occurrence than the shares of a diversified investment company would be. Each of these Funds intend to satisfy the diversification

requirements necessary to qualify as a RIC under the Code, as described more fully in the “Taxes” section of this SAI.

**OBLIGATIONS OF DOMESTIC BANKS, FOREIGN BANKS AND FOREIGN BRANCHES OF U.S. BANKS—**Investments in bank obligations include obligations of domestic branches of foreign banks and foreign branches of domestic banks. Such investments in domestic branches of foreign banks and foreign branches of domestic banks may involve risks that are different from investments in securities of domestic branches of U.S. banks. These risks may include future unfavorable political and economic developments, possible withholding taxes on interest income, seizure or nationalization of foreign deposits, currency controls, interest limitations, or other governmental restrictions that might affect the payment of principal or interest on the securities held by a Fund. Additionally, these institutions may be subject to less stringent reserve requirements and to different accounting, auditing, reporting and recordkeeping requirements than those applicable to domestic branches of U.S. banks. Bank obligations include the following:

*Bankers’ Acceptances.* Bankers’ acceptances are bills of exchange or time drafts drawn on and accepted by a commercial bank. Corporations use bankers’ acceptances to finance the shipment and storage of goods and to furnish dollar exchange. Maturities are generally six months or less.

*Bank Notes.* Bank notes are notes used to represent debt obligations issued by banks in large denominations.

*Certificates of Deposit.* Certificates of deposit are interest-bearing instruments with a specific maturity. They are issued by banks and savings and loan institutions in exchange for the deposit of funds and can normally be traded in the secondary market prior to maturity. Certificates of deposit with penalties for early withdrawal will be considered illiquid. Additional information about illiquid securities is provided under the section “Illiquid Securities” above.

*Time Deposits.* Time deposits are non-negotiable receipts issued by a bank in exchange for the deposit of funds. Like a certificate of deposit, a time deposit earns a specified rate of interest over a definite period of time; however, it cannot be traded in the secondary market. Time deposits with a withdrawal penalty or that mature in more than seven days are considered to be illiquid. Additional information about illiquid securities is provided under the section “Illiquid Securities” above.

**OBLIGATIONS OF SUPRANATIONAL ENTITIES—**Supranational entities are entities established through the joint participation of several governments, including the Asian Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the World Bank, the African Development Bank, the European Economic Community, the European Investment Bank and the Nordic Investment Bank. The governmental members, or “stockholders,” usually make initial capital contributions to the supranational entity and, in many cases, are committed to make additional capital contributions if the supranational entity is unable to repay its borrowings. There is no guarantee that one or more stockholders of a supranational entity will continue to make any necessary additional capital contributions. If such contributions are not made, the entity may be unable to pay interest or repay principal on its debt securities, and a Fund may lose money on such investments.

**OPTIONS—**A Fund may purchase and write put and call options on indexes and enter into related closing transactions. A put option on a security gives the purchaser of the option the right to sell, and the writer of the option the obligation to buy, the underlying security at any time during the option period, or for certain types of options, at the conclusion of the option period or only at certain times during the option period. A call option on a security gives the purchaser of the option the right to buy, and the writer of the option the obligation to sell, the underlying security at any time during the option period, or for certain types of options, at the conclusion of the option period or only at certain times during the option period. The premium paid to the writer is the consideration for undertaking the obligations under the option contract.

A Fund may purchase and write put and call options on foreign currencies (traded on U.S. and foreign exchanges or OTC markets) to manage its exposure to exchange rates.

Put and call options on indexes are similar to options on securities except that options on an index give the holder the right to receive, upon exercise of the option, an amount of cash if the closing level of the

underlying index is greater than (or less than, in the case of puts) the exercise price of the option. This amount of cash is equal to the difference between the closing price of the index and the exercise price of the option, expressed in dollars multiplied by a specified number. Thus, unlike options on individual securities, all settlements are in cash, and gain or loss depends on price movements in the particular market represented by the index generally rather than the price movements in individual securities. Options on indexes may, depending on circumstances, involve greater risk than options on securities. Because stock index options are settled in cash, when a Fund writes a call on an index it may not be able to provide in advance for its potential settlement obligations by acquiring and holding the underlying securities.

Each Fund may trade put and call options on securities, securities indexes and currencies, as SIMC or a Sub-Adviser determines is appropriate in seeking to achieve the Fund's investment objective, unless otherwise restricted by the Fund's investment limitations.

The initial purchase (sale) of an option contract is an "opening transaction." In order to close out an option position, a Fund may enter into a "closing transaction," which is simply the sale (purchase) of an option contract on the same security with the same exercise price and expiration date as the option contract originally opened. If a Fund is unable to effect a closing purchase transaction with respect to an option it has written, it will not be able to sell the underlying security until the option expires or the Fund delivers the security upon exercise.

A Fund may purchase put and call options on securities for any lawful purpose, including to protect against a decline in the market value of the securities in its portfolio or to anticipate an increase in the market value of securities that the Fund may seek to purchase in the future. A Fund purchasing put and call options pays a premium for such options. If price movements in the underlying securities are such that exercise of the options would not be profitable for the Fund, loss of the premium paid may be offset by an increase in the value of the Fund's securities or by a decrease in the cost of the acquisition of securities by the Fund.

A Fund may write (*i.e.*, sell) "covered" call options on securities for any lawful purpose, including as a means of increasing the yield on its assets and as a means of providing limited protection against decreases in its market value. Certain Funds may engage in a covered call option writing (selling) program in an attempt to generate additional income or provide a partial hedge to another position of the Fund. A call option is "covered" if the Fund either owns the underlying instrument or has an absolute and immediate right (such as a call with the same or a later expiration date) to acquire that instrument. The underlying instruments of such covered call options may consist of individual equity securities, pools of equity securities, ETFs or indexes.

The writing of covered call options is a more conservative investment technique than writing of naked or uncovered options, but capable of enhancing the Fund's total return. When a Fund writes a covered call option, it profits from the premium paid by the buyer but gives up the opportunity to profit from an increase in the value of the underlying security above the exercise price. At the same time, the Fund retains the risk of loss from a decline in the value of the underlying security during the option period. Although the Fund may terminate its obligation by executing a closing purchase transaction, the cost of effecting such a transaction may be greater than the premium received upon its sale, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If such an option expires unexercised, the Fund realizes a gain equal to the premium received. Such a gain may be offset or exceeded by a decline in the market value of the underlying security during the option period. If an option is exercised, the exercise price, the premium received and the market value of the underlying security determine the gain or loss realized by the Fund.

When a Fund writes an option, if the underlying securities do not increase or decrease, as applicable, to a price level that would make the exercise of the option profitable to the holder thereof, the option will generally expire without being exercised and the Fund will realize as profit the premium received for such option. When a call option of which a Fund is the writer is exercised, the Fund will be required to sell the underlying securities to the option holder at the strike price and will not participate in any increase in the price of such securities above the strike price. When a put option of which a Fund is the writer is exercised, the Fund will be required to purchase the underlying securities at a price in excess of the market value of such securities.

A Fund may purchase and write options on an exchange or OTC. OTC options differ from exchange-traded options in several respects. They are transacted directly with dealers and not with a clearing corporation or

futures commission merchant, and therefore entail the risk of non-performance by the dealer. OTC options are available for a greater variety of securities and for a wider range of expiration dates and exercise prices than are available for exchange-traded options. Because OTC options are not traded on an exchange, pricing is normally done by reference to information from a market maker. It is the SEC's position that OTC options are generally illiquid. The market value of an option generally reflects the market price of an underlying security. Other principal factors affecting market value include supply and demand, interest rates, the pricing volatility of the underlying security and the time remaining until the expiration date.

*Risks.* Risks associated with options transactions include: (i) the success of a hedging strategy may depend on an ability to predict movements in the prices of individual securities, fluctuations in markets and movements in interest rates; (ii) there may be an imperfect correlation between the movement in prices of options and the securities underlying them; (iii) there may not be a liquid secondary market for options; and (iv) though a Fund will receive a premium when it writes covered call options, it may not participate fully in a rise in the market value of the underlying security.

**PARTICIPATION NOTES**—P-Notes are participation interest notes that are issued by banks or broker-dealers and are designed to offer a return linked to a particular underlying equity, debt, currency or market. When purchasing a P-Note, the posting of margin is not required because the full cost of the P-Note (plus commission) is paid at the time of purchase. When the P-Note matures, the issuer will pay to, or receive from, the purchaser the difference between the minimal value of the underlying instrument at the time of purchase and that instrument's value at maturity. Investments in P-Notes involve the same risks associated with a direct investment in the underlying foreign companies or foreign securities markets that they seek to replicate.

In addition, there can be no assurance that the trading price of P-Notes will equal the underlying value of the foreign companies or foreign securities markets that they seek to replicate. The holder of a P-Note that is linked to a particular underlying security is entitled to receive any dividends paid in connection with an underlying security or instrument. However, the holder of a P-Note does not receive voting rights as it would if it directly owned the underlying security or instrument. P-Notes are generally traded OTC. P-Notes constitute general unsecured contractual obligations of the banks or broker-dealers that issue them and the counterparty. There is also counterparty risk associated with these investments because the Fund is relying on the creditworthiness of such counterparty and has no rights under a P-Note against the issuer of the underlying security. In addition, a Fund will incur transaction costs as a result of investment in P-Notes.

**PAY-IN-KIND BONDS**—Pay-in-kind bonds are securities that, at the issuer's option, pay interest in either cash or additional securities for a specified period. Pay-in-kind bonds, like zero coupon bonds, are designed to give an issuer flexibility in managing cash flow. Pay-in-kind bonds are expected to reflect the market value of the underlying debt plus an amount representing accrued interest since the last payment.

Pay-in-kind bonds are usually less volatile than zero coupon bonds, but more volatile than cash pay securities.

**PRIVATIZATIONS**—Privatizations are foreign government programs for selling all or part of the interests in government owned or controlled enterprises. The ability of a U.S. entity to participate in privatizations in certain foreign countries may be limited by local law, or the terms on which a Fund may be permitted to participate may be less advantageous than those applicable for local investors. There can be no assurance that foreign governments will continue to sell their interests in companies currently owned or controlled by them or that privatization programs will be successful.

**PUT TRANSACTIONS**—A Fund may purchase securities at a price that would result in a yield to maturity lower than generally offered by the seller at the time of purchase when the Fund can simultaneously acquire the right to sell the securities back to the seller, the issuer or a third party (the "writer") at an agreed-upon price at any time during a stated period or on a certain date. Such a right is generally denoted as a "standby commitment" or a "put." The purpose of engaging in transactions involving puts is to maintain flexibility and liquidity to permit a Fund to meet redemptions and remain as fully invested as possible in municipal securities. The right to put the securities depends on the writer's ability to pay for the securities at the time the put is exercised. A Fund would limit its put transactions to institutions that SIMC or a Sub-Adviser believes present

minimum credit risks, and SIMC or a Sub-Adviser would use its best efforts to initially determine and continue to monitor the financial strength of the sellers of the options by evaluating their financial statements and such other information as is available in the marketplace. It may, however, be difficult to monitor the financial strength of the writers because adequate current financial information may not be available. In the event that any writer is unable to honor a put for financial reasons, a Fund would be a general creditor (*i.e.*, on a parity with all other unsecured creditors) of the writer. Furthermore, particular provisions of the contract between a Fund and the writer may excuse the writer from repurchasing the securities; for example, a change in the published rating of the underlying municipal securities or any similar event that has an adverse effect on the issuer's credit or a provision in the contract that the put will not be exercised except in certain special cases, such as to maintain Fund liquidity. A Fund could, however, at any time sell the underlying portfolio security in the open market or wait until the portfolio security matures, at which time it should realize the full par value of the security.

The securities purchased subject to a put may be sold to third persons at any time, even though the put is outstanding, but the put itself, unless it is an integral part of the security as originally issued, may not be marketable or otherwise assignable. Therefore, the put would have value only to that particular Fund. Sale of the securities to third parties or lapse of time with the put unexercised may terminate the right to put the securities. Prior to the expiration of any put option, a Fund could seek to negotiate terms for the extension of such an option. If such a renewal cannot be negotiated on terms satisfactory to the Fund, the Fund could, of course, sell the portfolio security. The maturity of the underlying security will generally be different from that of the put. For the purpose of determining the "maturity" of securities purchased subject to an option to put, and for the purpose of determining the dollar-weighted average maturity of a Fund including such securities, the Fund will consider "maturity" to be the first date on which it has the right to demand payment from the writer of the put (although the final maturity of the security is later than such date).

**QUANTITATIVE INVESTING**—A quantitative investment style generally involves the use of computers to implement a systematic or rules-based approach to selecting investments based on specific measurable factors. Due to the significant role technology plays in such strategies, they carry the risk of unintended or unrecognized issues or flaws in the design, coding, implementation or maintenance of the computer programs or technology used in the development and implementation of the quantitative strategy. These issues or flaws, which can be difficult to identify, may result in the implementation of a portfolio that is different from that which was intended, and could negatively impact investment returns. Such risks should be viewed as an inherent element of investing in an investment strategy that relies heavily upon quantitative models and computerization.

**REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS**—REITs are entities that invest primarily in commercial real estate or real estate-related loans. A U.S. REIT is not taxed on income distributed to its shareholders or unitholders if it complies with certain requirements under the Code relating to its organization, ownership, assets and income, as well as with a requirement that it distribute to its shareholders or unitholders at least 90% of its taxable income for each taxable year. Generally, REITs can be classified as Equity REITs, Mortgage REITs and Hybrid REITs. Equity REITs invest the majority of their assets directly in real property and derive their income primarily from rents and capital gains from appreciation realized through property sales. Mortgage REITs invest the majority of their assets in real estate mortgages and derive their income primarily from interest payments. Hybrid REITs combine the characteristics of both Equity and Mortgage REITs. By investing in REITs indirectly through a Fund, shareholders will bear not only the proportionate share of the expenses of the Fund, but also, indirectly, similar expenses of underlying REITs.

A Fund may be subject to certain risks associated with the direct investments of REITs. REITs may be affected by changes in the value of their underlying properties and by defaults by borrowers or tenants. Mortgage REITs may be affected by the quality of the credit extended. Furthermore, REITs are dependent on specialized management skills. Some REITs may have limited diversification and may be subject to risks inherent in financing a limited number of properties. REITs generally depend on their ability to generate cash flow to make distributions to shareholders or unitholders and may be subject to defaults by borrowers and to self-liquidations. In addition, a U.S. REIT may be affected by its failure to qualify for tax-free pass-through of income under the Code or its failure to maintain exemption from registration under the 1940 Act.

**RECEIPTS**—Receipts are interests in separately traded interest and principal component parts of U.S. Government obligations that are issued by banks or brokerage firms and are created by depositing U.S. Government obligations into a special account at a custodian bank. The custodian holds the interest and principal payments for the benefit of the registered owners of the certificates or receipts. The custodian arranges for the issuance of the certificates or receipts evidencing ownership and maintains the register. Receipts include TRs, TIGRs, LYONs and CATS. LYONs, TIGRs and CATS are interests in private proprietary accounts, while TRs and STRIPS (see “U.S. Treasury Obligations” below) are interests in accounts sponsored by the U.S. Treasury. Receipts are sold as zero coupon securities, which means that they are sold at a substantial discount and redeemed at face value at their maturity date without interim cash payments of interest or principal. This discount is accreted over the life of the security, and such accretion will constitute the income earned on the security for both accounting and tax purposes. For tax purposes, original issue discount that accretes in a taxable year is treated as earned by a Fund and therefore is subject to the distribution requirements applicable to RICs under Subchapter M of the Code. Because of these features, such securities may be subject to greater interest rate volatility than interest paying fixed income securities.

**REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS**—A repurchase agreement is an agreement in which one party sells securities to another party in return for cash, with an agreement to repurchase equivalent securities at an agreed-upon price and on an agreed-upon future date. A Fund may enter into repurchase agreements with financial institutions. The Funds follow certain procedures designed to minimize the risks inherent in such agreements. These procedures include effecting repurchase transactions only with large, well-capitalized and well-established financial institutions deemed creditworthy by SIMC or a Sub-Adviser. The repurchase agreements entered into by a Fund will provide that the underlying collateral at all times shall have a value at least equal to 102% of the resale price stated in the agreement at all times. SIMC and the applicable Sub-Advisers monitor compliance with this requirement as well as the ongoing financial condition and creditworthiness of the counterparty.

Under all repurchase agreements entered into by a Fund, the Fund’s custodian or its agent must take possession of the underlying collateral. In the event of a default or bankruptcy by a selling financial institution, a Fund will seek to liquidate such collateral. However, the exercising of a Fund’s right to liquidate such collateral could involve certain costs or delays and, to the extent that proceeds from any sale upon a default of the obligation to repurchase are less than the repurchase price, the Fund could suffer a loss. A Fund may enter into “tri-party” repurchase agreements. In “tri-party” repurchase agreements, an unaffiliated third party custodian maintains accounts to hold collateral for the Fund and its counterparties and, therefore, the Fund may be subject to the credit risk of those custodians. At times, the investments of a Fund in repurchase agreements may be substantial when, in the view of SIMC or the Sub-Adviser(s), liquidity or other considerations so warrant.

**RESTRICTED SECURITIES**—Restricted securities are securities that may not be sold freely to the public without registration under the 1933 Act or an exemption from registration. Restricted securities, including securities eligible for re-sale under Rule 144A of the 1933 Act, that are determined to be liquid are not subject to a Fund’s limitation on investing in illiquid securities. The determination of whether a restricted security is illiquid is to be made by SIMC or a Sub-Adviser pursuant to guidelines adopted by the Board. Under these guidelines, SIMC or a Sub-Adviser will consider the frequency of trades and quotes for the security, the number of dealers in, and potential purchasers for, the security, dealer undertakings to make a market in the security, and the nature of the security and of the marketplace trades. In purchasing such restricted securities, SIMC and each Sub-Adviser intends to purchase securities that are exempt from registration under Rule 144A under the 1933 Act and Section 4(a)(2) commercial paper issued in reliance on an exemption from registration under Section 4(a)(2) of the 1933 Act, including, but not limited to, Rules 506(b) or 506(c) under Regulation D.

*Private Investments in Public Equity*—A Fund may purchase PIPEs, which are equity securities in a private placement that are issued by issuers that have outstanding publicly-traded equity securities of the same class. Shares in PIPEs generally are not publicly registered until after a certain time period from the date the private sale is completed, which can last many months. Until the public registration process is completed, PIPEs are restricted as to resale and cannot be freely traded. Generally, such restrictions cause PIPEs to be illiquid during this restricted period. PIPEs may contain provisions that the issuer will pay specified financial penalties to the holder if the issuer does not publicly register the restricted equity securities within a specified period of time,

but there is no assurance that the restricted equity securities will be publicly registered or that the registration will remain in effect.

**REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS AND SALE-BUYBACKS**—Reverse repurchase agreements are transactions in which a Fund sells portfolio securities to financial institutions, such as banks and broker-dealers, and agrees to repurchase them at a mutually agreed-upon date and price that is higher than the original sale price. Reverse repurchase agreements are similar to a fully collateralized borrowing by a Fund. Rule 18f-4 under the 1940 Act permits a Fund to enter into reverse repurchase agreements and similar financing transactions, notwithstanding the limitation on the issuance of senior securities in Section 18 of the 1940 Act. The Rule permits a Fund to elect whether to treat a reverse repurchase agreement as a borrowing, subject to the asset coverage requirements of Section 18 of the Act, or as a Derivative Transactions under Rule 18f-4. The Funds have elected to treat all reverse repurchase agreements as Derivative Transactions. See “Derivatives” above.

Reverse repurchase agreements involve risks. Reverse repurchase agreements are a form of leverage, and the use of reverse repurchase agreements by a Fund may increase the Fund’s volatility. Reverse repurchase agreements are also subject to the risk that the other party to the reverse repurchase agreement will be unable or unwilling to complete the transaction as scheduled, which may result in losses to a Fund. Reverse repurchase agreements also involve the risk that the market value of the securities sold by a Fund may decline below the price at which it is obligated to repurchase the securities. In addition, when a Fund invests the proceeds it receives in a reverse repurchase transaction, there is a risk that those investments may decline in value. In this circumstance, the Fund could be required to sell other investments in order to meet its obligations to repurchase the securities.

In a sale-buyback transaction, a Fund sells an underlying security for settlement at a later date. A sale-buyback is similar to a reverse repurchase agreement, except that in a sale-buyback the counterparty who purchases the security is entitled to receive any principal or interest payments made on the underlying security pending settlement of the Fund’s repurchase of the underlying security.

**RISKS OF CYBER-ATTACKS**—As with any entity that conducts business through electronic means in the modern marketplace, the Funds, and their service providers, may be susceptible to operational and information security risks resulting from cyber-attacks. Cyber-attacks include, among other behaviors, stealing or corrupting data maintained online or digitally, denial of service attacks on websites, the unauthorized monitoring, release, misuse, loss, destruction or corruption of confidential information, unauthorized access to relevant systems, compromises to networks or devices that the Funds and their service providers use to service the Funds’ operations, ransomware, operational disruption or failures in the physical infrastructure or operating systems that support the Funds and their service providers, or various other forms of cyber security breaches. Cyber-attacks affecting a Fund, SIMC or any of the Sub-Advisers, a Fund’s distributor, custodian, transfer agent, or any other of a Fund’s intermediaries or service providers may adversely impact the Fund and its shareholders, potentially resulting in, among other things, financial losses or the inability of Fund shareholders to transact business. For instance, cyber-attacks may interfere with the processing of shareholder transactions, impact the Fund’s ability to calculate its NAV, cause the release of private shareholder information or confidential business information, impede trading, subject the Fund to regulatory fines or financial losses and/or cause reputational damage. The Funds may also incur additional costs for cyber security risk management purposes designed to mitigate or prevent the risk of cyber-attacks. Such costs may be ongoing because threats of cyber-attacks are constantly evolving as cyber attackers become more sophisticated and their techniques become more complex. Similar types of cyber security risks are also present for issuers of securities in which a Fund may invest, which could result in material adverse consequences for such issuers and may cause the Fund’s investment in such companies to lose value. There can be no assurance that the Funds, the Funds’ service providers, or the issuers of the securities in which the Funds invest will not suffer losses relating to cyber-attacks or other information security breaches in the future. A Fund may also experience losses due to systems failures or inadequate system back-up or procedures at the brokerage firm(s) carrying the Fund’s positions.

**SECURITIES LENDING**—Each Fund may lend portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and other financial organizations that meet capital and other credit requirements or other criteria established by the Board. These

loans, if and when made, may not exceed 33% of the total asset value of the Fund (including the loan collateral). No Fund will lend portfolio securities to SIMC nor its Sub-Advisers or their affiliates unless it has applied for and received specific authority to do so from the SEC. Loans of portfolio securities will be fully collateralized by cash, letters of credit or U.S. Government securities, and the collateral will be maintained in an amount equal to at least 100% of the current market value of the loaned securities by marking to market daily, although the borrower will be required to deliver collateral of 102% and 105% of the market value of borrowed securities for domestic and foreign issuers, respectively. Any gain or loss in the market price of the securities loaned that might occur during the term of the loan would be for the account of the Fund.

A Fund may pay a part of the interest earned from the investment of collateral or other fee to an unaffiliated third party for acting as the Fund's securities lending agent.

By lending its securities, a Fund may increase its income by receiving payments from the borrower that reflect the amount of any interest or any dividends payable on the loaned securities, as well as by either investing cash collateral received from the borrower in short-term instruments or obtaining a fee from the borrower when U.S. Government securities or letters of credit are used as collateral. Each Fund will adhere to the following conditions whenever its portfolio securities are loaned: (i) the Fund must receive at least 100% cash collateral or equivalent securities of the type discussed in the preceding paragraph from the borrower; (ii) the borrower must increase such collateral whenever the market value of the securities rises above the level of such collateral; (iii) the Fund must be able to terminate the loan on demand; (iv) the Fund must receive reasonable interest on the loan, as well as any dividends, interest or other distributions on the loaned securities and any increase in market value; (v) the Fund may pay only reasonable fees in connection with the loan (which may include fees payable to the lending agent, the borrower, the administrator and the custodian); and (vi) voting rights on the loaned securities may pass to the borrower, provided, however, that if a material event adversely affecting the investment occurs, the Fund must terminate the loan and regain the right to vote the securities. The Board has adopted procedures reasonably designed to ensure that the foregoing criteria will be met. Loan agreements involve certain risks in the event of default or insolvency of the borrower, including possible delays or restrictions upon the Fund's ability to recover the loaned securities or dispose of the collateral for the loan, which could give rise to loss because of adverse market action, expenses and/or delays in connection with the disposition of the underlying securities.

A Fund may invest the cash received as collateral through loan transactions in other eligible securities, which may include shares of an affiliated or unaffiliated registered money market fund or of an affiliated or unaffiliated unregistered money market fund that complies with the requirements of Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act to the extent required by the 1940 Act (see the "Investment Companies" section above). Money market funds may or may not seek to maintain a stable NAV of \$1.00 per share. Investing the cash collateral subjects the Fund to market risk. A Fund remains obligated to return all collateral to the borrower under the terms of its securities lending arrangements even if the value of the investments made with the collateral has declined. Accordingly, if the value of a security in which the cash collateral has been invested declines, the loss would be borne by the Fund, and the Fund may be required to liquidate other investments in order to return collateral to the borrower at the end of a loan.

**SHORT SALES**—Short sales may be used by a Fund as part of its overall portfolio management strategies or to offset (hedge) a potential decline in the value of a security. A Fund may engage in short sales that are either "against the box" or "uncovered." A short sale is "against the box" if, at all times during which the short position is open, the Fund owns at least an equal amount of the securities or securities convertible into, or exchangeable without further consideration for, securities of the same issue as the securities that are sold short. A short sale against the box is a taxable transaction to a Fund with respect to the securities that are sold short. Uncovered short sales are transactions under which a Fund sells a security it does not own. To complete such a transaction, the Fund must borrow the security to make delivery to the buyer. The Fund is then obligated to replace the security borrowed by purchasing the security at the market price at the time of the replacement. The price at such time may be more or less than the price at which the security was sold by the Fund. Until the security is replaced, the Fund is required to pay the lender amounts equal to any dividends or interest that accrue during the period of the loan. To borrow the security, the Fund may also be required to pay a premium,

which would increase the cost of the security sold. The proceeds of the short sale may be retained by the broker, to the extent necessary to meet margin requirements, until the short position is closed out. Pursuant to its particular investment strategy, a Sub-Adviser may have a net short exposure in the portfolio of assets allocated to the Sub-Adviser.

When a Fund sells securities short, it may use the proceeds from the sales to purchase long positions in additional equity securities that it believes will outperform the market or its peers. This strategy may effectively result in the Fund having a leveraged investment portfolio, which results in greater potential for loss. Leverage can amplify the effects of market volatility on a Fund's share price and make a Fund's returns more volatile. This is because leverage tends to exaggerate the effect of any increase or decrease in the value of a Fund's portfolio securities. The use of leverage may also cause a Fund to liquidate portfolio positions when it would not be advantageous to do so in order to satisfy its obligations.

A Fund must comply with Rule 18f-4 under the 1940 Act with respect to its short sale borrowings, which are considered Derivative Transactions under the Rule. See "Derivatives" above.

**SOVEREIGN DEBT**—The cost of servicing external debt will also generally be adversely affected by rising international interest rates because many external debt obligations bear interest at rates that are adjusted based upon international interest rates. The ability to service external debt will also depend on the level of the relevant government's international currency reserves and its access to a foreign exchange. Currency devaluations may affect the ability of a sovereign obligor to obtain sufficient foreign exchange to service its external debt.

As a result of the foregoing or other factors, a governmental obligor may default on its obligations. If such an event occurs, a Fund may have limited legal recourse against the issuer and/or guarantor. Remedies must, in some cases, be pursued in the courts of the defaulting party itself, and the ability of the holder of foreign sovereign debt securities to obtain recourse may be subject to the political climate in the relevant country. In addition, no assurance can be given that the holders of commercial bank debt will not contest payments to the holders of other foreign sovereign debt obligations in the event of default under their commercial bank loan agreements.

**STRUCTURED SECURITIES**—Certain Funds may invest a portion of their assets in entities organized and operated solely for the purpose of restructuring the investment characteristics of sovereign debt obligations of emerging market issuers. This type of restructuring involves the deposit with, or purchase by, an entity, such as a corporation or trust, of specified instruments (such as commercial bank loans or Brady Bonds) and the issuance by that entity of one or more classes of securities ("Structured Securities") backed by, or representing interests in, the underlying instruments. The cash flow on the underlying instruments may be apportioned among the newly issued Structured Securities 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 Securities is dependent on the extent of the cash flow on the underlying instruments. Because Structured Securities of the type in which the Funds anticipate they will invest typically involve no credit enhancement, their credit risk will generally be equivalent to that of the underlying instruments. A Fund is permitted to invest in a class of Structured Securities that is either subordinated or unsubordinated to the right of payment of another class. Subordinated Structured Securities typically have higher yields and present greater risks than unsubordinated Structured Securities. Structured Securities are typically sold in private placement transactions, and there currently is no active trading market for Structured Securities. Certain issuers of such Structured Securities may be deemed to be "investment companies" as defined in the 1940 Act. As a result, a Fund's investment in such securities may be limited by certain investment restrictions contained in the 1940 Act.

**SWAPS, CAPS, FLOORS, COLLARS AND SWAPTIONS**—Swaps are centrally-cleared or OTC derivative products in which two parties agree to exchange payment streams calculated by reference to an underlying asset, such as a rate, index, instrument or securities (referred to as the "underlying") and a predetermined amount (referred to as the "notional amount"). The underlying for a swap may be an interest rate (fixed or floating), a currency exchange rate, a commodity price index, a security, group of securities or a securities index, a combination of any of these, or various other rates, securities, instruments, assets or indexes. Swap agreements

generally do not involve the delivery of the underlying or principal, and a party's obligations are generally equal to only the net amount to be paid or received under the agreement based on the relative values of the positions held by each party to the swap agreement.

A great deal of flexibility is possible in the way swaps may be structured. For example, in a simple fixed-to-floating interest rate swap, one party makes payments equivalent to a fixed interest rate, and the other party makes payments calculated with reference to a specified floating interest rate, such as SOFR or the prime rate. In a currency swap, the parties generally enter into an agreement to pay interest streams in one currency based on a specified rate in exchange for receiving interest streams denominated in another currency. Currency swaps may involve initial and final exchanges of the currency that correspond to the agreed upon notional amount. The use of currency swaps is a highly specialized activity which involves special investment techniques and risks, including settlement risk, non-business day risk, the risk that trading hours may not align, and the risk of market disruptions and restrictions due to government action or other factors.

A Fund may engage in simple or more complex swap transactions involving a wide variety of underlying assets for various reasons. For example, a Fund may enter into a swap (i) to gain exposure to investments (such as an index of securities in a market) or currencies without actually purchasing those stocks or currencies; (ii) to make an investment without owning or taking physical custody of securities or currencies in circumstances in which direct investment is restricted for legal reasons or is otherwise impracticable; (iii) to hedge an existing position; (iv) to obtain a particular desired return at a lower cost to the Fund than if it had invested directly in an instrument that yielded the desired return; or (v) for various other reasons.

Certain Funds may enter into credit default swaps as a buyer or a seller. The buyer in a credit default contract is obligated to pay the seller a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract provided no event of default has occurred. If an event of default occurs, the seller must pay the buyer the full notional value ("par value") of the underlying in exchange for the underlying. If a Fund is a buyer and no event of default occurs, the Fund will have made a stream of payments to the seller without having benefited from the default protection it purchased. However, if an event of default occurs, the Fund, as a buyer, will receive the full notional value of the underlying that may have little or no value following default. As a seller, a Fund receives a fixed rate of income throughout the term of the contract, provided there is no default. If an event of default occurs, the Fund would be obligated to pay the notional value of the underlying in return for the receipt of the underlying. The value of the underlying received by the Fund, coupled with the periodic payments previously received, may be less than the full notional value it pays to the buyer, resulting in a loss of value to the Fund. Credit default swaps involve different risks than if a Fund invests in the underlying directly. For example, credit default swaps would increase credit risk by providing the Fund with exposure to both the issuer of the referenced obligation (typically a debt obligation) and the counterparty to the credit default swap. Credit default swaps may in some cases be illiquid. Furthermore, the definition of a "credit event" triggering the seller's payment obligations under a credit default swap may not encompass all of the circumstances in which the buyer may suffer credit-related losses on an obligation of a referenced entity.

The Funds may enter into total return swap agreements. Total return swap agreements are contracts in which one party agrees to make periodic payments based on the change in market value of underlying assets, which may include a specified security, basket of securities, defined portfolios of bonds, loans and mortgages, or securities indexes during the specified period, in return for periodic payments based on a fixed or variable interest rate or the total return from other underlying assets. Total return swap agreements may be used to obtain exposure to a security or market without owning or taking physical custody of such security or market.

Total return swap agreements may effectively add leverage to a Fund's portfolio because, in addition to its total net assets, a Fund would be subject to investment exposure on the notional amount of the swap. Total return swaps are a mechanism for the user to accept the economic benefits of asset ownership without utilizing the balance sheet. The other leg of the swap is spread to reflect the non-balance sheet nature of the product. Total return swaps can be designed with any underlying asset agreed between two parties. Typically, no notional amounts are exchanged with total return swaps. Total return swap agreements entail the risk that a party will default on its payment obligations to the Fund thereunder. Swap agreements also entail the risk that a Fund will not be able to meet its obligation to the counterparty. Generally, a Fund will enter into total return swaps

on a net basis (*i.e.*, the two payment streams are netted out with the Fund receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments). Fully funded total return swaps have economic and risk characteristics similar to credit-linked notes, which are described above.

Caps, floors, collars and swaptions are privately-negotiated option-based derivative products. Like a put or call option, the buyer of a cap or floor pays a premium to the writer. In exchange for that premium, the buyer receives the right to a payment equal to the differential if the specified index or rate rises above (in the case of a cap) or falls below (in the case of a floor) a pre-determined strike level. Like swaps, obligations under caps and floors are calculated based upon an agreed notional amount, and, like most swaps (other than foreign currency swaps), the entire notional amount is not exchanged. A collar is a combination product in which one party buys a cap from and sells a floor to another party. Swaptions give the holder the right to enter into a swap. A Fund may use one or more of these derivative products in addition to or in lieu of a swap involving a similar rate or index.

Under current market practice, swaps, caps, collars and floors between the same two parties are generally documented under a “master agreement.” In some cases, options and forward contracts between the parties may also be governed by the same master agreement. In the event of a default, amounts owed under all transactions entered into under, or covered by, the same master agreement would be netted, and only a single payment would be made.

Generally, a Fund would calculate the obligations of the swap agreements’ counterparties on a “net basis.” Consequently, a Fund’s current obligation (or rights) under a swap agreement will generally be equal only to the net amount to be paid or received under the agreement based on the relative values of the positions held by each counterparty to the swap agreement (the “net amount”). A Fund’s current obligation under a swap agreement will be accrued daily (offset against any amounts owed to the Fund).

The swap market has grown substantially in recent years with a large number of banks and investment banking firms acting both as principals and as agents using standardized swap agreements. As a result, the use of swaps has become more prevalent in comparison with the markets for other similar instruments that are also traded in OTC markets.

Swaps and other derivatives involve risks. One significant risk in a swap, cap, floor, collar or swaption is the volatility of the specific interest rate, currency or other underlying that determines the amount of payments due to and from a Fund. This is true whether these derivative products are used to create additional risk exposure for a Fund or to hedge, or manage, existing risk exposure. If under a swap, cap, floor, collar or swaption agreement a Fund is obligated to make a payment to the counterparty, the Fund must be prepared to make the payment when due. A Fund could suffer losses with respect to such an agreement if the Fund is unable to terminate the agreement or reduce its exposure through offsetting transactions. Further, the risks of caps, floors and collars, like put and call options, may be unlimited for the seller if the cap or floor is not hedged or covered, but is limited for the buyer.

Because under swap, cap, floor, collar and swaption agreements a counterparty may be obligated to make payments to a Fund, these derivative products are subject to risks related to the counterparty’s creditworthiness, in addition to other risks discussed in this SAI. If a counterparty defaults, a Fund’s risk of loss will consist of any payments that the Fund is entitled to receive from the counterparty under the agreement (this may not be true for currency swaps that require the delivery of the entire notional amount of one designated currency in exchange for the other). Upon default by a counterparty, however, a Fund may have contractual remedies under the swap agreement.

A Fund will enter into swaps only with counterparties that SIMC or a Sub-Adviser believes to be creditworthy.

The swap market is a relatively new market for which regulations are still being developed. The Dodd-Frank Act has substantially altered and increased the regulation of swaps. Swaps are broadly defined in the Dodd-Frank Act, CFTC rules and SEC rules, and also include commodity options and NDFs. Additionally, the Dodd-Frank Act divided the regulation of swaps between commodity swaps (such as swaps on interest rates,

currencies, physical commodities, broad based stock indexes, and broad based credit default swap indexes), regulated by the CFTC, and security based swaps (such as equity swaps and single name credit default swaps), regulated by the SEC. The CFTC will determine which categories of swaps will be required to be traded on regulated exchange-like platforms, such as swap execution facilities, and which will be required to be centrally cleared. Cleared swaps must be cleared through futures commission merchants registered with the CFTC, and such futures commission merchants will be required to collect margin from customers for such cleared swaps. Additionally, all swaps are subject to reporting to a swap data repository. Dealers in swaps are required to register with the CFTC as swap dealers and are required to comply with extensive regulations regarding their external and internal business conduct practices, regulatory capital requirements, and rules regarding the holding of counterparty collateral.

**U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES**—Examples of types of U.S. Government obligations in which a Fund may invest include U.S. Treasury obligations and the obligations of U.S. Government agencies or U.S. Government sponsored entities such as Federal Home Loan Banks, Federal Farm Credit Banks, Federal Land Banks, the FHA, the Farmers Home Administration, the Export-Import Bank of the United States, the Small Business Administration, Fannie Mae, GNMA, the General Services Administration, the Student Loan Marketing Association, the Central Bank for Cooperatives, Freddie Mac, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, the Maritime Administration and other similar agencies. Whether backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury or not, U.S. Government securities are not guaranteed against price movements due to fluctuating interest rates.

If the total public debt of the U.S. Government as a percentage of gross domestic product reaches high levels as a result of combating financial downturn or otherwise, such high levels of debt may create certain systemic risks if sound debt management practices are not implemented. A high national debt level may increase market pressures to meet government funding needs, which may increase borrowing costs and cause a government to issue additional debt, thereby increasing the risk of refinancing. A high national debt also raises concerns that a government may be unable or unwilling to repay the principal or interest on its debt when due. Unsustainable debt levels can decline the valuation of currencies, can prevent a government from implementing effective counter-cyclical fiscal policy during economic downturns, and can contribute to market volatility.

An increase in national debt levels may also necessitate the need for the U.S. Congress to negotiate adjustments to the statutory debt ceiling to increase the cap on the amount the U.S. Government is permitted to borrow to meet its existing obligations and finance current budget deficits. Future downgrades could increase volatility in domestic and foreign financial markets, result in higher interest rates, lower prices of U.S. Treasury securities and increase the costs of different kinds of debt. Any controversy or ongoing uncertainty regarding statutory debt ceiling negotiations may impact the U.S. long-term sovereign credit rating and may cause market uncertainty. As a result, market prices and yields of securities supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government may be adversely affected. Although remote, it is at least theoretically possible that under certain scenarios the U.S. Government could default on its debt, including U.S. Treasury securities.

*Receipts.* Receipts are interests in separately-traded interest and principal component parts of U.S. Government obligations that are issued by banks or brokerage firms and are created by depositing U.S. Government obligations into a special account at a custodian bank. The custodian holds the interest and principal payments for the benefit of the registered owners of the certificates or receipts. The custodian arranges for the issuance of the certificates or receipts evidencing ownership and maintains the register. TRs and STRIPS are interests in accounts sponsored by the U.S. Treasury. Receipts are sold as zero coupon securities, which means that they are sold at a substantial discount and redeemed at face value at their maturity date without interim cash payments of interest or principal.

*U.S. Treasury Obligations.* U.S. Treasury obligations consist of bills, notes and bonds issued by the U.S. Treasury and separately traded interest and principal component parts of such obligations that are transferable through the federal book-entry systems known as STRIPS and TRs.

*U.S. Government Zero Coupon Securities.* STRIPS and receipts are sold as zero coupon securities; that is, fixed income securities that have been stripped of their unmatured interest coupons. Zero coupon securities are sold at a (usually substantial) discount and redeemed at face value at their maturity date without interim

cash payments of interest or principal. The amount of this discount is accreted over the life of the security, and the accretion constitutes the income earned on the security for both accounting and tax purposes. Because of these features, the market prices of zero coupon securities are generally more volatile than the market prices of securities that have similar maturity but that pay interest periodically. Zero coupon securities are likely to respond to a greater degree to interest rate changes than are non-zero coupon securities with similar maturities and credit qualities.

*U.S. Government Agencies.* Some obligations issued or guaranteed by agencies of the U.S. Government are supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury (e.g., Treasury bills, notes and bonds, and securities guaranteed by GNMA), others are supported by the right of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury (e.g., obligations of Federal Home Loan Banks), while still others are supported only by the credit of the instrumentality (e.g., obligations of Fannie Mae). Guarantees of principal by agencies or instrumentalities of the U.S. Government may be a guarantee of payment at the maturity of the obligation so that, in the event of a default prior to maturity, there might not be a market and thus no means of realizing on the obligation prior to maturity. Guarantees as to the timely payment of principal and interest neither extend to the value or yield of these securities nor to the value of a Fund's shares.

**VARIABLE AND FLOATING RATE INSTRUMENTS**—Certain obligations may carry variable or floating rates of interest and may involve a conditional or unconditional demand feature. Such instruments bear interest at rates that are not fixed, but that vary with changes in specified market rates or indexes. The interest rates on these securities may be reset daily, weekly, quarterly, or some other reset period. There is a risk that the current interest rate on such obligations may not accurately reflect existing market interest rates. A demand instrument with a demand notice exceeding seven days may be considered illiquid if there is no secondary market for such security.

**WHEN-ISSUED AND DELAYED DELIVERY SECURITIES**—When-issued and delayed delivery basis, including “TBA” (to be announced) basis, transactions involve the purchase of an instrument with payment and delivery taking place in the future. Delivery of and payment for these securities may occur a month or more after the date of the purchase commitment. A TBA transaction is a method of trading mortgage-backed securities. In a TBA transaction, the buyer and seller agree upon general trade parameters such as agency, settlement date, par amount and price. The actual pools delivered generally are determined two days prior to the settlement date. The interest rate realized on these securities is fixed as of the purchase date, and no interest accrues to a Fund before settlement. These securities are subject to market fluctuation due to changes in market interest rates, and it is possible that the market value of these securities at the time of settlement could be higher or lower than the purchase price if the general level of interest rates has changed. Although a Fund will generally purchase securities on a when-issued or forward commitment basis with the intention of actually acquiring securities for its portfolio, the Fund may dispose of a when-issued security or forward commitment prior to settlement if SIMC or a Sub-Adviser deems it appropriate. Rule 18f-4 under 1940 Act permits a Fund to enter into when-issued or delayed delivery basis securities notwithstanding the limitation on the issuance of senior securities in Section 18 of the 1940 Act, provided that the Fund intends to physically settle the transaction and the transaction will settle within 35 days of its trade date. If a when-issued or delayed delivery basis security does not satisfy those requirements, the Fund would need to comply with Rule 18f-4 under the 1940 Act with respect to its when issued or delayed delivery transactions, which are considered Derivative Transactions under the Rule. See “Derivatives” above.

**YANKEE OBLIGATIONS**—Yankees are U.S. dollar-denominated instruments of foreign issuers who either register with the SEC or issue securities under Rule 144A of the 1933 Act. These obligations consist of debt securities (including preferred or preference stock of non-governmental issuers), certificates of deposit, fixed time deposits and bankers' acceptances issued by foreign banks, and debt obligations of foreign governments or their subdivisions, agencies and instrumentalities, international agencies and supranational entities. Some securities issued by foreign governments or their subdivisions, agencies and instrumentalities may not be backed by the full faith and credit of the foreign government.

The Yankees selected for a Fund will adhere to the same quality standards as those utilized for the selection of domestic debt obligations.

**ZERO COUPON SECURITIES**—Zero coupon securities are securities that are sold at a discount to par value and securities on which interest payments are not made during the life of the security. Upon maturity, the holder is entitled to receive the par value of the security. Although interest payments are not made on such securities, holders of such securities are deemed to have received “phantom income” annually. Because a Fund will distribute its “phantom income” to shareholders, to the extent that shareholders elect to receive dividends in cash rather than reinvesting such dividends in additional shares, a Fund will have fewer assets with which to purchase income producing securities. Pay-in-kind securities pay interest in either cash or additional securities, at the issuer’s option, for a specified period. Pay-in-kind bonds, like zero coupon bonds, are designed to give an issuer flexibility in managing cash flow. Pay-in-kind bonds are expected to reflect the market value of the underlying debt plus an amount representing accrued interest since the last payment. Pay-in-kind bonds are usually less volatile than zero coupon bonds, but more volatile than cash pay securities. Pay-in-kind securities are securities that have interest payable by delivery of additional securities. Upon maturity, the holder is entitled to receive the aggregate par value of the securities. Deferred payment securities are securities that remain zero coupon securities until a predetermined date, at which time the stated coupon rate becomes effective and interest becomes payable at regular intervals.

Zero coupon, pay-in-kind and deferred payment securities may be subject to greater fluctuation in value and lesser liquidity in the event of adverse market conditions than comparably rated securities paying cash interest at regular interest payment periods. STRIPS and receipts (TRs, TIGRs, LYONs and CATS) are sold as zero coupon securities; that is, fixed income securities that have been stripped of their unmatured interest coupons. Zero coupon securities are sold at a (usually substantial) discount and redeemed at face value at their maturity date without interim cash payments of interest or principal. The amount of this discount is accreted over the life of the security, and the accretion constitutes the income earned on the security for both accounting and tax purposes. Because of these features, the market prices of zero coupon securities are generally more volatile than the market prices of securities that have similar maturities but that pay interest periodically. Zero coupon securities are likely to respond to a greater degree to interest rate changes than are non-zero coupon securities with similar maturities and credit qualities.

Corporate zero coupon securities are: (i) notes or debentures that do not pay current interest and are issued at substantial discounts from par value; or (ii) notes or debentures that pay no current interest until a stated date one or more years into the future, after which date the issuer is obligated to pay interest until maturity, usually at a higher rate than if interest were payable from the date of issuance, and may also make interest payments in kind (*e.g.*, with identical zero coupon securities). Such corporate zero coupon securities, in addition to the risks identified above, are subject to the risk of the issuer’s failure to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of the obligation. A Fund must accrete the discount or interest on high-yield bonds structured as zero coupon securities as income even though it does not receive a corresponding cash interest payment until the security’s maturity or payment date. For tax purposes, original issue discount that accretes in a taxable year is treated as earned by a Fund and therefore is subject to the distribution requirements applicable to the RICs under Subchapter M of the Code. A Fund may have to dispose of its securities under disadvantageous circumstances to generate cash or may have to leverage itself by borrowing cash to satisfy distribution requirements. A Fund accrues income with respect to the securities prior to the receipt of cash payments.

## INVESTMENT LIMITATIONS

The following are fundamental and non-fundamental policies of the Funds. The following percentage limitations (except for the limitation on borrowing and illiquid investments) will apply at the time of the purchase of a security and shall not be considered violated unless an excess of deficiency occurs immediately after or as a result of a purchase of such security.

### Fundamental Policies

The following investment limitations are fundamental policies of each Fund, which cannot be changed with respect to the Fund without the consent of the holders of a majority of the Fund’s outstanding shares. The

term “majority of outstanding shares” means the vote of: (i) 67% or more of the Fund’s shares present at a meeting, if more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Fund are present or represented by proxy; or (ii) more than 50% of the Fund’s outstanding shares, whichever is less.

Each of the International Equity, Emerging Markets Equity, International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds may not:

1. Purchase securities of an issuer if it would cause the Fund to fail to satisfy the diversification requirement for a diversified management company under the 1940 Act, the rules or regulations thereunder or any exemption therefrom, as such statute, rules or regulations may be amended or interpreted from time to time. This investment limitation does not apply to the Emerging Markets Debt or International Fixed Income Funds.
2. Concentrate investments in a particular industry or group of industries, as concentration is defined under the 1940 Act, the rules and regulations thereunder or any exemption therefrom, as such statute, rules or regulations may be amended or interpreted from time to time.
3. Borrow money or issue senior securities (as defined under the 1940 Act), except to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act, the rules and regulations thereunder or any exemption therefrom, as such statute, rules or regulations may be amended or interpreted from time to time.
4. Make loans, except to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act, the rules and regulations thereunder or any exemption therefrom, as such statute, rules or regulations may be amended or interpreted from time to time.
5. Purchase or sell commodities or real estate, except to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act, the rules and regulations thereunder or any exemption therefrom, as such statute, rules or regulations may be amended or interpreted from time to time.
6. Underwrite securities issued by other persons, except to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act, the rules and regulations thereunder or any exemption therefrom, as such statute, rules or regulations may be amended or interpreted from time to time.
7. With respect to the International Fixed Income Fund, acquire more than 10% of the voting securities of any one issuer.

#### **Non-Fundamental Policies**

The following investment limitations are non-fundamental policies and, other than with respect to Item 4 below, may be changed by the Board without a vote of shareholders. Each of the International Equity, Emerging Markets Equity and Emerging Markets Debt Funds may not:

1. Pledge, mortgage or hypothecate assets, except to secure permitted borrowings or in relation to the deposit of assets in escrow or in segregated accounts in compliance with applicable law or as otherwise contractually required.
2. Purchase securities on margin or effect short sales, except that each Fund may: (i) obtain short-term credits as necessary for the clearance of security transactions; (ii) provide initial and variation margin payments in connection with transactions involving futures contracts and options on such contracts; and (iii) make short sales “against the box” or in compliance with applicable law or as otherwise contractually required.
3. Purchase or hold illiquid investments, *i.e.*, any investment that the Fund reasonably expects cannot be sold in current market conditions in seven calendar days without significantly changing the market value of the investment, if, in the aggregate, more than 15% of its net assets would be invested in illiquid securities.
4. With respect to 75% of its total assets: (i) purchase securities of any issuer (except securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities and securities of other investment companies) if, as a result, more than 5% of its total assets would be invested in the securities of such

issuer; or (ii) acquire more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of any one issuer. This limitation does not apply to the Emerging Markets Debt Fund.

5. Purchase any securities that would cause 25% or more of the total assets of the Fund to be invested in the securities of one or more issuers conducting their principal business activities in the same industry, provided that this limitation does not apply to investments in: (i) certificates of deposit, commercial paper, bankers' acceptances or similar instruments issued or guaranteed by domestic banks and U.S. branches of foreign banks, which the Fund has determined to be subject to the same regulation as U.S. banks, or (ii) obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities.
6. Borrow money in an amount exceeding 33% of the value of its total assets, provided that, for purposes of this limitation, investment strategies that either obligate a Fund to purchase securities or require a Fund to segregate assets are not considered to be borrowings. To the extent its borrowings exceed 5% of its assets: (i) all borrowings will be repaid before a Fund makes additional investments and any interest paid on such borrowings will reduce income; and (ii) asset coverage of at least 300% is required in accordance with applicable SEC or SEC staff positions.
7. Make loans if, as a result, more than 33% of its total assets would be lent to other parties, except that each Fund may: (i) purchase or hold debt instruments in accordance with its investment objective and policies; (ii) enter into repurchase agreements; (iii) lend its securities; and (iv) participate in the SEI Funds inter-fund lending program.
8. Purchase or sell real estate, physical commodities or commodities contracts, except that each Fund may purchase: (i) marketable securities issued by companies that own or invest in real estate (including REITs), commodities or commodities contracts; and (ii) commodities contracts relating to financial instruments, such as financial futures contracts and options on such contracts.
9. Issue senior securities (as defined in the 1940 Act), except as permitted by rule, regulation or order of the SEC.
10. With respect to the International Equity Fund, invest less than 80% of its net assets, under normal circumstances, in equity securities. This non-fundamental policy may be changed by the Board with at least 60 days' notice to the International Equity Fund's shareholders.
11. With respect to the Emerging Markets Equity Fund, invest less than 80% of its net assets, under normal circumstances, in equity securities of emerging market issuers. This non-fundamental policy may be changed by the Board with at least 60 days' notice to the Emerging Markets Equity Fund's shareholders.
12. With respect to the Emerging Markets Debt Fund, invest less than 80% of its net assets, under normal circumstances, in fixed income securities of emerging markets issuers. This non-fundamental policy may be changed by the Board with at least 60 days' notice to the Emerging Markets Debt Fund's shareholders.

The International Fixed Income Fund may purchase or sell financial and physical commodities, commodity contracts based on (or relating to) physical commodities or financial commodities and securities and derivative instruments whose values are derived from (in whole or in part) physical commodities or financial commodities.

The following investment limitations are non-fundamental policies and may be changed by the Board without a vote of shareholders. The International Fixed Income Fund may not:

1. Purchase any securities that would cause 25% or more of the total assets of the Fund to be invested in the securities of one or more issuers conducting their principal business activities in the same industry, provided that this limitation does not apply to investments in obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities.
2. Borrow money, except for temporary or emergency purposes, and then only in an amount not exceeding 10% of the value of the total assets of the Fund. This borrowing provision is included solely to facilitate the orderly sale of portfolio securities to accommodate substantial redemption requests if they should

occur and is not for investment purposes. All borrowings will be repaid before the Fund makes additional investments and any interest paid on such borrowings will reduce the income of the Fund.

3. Pledge, mortgage or hypothecate assets, except to secure temporary borrowings as described in its Prospectuses in aggregate amounts not to exceed 10% of the net assets of such Fund taken at current value at the time of the incurrence of such loan.
4. Make loans, except that the Fund may: (i) enter into repurchase agreements, provided that repurchase agreements and time deposits maturing in more than seven days, and other illiquid securities, including securities that are not readily marketable or are restricted, are not to exceed, in the aggregate, 15% of the Fund's total assets; (ii) engage in securities lending as described in its Prospectuses and in the SAI; (iii) purchase or hold debt securities in accordance with its investment objectives and policies; and (iv) participate in the SEI Fund inter-fund lending program.
5. Make short sales of securities, maintain a short position or purchase securities on margin, except as described in the Prospectuses and except that the Trust may obtain short-term credits as necessary for the clearance of security transactions.
6. Issue senior securities (as defined in the 1940 Act), except in connection with permitted borrowing as described in the Prospectuses and this SAI or as permitted by rule, regulation or order of the SEC.
7. Purchase illiquid securities (*i.e.*, securities that cannot be disposed of for their approximate carrying value in seven days or less (which term includes repurchase agreements and time deposits maturity in more than seven days)), if, in the aggregate, more than 15% of its net assets would be invested in illiquid securities.
8. Invest less than 80% of its net assets, under normal circumstances, in fixed income securities. This non-fundamental policy may be changed by the Board with at least 60 days' notice to the International Fixed Income Fund's shareholders.

The following descriptions of the 1940 Act may assist shareholders in understanding the above policies and restrictions.

**Diversification.** Under the 1940 Act, a diversified investment management company, as to 75% of its total assets, may not purchase securities of any issuer (other than securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agents or instrumentalities or securities of other investment companies) if, as a result, more than 5% of its total assets would be invested in the securities of such issuer, or more than 10% of the issuer's outstanding voting securities would be held by the fund. Under applicable federal securities laws, the diversification of a mutual fund's holdings is measured at the time a fund purchases a security. If a Fund holds securities that perform well on a relative basis, the value of those securities could appreciate such that the value of the Fund's securities that constitute more than 5% of the Fund's total assets, in the aggregate, might exceed 25% of the Fund's total assets. In these circumstances, the Adviser or applicable Sub-Adviser might determine that it is in the best interests of a Fund's shareholders not to reduce one or more of the Fund's holdings in securities that constitute more than 5% of the Fund's total assets. If the Adviser or applicable Sub-Adviser makes such a determination, a Fund's holdings in such securities would continue to exceed 25% of the Fund's total assets, and the Fund would not purchase any additional shares of securities that constituted more than 5% of the Fund's total assets. The Fund would continue to qualify as a diversified fund under applicable federal securities laws. If more than 25% of a Fund's assets were invested, in the aggregate, in securities of issuers that individually represented more than 5% of the Fund's total assets, the Fund would be subject to the risk that its performance could be disproportionately affected by the performance of such securities.

**Concentration.** The SEC has presently defined concentration as investing 25% or more of an investment company's net assets in an industry or group of industries, with certain exceptions.

For purposes of the industry concentration limitations discussed above, these definitions apply to each Fund: (i) utility companies will be divided according to their services, for example, gas, gas transmission, electric and telephone will each be considered a separate industry; (ii) financial service companies will be classified according to end users of their services, for example, automobile finance, bank finance and diversified finance

will each be considered a separate industry; (iii) supranational agencies, such as the World Bank or any affiliate thereof or the United Nations, or related entities, will be deemed to be issuers conducting their principal business activities in the same industry; and (iv) governmental issuers within a particular country will be deemed to be conducting their principal business in the same industry.

**Borrowing.** The 1940 Act presently allows a fund to borrow from any bank (including pledging, mortgaging or hypothecating assets) in an amount up to 33% of its total assets, including the amount borrowed (not including temporary borrowings not in excess of 5% of its total assets). In accordance with Rule 18f-4 under the 1940 Act, when a fund engages in reverse repurchase agreements and similar financing transactions, the fund may either (i) maintain asset coverage of at least 300% with respect to such transactions and any other borrowings in the aggregate, or (ii) treat such transactions as “derivative transactions” and comply with Rule 18f-4 with respect to such transactions. Transactions that are treated as derivatives for purposes of Rule 18f-4, shall not be regarded as borrowings for the purposes of a fund’s investment limitations.

**Senior Securities.** Senior securities may include any obligation or instrument issued by a fund evidencing indebtedness. The 1940 Act generally prohibits funds from issuing senior securities, although certain transactions are not treated as senior securities, such as certain borrowings, short sales, reverse repurchase agreements, firm commitment agreements and standby commitments.

**Lending.** Under the 1940 Act, a fund may only make loans if expressly permitted by its investment policies. Each Fund’s non-fundamental investment policy on lending is set forth above.

**Underwriting.** Under the 1940 Act, underwriting securities involves a fund purchasing securities directly from an issuer for the purpose of selling (distributing) them or participating in any such activity either directly or indirectly. Under the 1940 Act, a diversified fund may not make any commitment as underwriter, if immediately thereafter the amount of its outstanding underwriting commitments, plus the value of its investments in securities of issuers (other than investment companies) of which it owns more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities, exceeds 25% of the value of its total assets.

**Real Estate.** The 1940 Act does not directly restrict a fund’s ability to invest in real estate, but does require that every fund have a fundamental investment policy governing such investments. The International Equity, Emerging Markets Equity, International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds have adopted a fundamental policy that would permit direct investment in real estate. However, the International Equity, Emerging Markets Equity, International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds have a non-fundamental investment limitation that prohibits them from investing directly in real estate. This non-fundamental policy may be changed only by vote of each Fund’s Board.

## THE ADMINISTRATOR AND TRANSFER AGENT

**General.** SEI Investments Global Funds Services (the “Administrator”), a Delaware statutory trust, has its principal business offices at One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456. The Administrator also serves as the transfer agent for the Funds (the “Transfer Agent”). SIMC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SEI Investments Company (“SEI”), is the owner of all beneficial interest in the Administrator and Transfer Agent. SEI and its subsidiaries and affiliates, including the Administrator, are leading providers of fund evaluation services, trust accounting systems, and brokerage and information services to financial institutions, institutional investors, and money managers. The Administrator and its affiliates also serve as administrator or sub-administrator to other mutual funds.

**Administration Agreement with the Trust.** The Trust and the Administrator have entered into an administration and transfer agency agreement (the “Administration Agreement”). Under the Administration Agreement, the Administrator provides the Trust with administrative and transfer agency services or employs certain other parties, including its affiliates, who provide such services. Such services generally include, but are not limited to:

- maintaining books and records related to a Fund’s cash and position reconciliations, and portfolio transactions;

- preparation of financial statements and other reports for the Funds;
- calculating the NAV of the Funds in accordance with the Funds' valuation policies and procedures;
- tracking income and expense accruals and processing disbursements to vendors and service providers;
- providing performance, financial and expense information for registration statements and board materials;
- providing certain tax monitoring and reporting;
- providing space, equipment, personnel and facilities;
- maintaining share transfer records;
- reviewing account opening documents and subscription and redemption requests;
- calculating and distributing required ordinary income and capital gains distributions; and
- providing anti-money laundering program services.

The Administration Agreement provides that the Administrator shall not be liable for any error of judgment or mistake of law or for any loss suffered by the Trust in connection with the matters to which the Administration Agreement relates, except a loss resulting from willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence on the part of the Administrator in the performance of its duties or from the reckless disregard of its duties and obligations thereunder.

The Administration Agreement shall remain effective for the initial term of the Agreement and each renewal term thereof unless earlier terminated: (i) by a vote of a majority of the Trustees of the Trust on not less than 60 days' written notice to the Administrator; or (ii) by the Administrator on not less than 90 days' written notice to the Trust.

**Administration Fees.** For its administrative services, the Administrator receives a fee, which is calculated based upon the aggregate average daily net assets of the Trust and paid monthly by each Fund. Effective September 1, 2025, the annual rates are as set forth in the chart below:

Administration Fee	
On the first \$1.5 billion of Assets; .....	0.380%
on the next \$500 million of Assets; .....	0.340%
on the next \$500 million of Assets; .....	0.280%
on the next \$500 million of Assets; .....	0.235%
on Assets over \$3 billion. ....	0.200%

For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2024 and 2025 the following table shows: (i) the dollar amount of fees paid to the Administrator by each Fund; and (ii) the dollar amount of the Administrator's voluntary fee waivers and/or reimbursements.

Fund	Administration Fees Paid (000)			Administration Fees Waived or Reimbursed (000)		
	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025
International Equity Fund .....	\$12,298	\$12,089	\$11,023	\$ 0	\$ 162	\$1,740
Emerging Markets Equity Fund .....	\$ 6,397	\$ 5,985	\$ 5,561	\$ 0	\$1,591	\$2,761
International Fixed Income Fund .....	\$ 2,019	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,395	\$ 38	\$ 131	\$ 289
Emerging Markets Debt Fund .....	\$ 5,465	\$ 4,504	\$ 3,525	\$415	\$ 475	\$ 498

### THE ADVISER AND SUB-ADVISERS

**General.** SIMC serves as the investment adviser for the Funds. SIMC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SEI (NASDAQ: SEIC), a leading global provider of outsourced asset management, investment processing and investment operations solutions. The principal business address of SIMC and SEI is One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456. SEI was founded in 1968 and is a leading provider of investment solutions to banks,

institutional investors, investment advisers and insurance companies. As of September 30, 2025, SIMC had approximately \$219.46 billion in assets under management.

**Manager of Managers Structure.** SIMC is the investment adviser to the International Equity, Emerging Markets Equity, International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds and operates as a “manager of managers.” SIMC and the Trust have obtained an exemptive order from the SEC that permits SIMC, with the approval of the Trustees, to hire, retain or terminate sub-advisers unaffiliated with SIMC for the Funds without submitting the sub-advisory agreements to a vote of the Funds’ shareholders. Among other things, the exemptive relief permits the disclosure of only the aggregate amount payable by SIMC under all such sub-advisory agreements. The Funds will notify shareholders in the event of any addition or change in the identity of its Sub-Advisers.

Subject to Board review, SIMC allocates and, when appropriate, reallocates the Funds’ assets to the Sub-Advisers, monitors and evaluates the Sub-Advisers’ performance and oversees the Sub-Advisers’ compliance with the Funds’ investment objectives, policies and restrictions. **SIMC has the ultimate responsibility for the investment performance of the Funds due to its responsibility to oversee Sub-Advisers and recommend their hiring, termination and replacement.**

**Advisory and Sub-Advisory Agreements.** The Trust and SIMC have entered into an investment advisory agreement (the “Advisory Agreement”). Pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, SIMC oversees the investment advisory services provided to the Funds, directly manages a portion of the Emerging Markets Equity and International Equity Funds’ assets and may manage cash on behalf of the Funds. Pursuant to separate sub-advisory agreements (the “Sub-Advisory Agreements” and, together with the Advisory Agreement, the “Investment Advisory Agreements”) with SIMC, and under the supervision of SIMC and the Board, one or more Sub-Advisers are generally responsible for the day-to-day investment management of all or a discrete portion of the assets of the Funds. The Sub-Advisers also are responsible for managing their employees who provide services to the Funds.

Each Investment Advisory Agreement sets forth a standard of care, pursuant to which the Adviser or Sub-Adviser, as applicable, is responsible for performing services to the Funds, and also includes liability and indemnification provisions. In addition, certain of the Sub-Advisory Agreements provide that the Sub-Adviser shall not be protected against any liability to the Trust or its shareholders by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith or negligence on its part in the performance of its duties, or from reckless disregard of its obligations or duties thereunder.

The continuance of each Investment Advisory Agreement after the first two (2) years must be specifically approved at least annually: (i) by the vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of that Fund or by the Trustees; and (ii) by the vote of a majority of the Trustees who are not parties to such Investment Advisory Agreement or “interested persons” of any party thereto, cast in-person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. Each Investment Advisory Agreement will terminate automatically in the event of its assignment and is terminable at any time without penalty by the Trustees of the Trust or, with respect to a Fund, by a majority of the outstanding shares of that Fund, on not less than 30 days’ nor more than 60 days’ written notice to SIMC or the Fund’s Sub-Adviser, as applicable, or by SIMC or the Fund’s Sub-Adviser, as applicable, on 90 days’ written notice to the Trust.

In accordance with a separate exemptive order that the Trust and SIMC have obtained from the SEC, the Board may approve a new sub-advisory agreement or a material amendment to an existing sub-advisory agreement at a meeting that is not in person, subject to certain conditions, including that the Trustees are able to participate in the meeting using a means of communication that allows them to hear each other simultaneously during the meeting.

**Advisory and Sub-Advisory Fees.** For these advisory services, SIMC receives a fee, which is calculated daily and paid monthly, at the annual rates set forth in the table below (shown as a percentage of the average daily net assets of each Fund). SIMC then pays the Sub-Advisers out of its contractual advisory fee for sub-advisory services provided to the Funds. The rates paid to each Sub-Adviser vary. The aggregate sub-advisory

fees paid by SIMC for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025 are set forth below as a percentage of the average daily net assets of each Fund.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Contractual Advisory Fee</u>	<u>Aggregate Sub-Advisory Fees Paid</u>
International Equity Fund .....	0.51%	0.19%
Emerging Markets Equity Fund .....	0.70%	0.26%
International Fixed Income Fund .....	0.30%	0.17%
Emerging Markets Debt Fund .....	0.60%	0.36%

SIMC pays each Sub-Adviser a fee out of its advisory fee. Sub-Advisory fees are based on a percentage of the average daily net assets managed by the applicable Sub-Adviser.

For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2024 and 2025, the following tables show: (i) the contractual advisory fees that SIMC is entitled to receive from each Fund; (ii) the dollar amount of SIMC's contractual and voluntary fee waivers; (iii) the dollar amount of fees paid to the Sub-Adviser by SIMC; and (iv) the dollar amount of the fees retained by SIMC.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025:

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Contractual Advisory Fees (000)</u>	<u>Advisory Fees Waived (000)</u>	<u>Sub-Advisory Fees Paid (000)</u>	<u>Advisory Fees Retained by SIMC (000)</u>
International Equity Fund .....	\$17,804	\$ 0	\$6,617	\$11,187
Emerging Markets Equity Fund .....	\$10,258	\$ 0	\$3,773	\$ 6,485
International Fixed Income Fund .....	\$ 1,101	\$ 0	\$ 622	\$ 479
Emerging Markets Debt Fund .....	\$ 5,566	\$2,133	\$3,362	\$ 71

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024:

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Contractual Advisory Fees (000)</u>	<u>Advisory Fees Waived (000)</u>	<u>Sub-Advisory Fees Paid (000)</u>	<u>Advisory Fees Retained by SIMC (000)</u>
International Equity Fund .....	\$19,785	\$ 0	\$10,393	\$9,392
Emerging Markets Equity Fund* .....	\$12,633	\$ 234	\$ 5,903	\$6,496
International Fixed Income Fund .....	\$ 1,318	\$ 0	\$ 637	\$ 681
Emerging Markets Debt Fund* .....	\$ 7,303	\$2,599	\$ 4,268	\$ 436

\* Advisory fees (before and after waivers) reflect the impact of changes made to fee waiver arrangements and contractual advisory fees that became effective September 1, 2024. Accordingly, the advisory fees stated above will differ from those stated in the Funds' Annual Fund Operating Expenses tables in the Prospectuses.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023:

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Contractual Advisory Fees (000)</u>	<u>Advisory Fees Waived (000)</u>	<u>Sub-Advisory Fees Paid (000)</u>	<u>Advisory Fees Retained by SIMC (000)</u>
International Equity Fund .....	\$19,927	\$ 0	\$10,823	\$9,104
Emerging Markets Equity Fund .....	\$14,630	\$1,464	\$ 6,244	\$6,922
International Fixed Income Fund .....	\$ 1,384	\$ 154	\$ 736	\$ 494
Emerging Markets Debt Fund .....	\$ 9,988	\$2,873	\$ 4,790	\$2,325

### The Sub-Advisers

**ACADIAN ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC**—Acadian Asset Management LLC (“Acadian”) serves as a Sub-Adviser to a portion of the assets of the International Equity Fund. Acadian was founded in 1986 and is a subsidiary of Acadian Affiliate Holdings LLC, which is an indirectly wholly-owned subsidiary of Acadian Asset Management Inc. (“AAMI”), a publicly listed company on the NYSE.

**AIKYA INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LIMITED**—Aikya Investment Management Limited (“Aikya”) serves as a Sub-Adviser to a portion of the assets of the Emerging Markets Equity Fund. Aikya is a UK private company limited by shares with UK Companies House Number 12329682. Aikya is authorised by United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority to provide regulated services since June 1, 2021. Aikya’s ownership structure is 67.5% owned by Aikya employees, and 32.5% owned by operational partner Pinnacle Investment Management (ASX:PNI). Aikya Investment Management Limited has been registered with the SEC as an investment adviser since February 2021.

**ARDEA INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT PTY LTD.**—Ardea Investment Management Pty Ltd. (“Ardea”) serves as a Sub-Adviser to a portion of the assets of the International Fixed Income Fund. Ardea was founded in 2008 to offer clients a compelling alternative to conventional fixed income investments. The firm is majority owned by employees to ensure long term alignment of interests with the clients and the stability of the team. Ardea may delegate certain of its duties to its wholly owned subsidiary, Ardea Investment Management (UK) Limited, located at Level One, 1 Gresham Street, London, UK EC2V 7BX.

**ARTISAN PARTNERS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**—Artisan Partners Limited Partnership (“Artisan Partners”) serves as a Sub-Adviser to a portion of the assets of the Emerging Markets Debt Fund. Artisan Partners is located at 875 East Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 800, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Artisan Partners is a limited partnership organized under the laws of Delaware. Artisan Partners is managed by its general partner, Artisan Investments GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company wholly-owned by Artisan Partners Holdings LP (“Artisan Partners Holdings”). Artisan Partners Holdings is a limited partnership organized under the laws of Delaware whose sole general partner is Artisan Partners Asset Management Inc., a publicly traded Delaware corporation.

**COLCHESTER GLOBAL INVESTORS LTD**—Colchester Global Investors, Ltd (“Colchester”) serves as a Sub-Adviser to a portion of the assets of the International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds. Colchester is majority employee-owned and is controlled by Ian Sims through his controlling ownership of its voting securities.

**GRANTHAM, MAYO, VAN OTTERLOO & CO. LLC**—Grantham, Mayo, Van Otterloo & Co. LLC (“GMO”) serves as a Sub-Adviser to a portion of the assets of the Emerging Markets Debt Fund. GMO was founded in 1977 and is a Massachusetts limited liability company that is controlled by active employee-members. As of September 30, 2025, GMO managed on a worldwide basis approximately \$71 billion in assets.

**JOHCM (USA) Inc.**—JOHCM (USA) Inc. (“JOHCM”) serves as a Sub-Adviser to a portion of the assets of the Emerging Markets Equity Fund. JOHCM, a Delaware corporation, is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Perpetual Limited (“Perpetual”). JOHCM may engage with certain affiliates, (together with JOHCM, the “JOHCM Group”) to perform certain activities and services related to the management of the Emerging Markets Equity Fund.

**INVESCO ADVISERS, INC.**—Invesco Advisers, Inc. (“Invesco”) serves as a Sub-Adviser to a portion of the assets of the Emerging Markets Debt Fund. Invesco is located at 1331 Spring Street NW, Suite 2500, Atlanta, Georgia 30309. Invesco, as successor in interest to multiple investment advisers, is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Invesco Ltd. (“IVZ”), a publicly traded company that, through its subsidiaries, engages in the business of investment management on an international basis.

**MARATHON ASSET MANAGEMENT, L.P.**—Marathon Asset Management, L.P. (“Marathon”) serves as a Sub-Adviser to a portion of the assets of the Emerging Markets Debt Fund. Marathon was formed in 1998 by Bruce Richards, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Louis Hanover, Chief Investment Officer. In 2003, Marathon became a U.S. SEC-registered investment adviser. As of June 2016, Blackstone Strategic Capital Holdings Fund, a vehicle managed by Blackstone Alternative Asset Management, owns a passive, minority interest in Marathon. Marathon maintains autonomy over its business management, operations, and investment processes.

**PZENA INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, LLC**—Pzena Investment Management, LLC (Pzena) serves as a Sub-Adviser to a portion of the assets of the International Equity Fund. Based in New York, New York, Pzena was

founded in 1996. The firm is 100% owned by its employee members and certain other partners, including former employees.

**RBC GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT (UK) LIMITED**—RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited (“RBC GAM UK”) serves as a Sub-Adviser to a portion of the assets of the International Fixed Income Fund. RBC GAM UK is a wholly-owned direct subsidiary of Royal Bank of Canada Holdings (U.K.) Limited and provides asset management services to institutional clients based in EMEA APAC. The firm manages a range of equity and fixed income portfolios from its headquarters in London, UK. RBC Global Asset Management (U.S.) Inc. (“RBC GAM US”) has been appointed by RBC GAM UK to act as its sub-adviser in managing the investment and reinvestment of the International Fixed Income Fund. RBC GAM US is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of RBC (Royal Bank of Canada (RY on TSX and NYSE) and its subsidiaries operate under the master brand name RBC) and offers a comprehensive range of investment solutions and services for institutions and intermediaries in the US. RBC GAM US serves as a sub-adviser to some of the pooled funds and separately managed accounts managed by RBC GAM UK as delegated to the firm’s US Fixed Income team.

**ROBECO INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT US INC.**—Robeco Institutional Asset Management US Inc. (“Robeco”) serves as a Sub-Adviser to a portion of the assets of the Emerging Markets Equity Fund. Robeco has been registered with the SEC as an investment adviser since 1997. Robeco has been registered as a Delaware corporation since 1997.

**WCM INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, LLC**—WCM Investment Management, LLC (“WCM”), located at 281 Brooks Street, Laguna Beach, CA 92651, serves as a Sub-Adviser to a portion of the assets of the International Equity Fund. WCM is an independent asset management firm, and was founded in 1976.

## Portfolio Management

### SIMC

*Compensation.* SIMC compensates each portfolio manager for his or her management of the Funds. Each portfolio manager’s compensation consists of a fixed annual salary, plus a discretionary annual bonus determined generally as follows.

Portfolio manager compensation is a combination of both Fund performance and SEI Investments Company (“SEI”) performance. A majority of each portfolio manager’s compensation is determined by the performance of the Funds for which the portfolio manager is responsible for over both a short-term and long-term time horizon. A final factor is a discretionary component, which is based upon a qualitative review of the portfolio managers and their team.

With respect to the bonus, twenty percent of each portfolio manager’s compensation is tied to the corporate performance of SEI (SIMC’s ultimate parent company), as measured by the earnings per share earned for a particular year. This percentage is set at the discretion of SEI and not SIMC.

The remaining percentage is based upon each Fund’s performance (pre-tax) versus its respective benchmark over a one and three year period.

*Ownership of Fund Shares.* As of September 30, 2025, the portfolio managers beneficially owned shares of the Funds they manage, as follows:

<u>Portfolio Manager</u>	<u>Dollar Range of Fund Shares</u>
Eugene Barbaneagra, CFA .....	\$0
Rich Carr .....	\$0
Jason Collins .....	\$0
Anthony Karaminas, CFA .....	\$0
Hardeep Khangura, CFA .....	\$0
James Mashiter, CFA .....	\$0
David Zhang, CFA .....	\$0

*Other Accounts.* As of September 30, 2025, in addition to the International Equity, Emerging Markets Equity, International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds, the portfolio managers were responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

Portfolio Manager	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)
Eugene Barbaneagra, CFA . . .	20	\$19,930.60	6	\$6,252.60	6	\$513.87
Rich Carr . . . . .	5	\$10,483.14	2	\$1,325.20	0	\$ 0
Jason Collins . . . . .	35	\$40,940.66	11	\$5,698.33	0	\$ 0
Anthony Karaminas, CFA . . . .	37	\$47,914.56	1	\$ 6.54	0	\$ 0
Hardeep Khangura, CFA . . . . .	1	\$ 1,709.73	7	\$3,113.53	0	\$ 0
James Mashiter, CFA . . . . .	0	\$ 0	9	\$3,986.44	0	\$ 0
David Zhang, CFA . . . . .	1	\$ 687.99	2	\$1,325.20	0	\$ 0

No account listed above is subject to a performance-based advisory fee.

*Conflicts of Interest.* The portfolio managers' management of registered investment companies other pooled investment vehicles or other accounts may give rise to actual or potential conflicts of interest in connection with their day-to-day management of the International Equity, Emerging Markets Equity, International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds' investments. The other accounts might have similar investment objectives as the International Equity, Emerging Markets Equity, International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds or hold, purchase or sell securities that are eligible to be held, purchased or sold by the International Equity, Emerging Markets Equity, International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds.

While the portfolio managers' management of the other accounts may give rise to the following potential conflicts of interest, SIMC does not believe that the conflicts, if any, are material or, to the extent any such conflicts are material, SIMC believes that it has designed policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to manage such conflicts in an appropriate way.

*Knowledge of the Timing and Size of Fund Trades.* A potential conflict of interest may arise as a result of the portfolio managers' day-to-day oversight of the International Equity, Emerging Markets Equity, International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds. Because of their positions with the International Equity, Emerging Markets Equity, International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds, the portfolio managers know the size, timing and possible market impact of International Equity, Emerging Markets Equity, International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Fund trades. It is theoretically possible that the portfolio managers could use this information to the advantage of the other accounts and to the possible detriment of the International Equity, Emerging Markets Equity, International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds. However, SIMC has adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to allocate investment opportunities on a fair and equitable basis over time.

*Investment Opportunities.* A potential conflict of interest may arise as a result of the portfolio managers' oversight of the International Equity, Emerging Markets Equity, International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds and other accounts, which, in theory, may allow them to allocate investment opportunities in a way that favors the other accounts over the International Equity, Emerging Markets Equity, International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds. This conflict of interest may be exacerbated to the extent that SIMC or the portfolio managers receive, or expect to receive, greater compensation from their management of the other accounts than the International Equity, Emerging Markets Equity, International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds. Notwithstanding this theoretical conflict of interest, it is SIMC's policy to manage each account based on its investment objectives and related restrictions and, as discussed above, SIMC has adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to allocate investment opportunities on a fair and equitable basis over time and in a manner consistent with each account's investment objectives and related restrictions. For example, while the portfolio managers may buy for other accounts securities that differ in identity or quantity from securities bought for the International Equity, Emerging Markets Equity, International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds, such an approach might not be suitable for the International Equity, Emerging

Markets Equity, International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds given their investment objectives and related restrictions.

### Acadian

*Compensation.* SIMC pays Acadian a fee based on the assets under management of the International Equity Fund as set forth in an investment sub-advisory agreement between Acadian and SIMC. Acadian pays its investment professionals out of its total revenues and other resources, including the sub-advisory fees earned with respect to the International Equity Fund. The following information relates to the period ended September 30, 2025.

Compensation structure varies among professionals, although the basic package involves a generous base salary, strong bonus potential, profit sharing participation, various benefits and, among the majority of senior investment professionals and certain other key employees, equity ownership in the firm as part of the Acadian Key Employee Limited Partnership.

Compensation is highly incentive-driven, with Acadian often paying in excess of 100% of base pay for performance bonuses. Bonuses are tied directly to the individual's contribution and performance during the year, with members of the investment team evaluated on such factors as their contributions to the investment process, account retention, asset growth, and overall firm performance. Because portfolio management in Acadian's equity strategies is a team approach, investment team members' compensation is not linked to the performance of specific accounts, but rather to the individual's overall contribution to the success of the team and the firm's profitability. This helps to ensure an "even playing field" as investment team members are strongly incentivized to strive for the best possible portfolio performance for all clients rather than only for select accounts.

*Ownership of Fund Shares.* As of September 30, 2025, Acadian's portfolio managers did not beneficially own any shares of the International Equity Fund.

*Other Accounts.* As of September 30, 2025, in addition to the International Equity Fund, Acadian's portfolio managers were responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

Portfolio Manager	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)
Brendan O. Bradley	13	\$9,990	95	\$42,299	222	\$112,300
	0	\$ 0	17*	\$ 5,921	19*	\$ 8,360
Fanesca Young	13	\$9,990	95	\$42,299	222	\$112,300
	0	\$ 0	17*	\$ 5,921	19*	\$ 8,360

\* These accounts, which are a subset of the accounts in the preceding row, are subject to a performance-based advisory fee.

*For all core equity products offered by the firm, including the subject strategy, Acadian manages a single process that is custom-tailored to the objectives of its clients. The investment professionals shown above function as part of a core equity team of 24 portfolio managers, all of whom are responsible for working with the dedicated research team to develop and apply quantitative techniques to evaluate securities and markets and for final quality-control review of portfolios to ensure mandate compliance. The data shown for these managers reflect firm-level numbers of accounts and assets under management, segregated by investment vehicle type. Not reflected: \$1,357M in model advisory contracts where Acadian does not have trading authority.*

*Acadian has been appointed as adviser or sub-adviser to numerous public and private funds domiciled in the U.S. and abroad. Acadian is not an investment company and does not directly offer mutual funds. The asset data shown under "Registered Investment Companies" reflects advisory and sub-advisory relationships with U.S. registered*

investment companies offering funds to retail investors. The asset data shown under “Other Pooled Investment Vehicles” reflects a combination of; 1) Delaware-based private funds where Acadian has been appointed adviser or sub-adviser and 2) Non-U.S.-based funds where Acadian has been appointed adviser or sub-adviser.

*Conflicts of Interest.* A conflict of interest may arise as a result of a portfolio manager being responsible for multiple accounts, including the International Equity Fund, which may have different investment guidelines and objectives. In addition to the International Equity Fund, these accounts may include other mutual funds managed on an advisory or sub-advisory basis, separate accounts and collective trust accounts. An investment opportunity may be suitable for the International Equity Fund as well as for any of the other managed accounts. However, the investment may not be available in sufficient quantity for all of the accounts to participate fully. In addition, there may be limited opportunity to sell an investment held by the International Equity Fund and the other accounts. The other accounts may have similar investment objectives or strategies as the International Equity Fund, may track the same benchmarks or indexes as the International Equity Fund tracks and may sell securities that are eligible to be held, sold or purchased by the International Equity Fund. A portfolio manager may be responsible for accounts that have different advisory fee schedules, which may create the incentive for the portfolio manager to favor one account over another in terms of access to investment opportunities. A portfolio manager may also manage accounts whose investment objectives and policies differ from those of the International Equity Fund, which may cause the portfolio manager to effect trading in one account that may have an adverse effect on the value of the holdings within another account, including the International Equity Fund.

To address and manage these potential conflicts of interest, Acadian has adopted compliance policies and procedures to allocate investment opportunities and to ensure that each of its clients is treated on a fair and equitable basis. Such policies and procedures include, but are not limited to, trade allocation and trade aggregation policies, portfolio manager assignment practices and oversight by investment management and the Compliance team.

## Aikya

*Compensation.* SIMC pays Aikya a fee based on the assets under management of the Emerging Markets Equity Fund as set forth in an investment sub-advisory agreement between Aikya and SIMC. Aikya pays its investment professionals out of its total revenues and other resources, including the sub-advisory fees earned with respect to the Emerging Markets Equity Fund. The following information relates to the period ended September 30, 2025.

The investment team’s compensation arrangement is designed to promote team-work and a joint sense of ownership of outcomes (rather than individualistic attributions). Aikya’s compensation is structured as follows: base salary, which is determined by market benchmarks to attract and retain high caliber investment professionals; and bonus, which is available to all team members depending on the team’s performance and an individual’s contribution to the team and is determined by the board.

Individual team members are evaluated based on both quantitative (~50% weight) and qualitative (~50% weight) criteria in assessing their performance. The quantitative assessment depends upon the performance of the strategy against the benchmark over a rolling 5-year period. Qualitative factors assessed include an individual’s contribution to idea generation, analysis, and portfolio construction and stewardship activities, which includes active engagement with investee companies, maintenance research, teamwork and culture of the team.

*Ownership of Fund Shares.* As of September 30, 2025, Aikya’s portfolio managers did not beneficially own any shares of the Emerging Markets Equity Fund.

*Other Accounts.* As of September 30, 2025, in addition to the Emerging Markets Equity Fund, Aikya's portfolio managers were responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

Portfolio Manager	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)
Ashish Swarup .....	1	\$1,107	7	\$4,504	3	\$276
Rahul Desai .....	1	\$1,107	7	\$4,504	3	\$276
Tom Allen .....	1	\$1,107	7	\$4,504	3	\$276

None of the accounts listed above are subject to a performance-based advisory fee.

*Conflicts of Interest.* A conflict of interest may arise as a result of the portfolio manager being responsible for multiple accounts, including the Emerging Markets Equity Fund which may have different investment guidelines and objectives. In addition to the Emerging Markets Equity Fund, these accounts may include accounts of registered investment companies, private pooled investment vehicles and other accounts. In particular, this conflict of interest may arise as a result of Aikya's management of the Emerging Markets Equity Fund and other accounts, which, in theory, may allow Aikya to allocate investment opportunities in a way that favors other accounts over the Emerging Markets Equity Fund. This conflict of interest may be exacerbated to the extent that Aikya or the portfolio manager receive, or expect to receive, greater compensation from their management of the other accounts (some of which receive both a management and incentive fee) than the Emerging Markets Equity Fund. Aikya (or its members, employees and affiliates) may give advice or take action with respect to the other accounts that differs from the advice given with respect to the Emerging Markets Equity Fund. To the extent a particular investment is suitable for both the Emerging Markets Equity Fund and the other accounts, such investments will be allocated between the Emerging Markets Equity Fund and the other accounts in a manner that Aikya determines is fair and equitable under the circumstances to all clients, including the Emerging Markets Equity Fund.

To address and manage these potential conflicts of interest, Aikya has adopted compliance policies and procedures to allocate investment opportunities and to ensure that each of their clients is treated on a fair and equitable basis.

### Ardea

*Compensation.* SIMC pays Ardea a fee based on the assets under management of the International Fixed Income Fund as set forth in an investment sub-advisory agreement between Ardea and SIMC. Ardea pays its investment professionals out of its total revenues and other resources, including the sub-advisory fees earned with respect to the International Fixed Income Fund. The following information relates to the period ended September 30, 2025.

*Ownership of Fund Shares.* As of September 30, 2025, Ardea's portfolio managers did not beneficially own any shares of the International Fixed Income Fund.

*Other Accounts.* As of September 30, 2025, in addition to the International Fixed Income Fund, Ardea's portfolio managers were responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

Portfolio Manager <sup>†</sup>	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)
Ardea Investment Team* . . . .	0	\$0	0	\$0	19	\$9,637

\* Ardea's portfolio managers run all portfolios collaboratively. While the investment process is based on a flat structure, each team member has areas of specialization (idea generation, portfolio optimization and trading). Messrs. Alexander and Karunakaran, in their capacity as Co-Chief Investment Officers, have ultimate investment responsibility for all of Ardea's portfolios and provide back-up for all individual portfolio managers and each other. Mr. Shaw, as a senior Portfolio Manager, plays an integral role in the investment team, contributing to

the collaborative management of portfolios and leveraging his expertise within his area of specialization. No member of the investment team is assigned to any specific portfolio, which is made possible by Ardea focusing solely on micro or pure relative value fixed income investing.

*Conflicts of Interest.* A conflict of interest may arise as a result of the portfolio manager being responsible for multiple accounts, including the International Fixed Income Fund which may have different investment guidelines and objectives. In addition to the International Fixed Income Fund, these accounts may include accounts of registered investment companies, private pooled investment vehicles and other accounts. In particular, this conflict of interest may arise as a result of Ardea's management of the International Fixed Income Fund and other accounts, which, in theory, may allow Ardea to allocate investment opportunities in a way that favors other accounts over the International Fixed Income Fund. This conflict of interest may be exacerbated to the extent that Ardea or the portfolio manager receive, or expect to receive, greater compensation from their management of the other accounts (some of which receive both a management and incentive fee) than the International Fixed Income Fund. Ardea (or its members, employees and affiliates) may give advice or take action with respect to the other accounts that differs from the advice given with respect to the International Fixed Income Fund. To the extent a particular investment is suitable for both the International Fixed Income Fund and the other accounts, such investments will be allocated between the International Fixed Income Fund and the other accounts in a manner that Ardea determines is fair and equitable under the circumstances to all clients, including the International Fixed Income Fund.

To address and manage these potential conflicts of interest, Ardea has adopted compliance policies and procedures to allocate investment opportunities and to ensure that each of their clients is treated on a fair and equitable basis.

#### **Artisan Partners**

*Compensation.* SIMC pays Artisan Partners a fee based on the assets under management of the Emerging Markets Debt Fund as set forth in an investment sub-advisory agreement between Artisan Partners and SIMC. Artisan Partners pays its investment professionals out of its total revenues and other resources, including the sub-advisory fees earned with respect to the Emerging Markets Debt Fund. The following information relates to the period ended September 30, 2025.

Artisan Partners' portfolio managers are compensated through a fixed base salary or similar payment and a subjectively determined incentive bonus or payment that is a portion of a bonus pool, the aggregate amount of which is tied to Artisan Partners' fee revenues generated by all accounts included within the manager's investment strategies. Artisan Partners also provides certain cash-based awards to its investment professionals (referred to by Artisan Partners as franchise capital awards) that, prior to vesting, Artisan Partners will generally invest such award amounts in one or more of the investment strategies managed by the investment professional. Portfolio managers may also receive a portion of the performance fee revenues or allocations from private funds sponsored by Artisan Partners. Performance fee accounts (including private funds) may be managed by portfolio managers of the Fund using strategies not offered in any Fund. Allocations to and weightings in these accounts will differ from allocations to and weightings in the accounts managed by these portfolio managers because they use different strategies. An investment strategy with a higher risk tolerance may substantially outperform or underperform an investment strategy with a lower risk tolerance even when managed by the same portfolio managers in a similar strategy. Artisan Partners' portfolio managers also participate in group life, health, medical reimbursement and retirement plans that are generally available to all of Artisan Partners' associates.

*Ownership of Fund Shares.* As of September 30, 2025, Artisan Partners' portfolio managers did not beneficially own any shares of the Emerging Markets Debt Fund.

*Other Accounts.* As of September 30, 2025, in addition to the Emerging Markets Debt Fund, Artisan Partners' portfolio managers were responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

Portfolio Manager <sup>†</sup>	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)
Michael A. Cirami, CFA . . . . .	3	\$942.5	5	\$2,355.5	1	\$605.5
	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	1*	\$605.5
Sarah C. Orvin, CFA . . . . .	3	\$942.5	5	\$2,355.5	1	\$605.5
	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	1*	\$605.5

\* These accounts, which are a subset of the accounts in the preceding row, are subject to a performance-based advisory fee.

*Conflicts of Interest.* A conflict of interest may arise as a result of the portfolio manager being responsible for multiple accounts, including the Emerging Markets Debt Fund which may have different investment guidelines and objectives. In addition to the Emerging Markets Debt Fund, these accounts may include accounts of registered investment companies, private pooled investment vehicles and other accounts. In particular, this conflict of interest may arise as a result of Artisan Partners' management of the Emerging Markets Debt Fund and other accounts, which, in theory, may allow Artisan Partners to allocate investment opportunities in a way that favors other accounts over the Emerging Markets Debt Fund. This conflict of interest may be exacerbated to the extent that Artisan Partners or the portfolio manager receive, or expect to receive, greater compensation from their management of the other accounts (some of which receive both a management and incentive fee) than the Emerging Markets Debt Fund. Artisan Partners (or its members, employees and affiliates) may give advice or take action with respect to the other accounts that differs from the advice given with respect to the Emerging Markets Debt Fund. To the extent a particular investment is suitable for both the Emerging Markets Debt Fund and the other accounts, such investments will be allocated between the Emerging Markets Debt Fund and the other accounts in a manner that Artisan Partners determines is fair and equitable under the circumstances to all clients, including the Emerging Markets Debt Fund.

To address and manage these potential conflicts of interest, Artisan Partners has adopted compliance policies and procedures to allocate investment opportunities and to ensure that each of their clients is treated on a fair and equitable basis.

### Colchester

*Compensation.* SIMC pays Colchester a fee based on the assets under management of the International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds as set forth in an investment sub-advisory agreement between Colchester and SIMC. Colchester pays its investment professionals out of its total revenues and other resources, including the sub-advisory fees earned with respect to the International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds. The following information relates to the period ended September 30, 2025.

All senior investment professionals have an ownership interest in Colchester along with competitive base salaries. Bonuses are tied to the overall profitability of the firm, and the majority of income before compensation is distributed to those active in the business. Bonus and total compensation levels are reviewed and set annually based on contribution. No set performance criteria or algorithms are used, but rather an overall assessment of work quality and commitment is made during the remuneration process.

No investment professionals are rewarded on the basis of the specific investment performance of the funds or portfolios that they directly oversee or manage. The singular investment approach employed by Colchester means that all professionals share in the collective success, or otherwise, of all funds managed by the firm. The firm's Articles define the total remuneration pool (*i.e.* the sum of all salaries, pensions, benefits, discretionary bonuses and related employment taxes payable to all group employees) as 60% of PBRT for each financial year.

*Ownership of Fund Shares.* As of September 30, 2025, Colchester’s portfolio managers did not beneficially own any shares of the International Fixed Income or Emerging Markets Debt Funds.

*Other Accounts.* As of September 30, 2025, in addition to the International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds, Colchester’s portfolio managers were responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

Portfolio Manager <sup>†</sup>	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)
Ian Sims .....	3	\$498	28	\$8,757	62	\$18,916
	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	5*	\$ 4,547
Keith Lloyd, CFA .....	3	\$498	28	\$8,757	62	\$18,916
	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	5*	\$ 4,547

\* These accounts, which are a subset of the accounts in the preceding row, are subject to a performance-based advisory fee.

† Colchester utilizes a team-based approach to portfolio management, and each of the portfolio managers listed above are jointly responsible for the management of a portion of the accounts listed in each category.

*Conflicts of Interest.* A conflict of interest may arise as a result of the portfolio manager being responsible for multiple accounts, including the International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds, which may have different investment guidelines and objectives. In addition to the International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds, these accounts may include accounts of registered investment companies, private pooled investment vehicles and other accounts. In particular, this conflict of interest may arise as a result of Colchester’s management of the International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds and other accounts, which, in theory, may allow Colchester to allocate investment opportunities in a way that favors other accounts over the International Fixed Income or Emerging Markets Debt Funds. This conflict of interest may be exacerbated to the extent that Colchester or the portfolio manager receive, or expect to receive, greater compensation from their management of the other accounts (some of which receive both a management and incentive fee) than the International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds. Colchester (or its members, employees and affiliates) may give advice or take action with respect to the other accounts that differs from the advice given with respect to the International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds. To the extent a particular investment is suitable for both the International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds and the other accounts, such investments will be allocated between the International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds and the other accounts in a manner that Colchester determines is fair and equitable under the circumstances to all clients, including the International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds.

To address and manage these potential conflicts of interest, Colchester has adopted compliance policies and procedures to allocate investment opportunities and to ensure that each of their clients is treated on a fair and equitable basis.

## GMO

*Compensation.* SIMC pays GMO a fee based on the assets under management of the Emerging Markets Debt Fund as set forth in an investment sub-advisory agreement between GMO and SIMC. GMO pays its investment professionals out of its total revenues and other resources, including the sub-advisory fees earned with respect to the Emerging Markets Debt Fund. The following information relates to the period ended September 30, 2025.

*Ownership of Fund Shares.* As of September 30, 2025, GMO’s portfolio managers did not beneficially own any shares of the Emerging Markets Debt Fund.

*Other Accounts.* As of September 30, 2025, in addition to the Emerging Markets Debt Fund, GMO's portfolio managers were responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

Portfolio Manager	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)
Tina Vandersteel .....	1	\$2,442	5	\$2,437	6	\$1,485
	0	\$ 0	2*	\$ 512	2*	\$ 312

\* These accounts, which are a subset of the accounts in the preceding row, are subject to a performance-based advisory fee.

*Conflicts of Interest.* Because each senior member manages other accounts, including accounts that pay higher fees or accounts that pay performance-based fees, potential conflicts of interest exist, including potential conflicts between the investment strategy of a fund and the investment strategy of the other accounts managed by the senior member and potential conflicts in the allocation of investment opportunities between a fund and the other accounts.

Senior members of each team are generally members (partners) of GMO. The compensation of each senior member consisted of a fixed annual base salary and an additional, discretionary, bonus and, in the case of partners, a partnership interest in the firm's profits. Base salary is determined by taking into account current industry norms and market data to ensure that GMO pays a competitive base salary. The discretionary bonus is paid on the basis of a number of factors, including features designed to align the compensation of the senior members with the performance of the accounts they manage, such as a fund, over various periods. In some cases, the performance of a fund relative to an index (which may or may not be the fund's benchmark) is considered. Such features are intended to promote a closer alignment of interests between those accounts and the senior members managing those accounts. Individual senior members may, however, have some or all of the same economic incentives that GMO itself may have when GMO is eligible to earn a performance fee. Specifically, even if GMO is not earning or eligible to earn a performance fee (none of the funds pay GMO a performance-based fee), individual senior members may have compensation-related incentives to make riskier investments, pursue riskier fund strategies, seek less downside risk when a fund has outperformed its benchmark and allocate superior investment ideas to GMO client accounts capable of generating higher performance-related compensation. The level of partnership interest is determined by taking into account the individual's contribution to GMO. Because each senior member's compensation is based, in part, on his or her individual performance, GMO does not have a typical percentage split among base salary, bonus and other compensation.

Please refer to GMO's Form ADV for additional information on conflicts of interest.

**Invesco**

*Compensation.* SIMC pays Invesco a fee based on the assets under management of the Emerging Markets Debt Fund as set forth in an investment sub-advisory agreement between Invesco and SIMC. Invesco pays its investment professionals out of its total revenues and other resources, including the sub-advisory fees earned with respect to the Emerging Markets Debt Fund. The following information relates to the period ended September 30, 2025.

Invesco seeks to maintain a compensation program that is competitively positioned to attract and retain high caliber investment professionals. Portfolio managers receive a base salary, an incentive cash bonus opportunity, and a deferred compensation opportunity. Portfolio manager compensation is reviewed and may be modified each year as appropriate to reflect changes in the market, as well as to adjust the factors used to determine bonuses to promote competitive fund performance. Invesco evaluates competitive market compensation by reviewing compensation survey results conducted by an independent third party of investment industry compensation. Each portfolio manager's compensation consists of the following three elements:

*Base salary.* Each portfolio manager is paid a base salary. In setting the base salary, Invesco's intention is to be competitive in light of the particular portfolio manager's experience and responsibilities.

**Annual Bonus.** The portfolio managers are eligible, along with other employees of Invesco, to participate in a discretionary year-end bonus pool. The Compensation Committee of IVZ reviews and approves the firm-wide bonus pool based upon progress against strategic objectives and annual operating plan, including investment performance and financial results. In addition, while having no direct impact on individual bonuses, assets under management are considered when determining the starting bonus funding levels. Each portfolio manager is eligible to receive an annual cash bonus which is based on quantitative (*i.e.*, investment performance) and non-quantitative factors (which may include, but are not limited to, individual performance, risk management and teamwork).

Each portfolio manager's compensation is linked to the pre-tax investment performance of the funds/accounts managed by the portfolio manager as described in the table below.

Sub-Adviser	Performance time period <sup>1</sup>
Invesco <sup>2</sup>	One-, Three- and Five-year performance against fund peer group

1 Rolling time periods based on calendar year-end.

2 Portfolio Managers may be granted an annual deferral award that vests on a pro-rata basis over a four-year period.

High investment performance (against applicable peer group and/or benchmarks) would deliver compensation generally associated with top pay in the industry (determined by reference to the third-party provided compensation survey information) and poor investment performance (versus applicable peer group) would result in low bonus compared to the applicable peer group or no bonus at all. These decisions are reviewed and approved collectively by senior leadership which has responsibility for executing the compensation approach across the organization.

**Deferred/Long-Term Compensation.** Portfolio managers may be granted a deferred compensation award based on a firm-wide bonus pool approved by the Compensation Committee of IVZ. Deferred compensation awards may take the form of annual fund deferral awards or long-term equity awards. Annual fund deferral awards are notionally invested in certain Invesco funds selected by the Portfolio Manager and are settled in cash. Long-term equity awards are settled in IVZ common shares. Both fund deferral awards and long-term equity awards have a four-year ratable vesting schedule. The vesting period aligns the interests of the Portfolio Managers with the long-term interests of clients and shareholders and encourages retention.

**Retirement and health and welfare arrangements.** Portfolio managers are eligible to participate in retirement and health and welfare plans and programs that are available generally to all employees.

**Ownership of Fund Shares.** As of September 30, 2025, Invesco's portfolio managers did not beneficially own any shares of the Emerging Markets Debt Fund.

**Other Accounts.** As of September 30, 2025, in addition to the Emerging Markets Debt Fund, Invesco's portfolio managers were responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

Portfolio Manager	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)
Hemant Bajjal .....	6	\$4,145.1	3	\$1,146.0	2	\$817.0
Wim Vandenhoeck .....	3	\$ 382.3	4	\$1,264.1	2	\$817.0

No account listed above is subject to a performance-based advisory fee.

**Conflicts of Interest.** Actual or apparent conflicts of interest may arise when a portfolio manager has day-to-day management responsibilities with respect to more than one fund or other account. More specifically, portfolio managers who manage multiple funds and/or other accounts may be presented with one or more of the following potential conflicts:

- The management of multiple funds and/or other accounts may result in a portfolio manager devoting unequal time and attention to the management of each fund and/or other account. Invesco seeks to

manage such competing interests for the time and attention of portfolio managers by having portfolio manager's focus on a particular investment discipline. Most other accounts managed by a portfolio manager are managed using the same investment models that are used in connection with the management of the funds.

- If a portfolio manager identifies a limited investment opportunity which may be suitable for more than one fund or other account, a fund may not be able to take full advantage of that opportunity due to an allocation of filled purchase or sale orders across all eligible funds and other accounts. To deal with these situations, Invesco has adopted procedures for allocating portfolio transactions across multiple accounts.
- Invesco determines which broker to use to execute each order for securities transactions for the funds, consistent with its duty to seek best execution of the transaction. However, for certain funds and/or accounts (such as mutual funds for which Invesco or an affiliate acts as sub-adviser, other pooled investment vehicles that are not registered mutual funds, and other accounts managed for organizations and individuals), Invesco may be limited by the client with respect to the selection of brokers or may be instructed to direct trades through a particular broker. In these cases, trades for a fund and/or account in a particular security may be placed separately from, rather than aggregated with, other funds and/or accounts. Having separate transactions with respect to a security may temporarily affect the market price of the security or the execution of the transaction, or both, to the possible detriment of the fund(s) or other account(s) involved.
- The appearance of a conflict of interest may arise where Invesco has an incentive, such as a performance-based management fee, which relates to the management of one fund or account but not all funds and accounts for which a portfolio manager has day-to-day management responsibilities.
- In the case of a fund-of-funds arrangement, including where a portfolio manager manages both the investing fund and an affiliated underlying fund in which the investing fund invests or may invest, a conflict of interest may arise if the portfolio manager of the investing fund receives material nonpublic information about the underlying fund. For example, such a conflict may restrict the ability of the portfolio manager to buy or sell securities of the underlying fund, potentially for a prolonged period of time, which may adversely affect the investing fund.

Invesco has adopted certain compliance procedures which are designed to address these types of conflicts. However, there is no guarantee that such procedures will detect each and every situation in which a conflict arises.

### JOHCM

*Compensation.* SIMC pays JOHCM a fee based on the assets under management of the Emerging Markets Equity Fund as set forth in an investment sub-advisory agreement between JOHCM and SIMC. JOHCM pays its investment professionals out of its total revenues and other resources, including the sub-advisory fees earned with respect to the Emerging Markets Equity Fund. The following information relates to the period ended September 30, 2025.

Compensation is based on the value of the assets in the SEI Select Emerging Markets Equity ETF's portfolio. The remuneration structure for investment professionals includes a base salary, a revenue share (proportion of the management fee generated), and a share of performance fees (on selected vehicles). A significant proportion of any variable award to fund managers is deferred into holdings in the funds managed by the team. These awards are subject to malus and clawback provisions and all remuneration is overseen and approved by the Board of JO Hambro Capital Management Limited.

The JOHCM business has operated as an investment boutique within the Pandal Group since 2011. In January 2023, Pandal Group Limited was acquired by Perpetual. Perpetual is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX code: PPT) and is a diversified financial services company providing asset management, private wealth and trustee services. There are no changes to key investment teams or capabilities and JOHCM maintains its investment autonomy and its unique value proposition.

The approach taken to remuneration is to support the strategy of generating successful long-term sustainable investment returns for clients. Incentives are designed to align the remuneration of investment managers with investment outcomes for clients and is linked directly to our purpose to achieve attractive long-term returns through active portfolio management. Each investment team has its own independent approach to generating returns driven by their clearly stated investment objective and style. This independence of thought and focus on performance is part of the culture of the firm and the remuneration structure provides clarity and simplicity on how success is rewarded.

*Ownership of Fund Shares.* As of September 30, 2025, JOHCM's portfolio managers did not beneficially own any shares of the Emerging Markets Equity Fund.

*Other Accounts.* As of September 30, 2025, in addition to the Emerging Markets Equity Fund, JOHCM's portfolio managers were responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

Portfolio Manager	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)
Emery Brewer .....	2	\$191.3	3	\$333.8	2	\$260.9
	0	\$ 0	2*	\$260.8	0	\$ 0
Dr. Ivo Kovachev .....	2	\$191.3	3	\$333.8	2	\$260.9
	0	\$ 0	2*	\$260.8	0	\$ 0

\* These accounts, which are a subset of the accounts in the preceding row, are subject to a performance-based advisory fee.

AUM is available on a quarterly basis.

*Conflicts of Interest.* The following are the types of conflicts of interest that may arise within the JOHCM Group, and the way in which they are managed and monitored in the compliance program:

#### Ownership and Group Relationships

The JOHCM Group business has operated as an investment boutique within the Pental Group since 2011. In January 2023, Pental Group Limited was acquired by Perpetual. Perpetual is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX code: PPT) and is a diversified financial services company providing asset management, private wealth and trustee services. There are no changes to key investment teams or capabilities and JOHCM maintains its investment autonomy and its unique value proposition.

As part of its governance remit, the JOHCM Board may consider it appropriate to promote the success of Perpetual or any one of its subsidiaries, but each director, and the firm in general, must also comply with the rules, regulations and principles of both the SEC and the FCA, which require clients to be treated fairly, their interests to be served, and the effective mitigation and management of the risk of conflict with those interests.

On this basis, no conflicts thus arise from the firm's corporate structure beyond those inherent and commonplace in a shareholder ownership model.

#### Separate teams/timing of investment decisions/executions

JOHCM acts as discretionary investment manager for a number of separate publicly available funds and segregated institutional accounts. The investment mandates for these clients are such that a particular investment will be suitable for inclusion in a number of different portfolios.

Each strategy is managed by a named senior fund manager, or by a senior fund manager and deputy/ies, or by named co-lead managers. It is a key part of the group's decentralized investment philosophy that these investment teams have the freedom, subject to agreed mandate restrictions, to make their own investment decisions.

JOHCM has policies in place to address the potential for conflicts that this creates, that are designed to ensure the fair allocation of investment opportunities among clients. Compliance with these policies is reviewed ex post by various means, including performance dispersion analysis and monitoring order handling.

#### Basis of Remuneration—the firm and fund managers

The agreements with clients vary for different portfolios and therefore annual management charges and performance fees differ based on portfolio type. It is therefore important to ensure fair treatment is given to each portfolio. The firm's policies and monitoring ensure fair allocation of investment opportunities. Individual fund managers' remuneration includes salary and management and performance fee share awards. Oversight of awards is provided by the Perpetual Remuneration Committee and JOHCM Board who ensure alignment between the fund managers' interests and their clients and FCA Rules.

#### Inside Information

The misuse of inside information amounts to a breach of the SEC regulations and FCA Rules and in some cases may be a criminal offense. It creates an inherent conflict of interest because it gives the holder of the information an unfair advantage over other market participants who do not have that knowledge.

The firm has various safeguards in place that are designed to protect clients and other market participants against the potential for conflict involved following receipt of material non-public information, including staff training on the issue and a policy that requires any employee in receipt of inside information to report it immediately to Compliance. This results in an embargo on further orders being placed in the securities of the relevant company by all JOHCM investment teams, whether or not they are themselves in actual receipt of the inside information.

#### Identification and Correction of Errors

The risk of conflicts of interest is inherent in any scenario where an error has potentially been made, but JOHCM confronts this risk firstly by promoting a culture of collaboration, transparency and fairness in the analysis and correction of any error. JOHCM has established procedures to ensure any such incident is effectively escalated, that JOHCM takes appropriate action to correct the accounts of any clients adversely affected by the issue, and also learns from the incident and strengthens controls, including by providing additional training where appropriate, to minimize the risk of recurrence. JOHCM policy is that clients should be compensated for all direct monetary losses that they may suffer as a result of any error.

#### Procurement of investment research

JOHCM pays for all investment research out of its own resources.

JOHCM has controls in place designed to ensure that the only research consumed is research that the firm pays for, and that any other information or commentary about securities, markets or investing that the firm receives for free is simply 'generic information' in line with the FCA Rules. These controls aim to mitigate the risk that 'free' research may create an inducement in the context of the firm's relationship with the research provider.

#### Relationships with Service Providers

From time to time, JOHCM may engage a service provider on its own behalf that is also a client of the firm, or an investor in or distributor of the firm's products. In such cases, JOHCM aims to ensure that the selection of any such service provider is made on an independent basis through a comparison of the available services from multiple potential service providers and by selecting the most suitable provider based upon the overall needs of the firm.

### Outside Business Interests

There is a clear potential for conflicts of interest where employees pursue other business activities outside their main employment. JOHCM's standard employment contract therefore requires the employee to obtain prior written consent for any outside business interests. Such external appointments are rare.

Directors are also subject to particular statutory and policy driven obligations in managing any conflicts of interest which may arise or exist within their role.

### Gifts and Entertainment

The giving and receiving of gifts or entertainment are subject to JOHCM's policy, which is designed to ensure that staff do not offer or give, solicit or accept any inducement which is likely to conflict with their duties to clients or would be in breach of any statutory or regulatory restrictions.

### Employee Personal Dealing

To manage the obvious risk of conflict of interest arising in this area, all employees are made subject to JOHCM's Employee Dealing Rules which place clear parameters on how and when they may deal in securities for their own account and their immediate families and include regular reporting of personal transactions and holdings.

### Marathon

*Compensation.* SIMC pays Marathon a fee based on the assets under management of the Emerging Markets Debt Fund as set forth in an investment sub-advisory agreement between Marathon and SIMC. Marathon pays its investment professionals out of its total revenues and other resources, including the sub-advisory fees earned with respect to the Emerging Markets Debt Fund. Such compensation consists of an annual salary, which includes a base salary and benefits package, as well as a discretionary year-end bonus which is included in the overall compensation package for investment professionals. Bonuses are based in part on Firm, Fund, and personal performance which is evaluated on an annual basis by the Firm's Compensation Committee. The following information relates to the period ended September 30, 2025.

*Ownership of Fund Shares.* As of September 30, 2025, Marathon's portfolio managers did not beneficially own any shares of the Emerging Markets Debt Fund.

*Other Accounts.* As of September 30, 2025, in addition to the Emerging Markets Debt Fund, Marathon's portfolio managers were responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

Portfolio Manager	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)
Lou Hanover	8	\$1,259.85	120	\$31,269.20	28	\$2,797.85
	3*	\$ 473.44	86*	\$24,102.26	12*	\$1,163.94
Fernando Phillips	7	\$ 991.81	15	\$ 5,319.87	17	\$1,390.41
	2*	\$ 205.39	9*	\$ 2,395.97	7*	\$ 470.95
Andrew Szmulewicz	7	\$ 991.81	15	\$ 5,319.87	17	\$1,390.41
	2*	\$ 205.39	9*	\$ 2,395.97	7*	\$ 470.95

\* These accounts, which are a subset of the accounts in the preceding row, are subject to a performance-based advisory fee.

Please note that the number of accounts and corresponding Total Assets listed in the above table includes each individual entity related to that fund or account. For instance, in the case of a master fund with two related feeders, Marathon has counted three accounts.

*Conflicts of Interest.* A conflict of interest may arise as a result of the portfolio manager being responsible for multiple accounts, including the Emerging Markets Debt Fund, which may have different investment guidelines and objectives. In addition to the Emerging Markets Debt Fund, these accounts may include accounts

of registered investment companies for which Marathon serves as sub-advisor, private pooled investment vehicles and other accounts. Marathon has adopted aggregation and allocation of investment procedures designed to ensure that all of its clients are treated fairly and equitably over time and to prevent this form of conflict from influencing the allocation of investment opportunities among its clients. As a general matter, Marathon will offer clients the right to participate in all investment opportunities that it determines are appropriate for the client in view of relative amounts of capital available for new investments, each client's investment program, and the then current portfolios of its clients at the time an allocation decision is made. As a result, in certain situations priority or weighted allocations can be expected to occur in respect of certain accounts, including but not limited to situations where clients have differing: (A) portfolio concentrations with respect to geography, asset class, issuer, sector or rating, (B) investment restrictions, (C) tax or regulatory limitations, (D) leverage limitations or volatility targets, (E) ramp up or ramp down scenarios or (F) counterparty relationships. Marathon maintains conflicts of interest policies and procedures containing provisions designed to prevent potential conflicts related to personal trading, allocation, and fees among other potential conflicts of interest.

### Pzena

*Compensation.* SIMC pays Pzena a fee based on the assets under management of the International Equity Fund as set forth in an investment sub-advisory agreement between Pzena and SIMC. Portfolio managers and other investment professionals at Pzena are compensated through a combination of fixed base salary, annual performance bonus and equity ownership, if appropriate due to superior performance. Pzena avoids the compensation model that is driven by individual security performance, as this can lead to short-term thinking which is contrary to the firm's value investment philosophy. The portfolio managers' bonuses are not specifically dependent upon the performance of the portfolios relative to the performance of the portfolios' benchmarks. For investment professionals, we examine such things as effort, efficiency, ability to focus on the correct issues, stock modeling ability, and ability to successfully interact with company management. However, Pzena always looks at the person as a whole and the contributions that they have made and are likely to make in the future. Longer-term success is required for equity ownership consideration. Ultimately, equity ownership is the primary tool used by Pzena for attracting and retaining the best people.

*Ownership of Fund Shares.* As of September 30, 2025, Pzena's portfolio managers did not beneficially own any shares of the International Equity Fund.

*Other Accounts.* As of September 30, 2025, in addition to the International Equity Fund, Pzena's portfolio managers were responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

Portfolio Manager	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)
Rakesh Bordia .....	18	\$11,396	37	\$ 5,852	41	\$10,978
	1*	\$ 338	1*	\$ 457	0	\$ 0
Caroline Cai .....	19	\$13,268	67	\$31,053	57	\$16,219
	2*	\$ 2,209	4*	\$ 884	0	\$ 0
Allison Fisch .....	18	\$11,936	37	\$ 5,582	40	\$10,976
	1*	\$ 338	1*	\$ 457	0	\$ 0
John Goetz .....	12	\$ 9,409	58	\$30,167	45	\$10,887
	1*	\$ 1,872	3*	\$ 427	1*	\$ 120

\* These accounts, which are a subset of the accounts in preceding row, are subject to a performance-based advisory fee.

*Conflicts of Interest.* In Pzena's view, conflicts of interest may arise in managing the Fund's portfolio investments, on the one hand, and the portfolios of the firm's other clients and/or accounts (together "Accounts"), on the other. Set forth below is a brief description of some of the material conflicts that may arise and Pzena's policy or procedure for handling such conflicts. Although Pzena has designed such procedures to prevent and address conflicts, there is no guarantee that these procedures will detect every situation in which a conflict could arise.

The management of multiple Accounts inherently carries the risk that there may be competing interests for the portfolio management team's time and attention. Pzena seeks to minimize this by using one investment approach (*i.e.*, classic value investing), and by managing all Accounts on a strategy-specific basis. If the portfolio management team identifies a limited investment opportunity that may be suitable for more than one Account, the fund may not be able to take full advantage of that opportunity; however, Pzena has adopted procedures for allocating portfolio transactions across Accounts so that each Account is treated fairly. With respect to partial fills for an order, depending on the size of the execution, Pzena may choose to allocate the executed shares on a pro-rata basis, or on a random basis. As with all trade allocations each Account generally receives pro-rata allocations of any new issue or IPO security that is appropriate for its investment objective. Permissible reasons for excluding an Account from an otherwise acceptable IPO or new issue investment include the Account having FINRA restricted person status, lack of available cash to make the purchase, a client-imposed trading prohibition on IPOs or on the business of the issuer, and brokerage restrictions.

With respect to securities transactions for the Accounts, Pzena determines which broker to use to execute each order, consistent with its duty to seek best execution. Pzena will aggregate like orders where to do so will be beneficial to the Accounts. However, with respect to certain Accounts, Pzena may be limited by the client with respect to the selection of brokers or may be instructed to direct trades through a particular broker. In these cases, Pzena may place separate, non-simultaneous, transactions for the Accounts, which may temporarily affect the market price of the security or the execution of the transaction to the detriment one or the other.

Conflicts of interest may arise when members of the portfolio management team transact personally in securities investments made or to be made for Accounts. To address this, Pzena has adopted a written Code of Business Conduct and Ethics designed to prevent and detect personal trading activities that may interfere or conflict with client interests or its current investment strategy. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics generally requires that most transactions in securities by Pzena's Access Persons and certain related persons, whether or not such securities are purchased or sold on behalf of the Accounts, be cleared prior to execution by appropriate approving parties and compliance personnel. Securities transactions for Access Persons' personal accounts also are subject to ongoing reporting requirements, and annual and quarterly certification requirements. An Access Person is defined to include any employee or officer of Pzena. In addition, no Access Person shall be permitted to effect a short-term trade (*i.e.*, to purchase and subsequently sell, or to sell and subsequently purchase, within 60 calendar days) of non-exempt securities. Finally, orders for proprietary Accounts (*i.e.*, accounts of Pzena's principals, affiliates or employees or their immediate family which are managed by Pzena) are subject to written trade allocation procedures designed to ensure fair treatment to client accounts.

Proxy voting for Accounts' securities holdings may also pose certain conflicts. A potential material conflict of interest could exist in the following situations: (i) Pzena manages any pension or other assets affiliated with a publicly traded company, and also holds that company's or an affiliated company's securities in one or more client portfolios; (ii) Pzena has a client relationship with an individual who is a corporate director, or a candidate for a corporate directorship of a public company whose securities are in one or more client portfolios; or (iii) A Pzena officer, director or employee, or an immediate family member thereof is a corporate director, or a candidate for a corporate directorship of a public company whose securities are in one or more client portfolios. For purposes hereof, an immediate family member is generally defined as a spouse, child, parent, or sibling. Its proxy voting policies provide for various methods of dealing with these and any other conflict scenarios subsequently identified by the firm.

Pzena manages some Accounts under performance-based fee arrangements. Pzena recognizes that this type of incentive compensation creates the risk for potential conflicts of interest. This structure may create an inherent pressure to allocate investments having a greater potential for higher returns to accounts of those clients paying a performance fee. To prevent conflicts of interest associated with managing accounts with different compensation structures, Pzena generally requires portfolio decisions to be made on a product-specific basis. Pzena also requires pre-allocation of all client orders based on specific fee- neutral criteria set forth above. Additionally, Pzena requires average pricing of all aggregated orders. Finally, Pzena has adopted a policy prohibiting portfolio managers (and all employees) from placing the investment interests of one client or a group of clients with the same investment objectives above the investment interests of any other client or group of clients with the same or similar investment objectives. These measures help Pzena mitigate some of the conflicts that its management of private investment companies would otherwise present. Investment

personnel of the firm or its affiliates may be permitted to be commercially or professionally involved with an issuer of securities. Any potential conflicts of interest from such involvement would be monitored for compliance with the firm's Code of Ethics.

### **RBC GAM UK**

*Compensation.* SIMC pays RBC GAM UK a fee based on the assets under management of the International Fixed Income Fund as set forth in an investment sub-advisory agreement between RBC GAM UK and SIMC. RBC GAM UK pays its investment professionals out of its total revenues and other resources, including the sub-advisory fees earned with respect to the International Fixed Income Fund. The following information relates to the period ended September 30 2025.

Pursuant to a Delegation Agreement between RBC GAM UK and RBC GAM US, RBC GAM UK will pay to RBC GAM US an amount agreed upon between those parties from time to time.

RBC GAM UK and RBC GAM US Investment Team Compensation Plan:

The compensation plan for the RBC GAM UK and RBC GAM US Investment teams was designed with the following principles in mind:

- To align rewards for our investment professionals with the goals of our investors and our shareholder.
- To promote our culture and foster stability and consistent improvement within our workforce.
- To attract and retain individuals possessing the skills and talents essential to sustainable investing success and the growth of RBC GAM UK and RBC GAM US.

Payments are reviewed against investment results (benchmarks and/or peer groups) to ensure that rewards are consistent with achieving the desired returns/outcomes for our clients within attractive/acceptable risk metrics. Individual compensation quantum's are reviewed against industry surveys to ensure we remain competitive, contributing to fairness, efficiency and the retention of superior investment staff.

The compensation programme for investment management personnel is comprised of four elements:

- a) Base Salary
- b) Annual Discretionary Bonus
- c) Firm Profit Sharing Plan (for eligible teams and investment staff)
- d) Team Profit Sharing Plan (for eligible teams and investment staff)

#### Base salary

- For new joiners, base salaries are set after considering internal comparables, local market industry surveys and our own sense of market conditions.
- On an annual basis, we review all base salaries within and across teams and locations to ensure fairness, consistency and relevance.
- We also compare base salaries for all roles to local industry surveys to protect our ability to attract superior talent to the firm without introducing dangerous anomalies in the compensation programme for new versus long-term employees.

#### Annual Discretionary Bonus

- All employees who are eligible for a discretionary bonus are graded on a 200-point scale. This score is a combination of quantitative and qualitative assessments, although, in some cases and depending on the type of role, only a qualitative assessment is possible.
- Bonus payments are reflective of the past 5 years of contributions and investment performance, but weighted heavily toward the most recent 1 and 3-year results. We use a blend of 1/3/5 years performance to compare to benchmarks and peers. We apply a 25%/30%/45% weighting to increase the importance of the 5-year period and somewhat reduce the 1-year period dominance in this blend.

- The quantitative component is calculated using an algorithm that tracks results for specific responsibilities in investment management against agreed upon success thresholds.
- The qualitative component is based on our review of results produced over the year and the degree to which the individual exhibits attitudes and behaviours consistent with our firm's reputation, culture and goals, including investment success and growth.

#### Firm Profit Sharing Plan (PSP)

- The PSP plan is one where senior individuals within the Investment teams will be eligible to receive units linked to the financial performance of RBC GAM UK and RBC GAM US UK excluding the Individual Investor business.
- The pool is calculated based on a fixed percentage of the Net Income before Taxes (NIBT) of the investment management division of RBC GAM UK and RBC GAM US.
- PSP membership is based on rigid qualifications that effectively limit membership to the most senior analysts and portfolio managers. Among these qualifications are investment success and service leadership over the intermediate and long term, thought leadership, ethical behaviour and contribution to firm culture.
- PSP units are reviewed annually and approved by the CIO and CEO at the beginning of each fiscal year. The number of units held by each individual does not normally change during the year.
- The value of each PSP unit is distributed to unit holders based on the number of units that they hold.
- At the end of each year, an incentive bonus is calculated based on the performance of certain equity and fixed income funds versus their peer groups. This calculation is based on a time-weighted performance measure which includes returns over various periods stretching back to 5 years. The incentive bonus is paid annually and shared among all PSP members on the basis of their relative unit holdings.

#### Team Profit Sharing Plan (TPS)

- A few select teams have access to a TPS Plan based on their ability to grow our global institutional client base.
- This is a revenue-sharing agreement between the firm and the team.
- Profit generated by an investment team, based on a share of management fees and, in some cases, performance fees, derived from the team's products, but deducting certain defined direct costs including salaries and employer's National Insurance Contributions, forms the basis of the pool.

#### Deferral

- Consistent with best practices, a portion of investment professionals' variable compensation (Annual Discretionary Bonus, PSP, TPS) is subject to a 3-year mandatory deferral.
- This deferral applies to all staff with variable compensation greater than a defined threshold (differs by region).
- Deferral rates of 25% to 45% apply.
- This deferral amount is payable at the end of three years, provided the employee remains in good standing with RBC GAM UK and RBC GAM US. The deferral amount is based on the success of the firm over the deferral period.

RBC GAM UK and RBC GAM US comply with the applicable remuneration regulations set out in the MIFIDPRU Remuneration Code of SYSC 19G of the FCA Handbook, which is equally as effective as the UCITS/AIFMD and ESMA guidelines.

*Ownership of Fund Shares.* As of September 30, 2025, RBC GAM UK's portfolio managers did not beneficially own any shares of the International Fixed Income Fund.

*Other Accounts.* As of September 30, 2025, in addition to the International Fixed Income Fund, RBC GAM UK's portfolio managers were responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

Portfolio Manager	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets* (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets* (in millions)
Mark Dowding .....	1	\$309.93	14	\$14,161.77	21	\$13,496.87
	0	\$ 0	1*	\$ 486.06	0	\$ 0
Kaspar Hense .....	3	\$744.18	9	\$12,143.16	32	\$15,429.68
	0	\$ 0	1*	\$ 486.06	0	\$ 0

\* These accounts, which are a subset of the accounts in the preceding row, are subject to a performance-based advisory fee.

*Conflicts of Interest.* A conflict of interest may arise as a result of the portfolio manager being responsible for multiple accounts, including the International Fixed Income Fund which may have different investment guidelines and objectives. In addition to the International Fixed Income Fund, these accounts may include accounts of registered investment companies, private pooled investment vehicles and other accounts. In particular, this conflict of interest may arise as a result of RBC GAM UK's management of the International Fixed Income Fund and other accounts, which, in theory, may allow RBC GAM UK to allocate investment opportunities in a way that favors other accounts over the International Fixed Income Fund. This conflict of interest may be exacerbated to the extent that RBC GAM UK or the portfolio manager receive, or expect to receive, greater compensation from their management of the other accounts (some of which receive both a management and incentive fee) than the International Fixed Income Fund. RBC GAM UK (or its members, employees and affiliates) may give advice or take action with respect to the other accounts that differs from the advice given with respect to the International Fixed Income Fund. To the extent a particular investment is suitable for both the International Fixed Income Fund and the other accounts, such investments will be allocated between the International Fixed Income Fund and the other accounts in a manner that RBC GAM UK determines is fair and equitable under the circumstances to all clients, including the International Fixed Income Fund.

To address and manage these potential conflicts of interest, RBC GAM UK has adopted compliance policies and procedures to allocate investment opportunities and to ensure that each of their clients is treated on a fair and equitable basis.

**Robeco**

*Compensation.* SIMC pays Robeco a fee based on the assets under management of the Emerging Markets Equity Fund as set forth in an investment sub-advisory agreement between Robeco and SIMC. Robeco pays its investment professionals out of its total revenues and other resources, including the sub-advisory fees earned with respect to the Emerging Markets Equity Fund. The following information relates to the period ended September 30, 2025.

The members of the Emerging Markets team receive a market-based salary package comprising a base salary and variable compensation. Every employee's base salary is based on their position and experience, according to Robeco's salary ranges and using appropriate local industry benchmarks. In addition, specific temporary allowances may be granted:

- Strategic capability allowance to retain key investment professionals in strategic product capabilities
- Market-based scarcity allowance in tight labor markets
- New business market allowance to set up activities in new countries or markets

The granting of temporary allowance is entirely role-based and not related to the performance of the employee or the firm.

### Variable compensation

The variable compensation serves as a performance-driven remuneration component and is at the manager's discretion. It is based on the following factors:

- Achievement on business objectives. For investment professionals, these typically include risk-adjusted returns over one, three and five years.
- Business conduct and professional behavior, which includes acting in the best interest of the client and appropriate risk taking.
- Financial results of the company as measured by EBIT.

The award of variable compensation up to EUR 100,000 is paid in cash. If an employee's variable remuneration exceeds EUR 100,000 the following applies:

- EUR 75,000 is paid in cash.
- 60% of the variable remuneration above EUR 75,000 is also paid in cash.
- 40% of the variable remuneration above EUR 75,000 is deferred equally over the next three years and converted into 'Robeco Cash Appreciation Rights' (R-CARs). The value of these rights depends on the financial results of the firm.

Robeco uses a 'total compensation' approach. The award of overall compensation is assessed against local market remuneration practices for specific functions.

Robeco benchmarks the remuneration levels for all employees on an annual basis with McLagan, a primary market data provider. For specific teams or functions, we occasionally also request tailor made assessments.

Robeco aims to reward staff in an externally competitive and internally fair manner, with ample room for differentiation, based on relative market value and performance, using an integrated assessment of results and behavior. The reward framework reflects its aim for long-term relationships with its clients and its staff.

Robeco's remuneration policy meets all legal requirements, including the rules regarding prudential remuneration laid down in AIFMD and UCITS.

*Ownership of Fund Shares.* As of September 30, 2025, Robeco's portfolio managers did not beneficially own any shares of the Emerging Markets Equity Fund.

*Other Accounts.* As of September 30, 2025, in addition to the Emerging Markets Equity Fund, Robeco's portfolio managers were responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

Portfolio Manager	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets* (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets* (in millions)
Jaap van der Hart .....	0	\$0	3	\$3,572	10	\$3,597*
Karnail Sangha .....	0	\$0	2	\$3,563	10	\$3,597*

\* Assets reflected in the table above represent the assets under management for both Robeco and its affiliate, Robeco Institutional Asset Management BV ("Robeco BV"). Jaap van der Hart and Karnail Sangha are employees of Robeco BV and as such also manage assets on behalf of Robeco BV.

None of the accounts listed above are subject to a performance-based advisory fee.

### Conflicts of Interest.

Robeco has identified the following potential conflicts of interest:

- An investment opportunity may be suitable for the Emerging Markets Equity Fund as well as for the portfolios of the other accounts managed by the portfolio manager. However, the investment opportunity may not be available in sufficient quantity for all of the accounts to participate fully.
- There may be limited opportunity to sell an investment held by both the Emerging Markets Equity Fund and the other accounts managed by the portfolio manager.

- The other accounts may have similar investment objectives or strategies as the Emerging Markets Equity Fund and may sell securities that are eligible to be held, purchased or sold by the Emerging Markets Equity Fund.
- A portfolio manager may be responsible for accounts that have different advisory fee schedules which may create the incentive for the portfolio manager to favor one account over another in terms of access to investment opportunities.
- A portfolio manager may also manage accounts whose investment objectives and policies differ from those of the Emerging Markets Equity Fund, which may cause the portfolio manager to effect trading in one account that may have an adverse effect on the value of the holdings within another account, including the Emerging Markets Equity Fund.

To address and manage these potential conflicts of interest, Robeco has adopted compliance policies and procedures to allocate investment opportunities and to ensure that each of their clients is treated on a fair and equitable basis.

### WCM

*Compensation.* SIMC pays WCM a fee based on the assets under management of the International Equity Fund as set forth in an investment sub-advisory agreement between WCM and SIMC. WCM pays its professionals out of its total revenues and other resources, including the sub-advisory fees earned with respect to the International Equity Fund. The following information relates to the period ended September 30, 2025.

WCM's portfolio managers are compensated with a fixed base salary and share in the profitability of WCM from their equity ownership. On occasion, WCM has agreed to a performance-based fee arrangement. In these arrangements, the fee is generally the greater of a "base" component or a "performance" component as measured against a benchmark. Performance fees are charged only in compliance with Rule 205-3 under the Advisers Act, and only to "qualified clients" as defined in that rule. Portfolio managers' compensation arrangements are not directly linked to any such arrangement.

*Ownership of Fund Shares.* As of September 30, 2025, WCM's portfolio managers did not beneficially own any shares of the International Equity Fund.

*Other Accounts.* As of September 30, 2025, in addition to the International Equity Fund, WCM's portfolio managers were responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

Portfolio Manager	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)
Paul R. Black	19	\$ 32,689	22	\$14,215	507	\$ 61,802
	0	\$ 0	3*	\$790.26	8*	\$2,178.90
Michael B. Trigg	23	\$ 34,860	28	\$15,314	509	\$ 61,811
	0	\$ 0	3*	\$790.26	8*	\$2,178.90
Jon Tringale	19	\$ 32,689	22	\$14,215	507	\$ 61,802
	0	\$ 0	3*	\$790.26	8*	\$ 2,178
Sanjay Ayer	26	\$35,739.00	34	\$17,943	521	\$ 62,514
	0	\$ 0	4*	\$813.67	8*	\$2,178.90

\* These accounts, which are a subset of the accounts in the preceding row, are subject to a performance-based advisory fee.

*Conflicts of Interest.* The management of multiple funds and accounts may give rise to potential conflicts of interest if the funds and other accounts have different objectives, benchmarks, time horizons, and fees (including performance-based fees) as the portfolio manager must allocate his time and investment ideas across multiple funds and accounts. WCM seeks to manage such competing interests for the time and attention of portfolio managers by having portfolio managers focus on a particular investment discipline. Most other accounts

managed by a portfolio manager are managed using the same investment strategies that are used in connection with the management of the fund. Accordingly, portfolio holdings, position sizes, and industry and sector exposures tend to be similar across similar portfolios, which may minimize the potential for conflicts of interest. The separate management of the trade execution and valuation functions from the portfolio management process also helps to reduce potential conflicts of interest. However, securities selected for funds or accounts other than the fund may outperform the securities selected for the fund. Moreover, if a portfolio manager identifies a limited investment opportunity that may be suitable for more than one fund or other account, the fund may not be able to take full advantage of that opportunity due to an allocation of that opportunity across all eligible funds and other accounts. The firm seeks to manage such potential conflicts by using procedures intended to provide a fair allocation of buy and sell opportunities among funds and other accounts.

The management of personal accounts by a portfolio manager may give rise to potential conflicts of interest. While WCM has adopted a code of ethics that contains provisions reasonably necessary to prevent a wide range of prohibited activities by portfolio managers and others with respect to their personal trading activities, there can be no assurance that the code of ethics addresses all individual conduct that could result in conflicts of interest.

In addition, WCM has adopted certain compliance procedures that are designed to address these, and other, types of conflicts. However, there is no guarantee that such procedures will detect each and every situation where a conflict arises.

#### **DISTRIBUTION, SHAREHOLDER SERVICING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICING**

**General.** SEI Investments Distribution Co. (the “Distributor”) serves as each Fund’s distributor. The Distributor, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SEI, has its principal business address at One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456.

**Distribution Agreement, Shareholder Servicing and Administrative Servicing Plans.** The Distributor serves as each Fund’s distributor pursuant to a distribution agreement (the “Distribution Agreement”) with the Trust.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025, the Funds did not incur any 12b-1 expenses.

Pursuant to a Shareholder Service Plan (the “Service Plan”), the various classes of Shares are authorized to pay service providers a fee in connection with the ongoing servicing of shareholder accounts owning such Shares at the annual rate of up to 0.25% of the value of the average daily net assets attributable to each of the Class F and I Shares of the Fund, which is calculated daily and payable monthly.

The service fees payable under the Service Plan are intended to compensate service providers for the provision of shareholder services and may be used to provide compensation to financial intermediaries for ongoing service and/or maintenance of shareholder accounts with respect to Shares of the applicable Funds. Shareholder services under the Service Plan may include: (i) maintaining accounts relating to Clients; (ii) arranging for bank wires; (iii) responding to Client inquiries relating to the services performed by service providers; (iv) responding to inquiries from Clients concerning their investment in Shares; (v) assisting Clients in changing dividend options, account designations and addresses; (vi) providing information periodically to Clients showing their position in Shares; (vii) forwarding shareholder communications from the Funds such as proxies, shareholder reports, annual reports, and dividend distribution and tax notices to Clients; (viii) processing purchase, exchange and redemption requests from Clients and placing orders with the Funds or their service providers; (ix) providing sub-accounting with respect to Shares beneficially owned by Clients; (x) processing dividend payments from the Funds on behalf of Clients; and (xi) providing such other similar services as a Fund may reasonably request to the extent the service provider is permitted to do so under applicable statutes, rules and regulations.

Pursuant to an Administrative Service Plan (the “Administrative Service Plan”), Class I Shares are authorized to pay administrative service providers a fee in connection with the ongoing provision of administrative services at the annual rate of up to 0.25% of the value of the average daily net assets attributable to Class I Shares of the Fund, which is calculated daily and payable monthly. The administrative service fees payable under the

Administrative Service Plan are intended to compensate administrative service providers for the provision of administrative services and may be used to provide compensation to other service providers for the provision of administrative services with respect to the Class I Shares of the applicable Funds. Administrative services under the Administrative Service Plan may include: (i) providing sub accounting with respect to shares beneficially owned by clients; (ii) providing information periodically to Clients showing their positions in Shares; (iii) forwarding shareholder communications from a Fund (such as proxies, shareholder reports, annual and semi-annual financial statements and dividend, distribution and tax notices) to clients; (iv) processing purchase, exchange and redemption requests from clients and placing such orders with a Fund or its service providers; (v) processing dividend payments from a Fund on behalf of its clients; and (vi) providing such other similar services as a Fund may, through the Distributor, reasonably request to the extent that the service provider is permitted to do so under applicable laws or regulations.

**Distribution Expenses Incurred by Adviser.** The Funds are sold primarily through independent registered investment advisers, financial planners, bank trust departments and other financial advisors (“Financial Advisors”) who provide their clients with advice and services in connection with their investments in the SEI Funds. SEI Funds are typically combined into complete investment portfolios and strategies using asset allocation techniques to serve investor needs. In connection with its distribution activities, SIMC and its affiliates may provide Financial Advisors, without charge, asset allocation models and strategies, custody services, risk assessment tools and other investment information and services to assist the Financial Advisor in providing advice to investors.

SIMC may hold conferences, seminars and other educational and informational activities for Financial Advisors for the purpose of educating Financial Advisors about the Funds and other investment products offered by SIMC or its affiliates. SIMC may pay for lodging, meals and other similar expenses incurred by Financial Advisors in connection with such activities. SIMC also may pay expenses associated with joint marketing activities with Financial Advisors, including, without limitation, seminars, conferences, client appreciation dinners, direct market mailings and other marketing activities designed to further the promotion of the Funds. In certain cases, SIMC may make payments to Financial Advisors or their employer in connection with their solicitation or referral of investment business, subject to any regulatory requirements for disclosure to and consent from the investor. All such marketing expenses and solicitation payments are paid by SIMC or its affiliates out of its past profits or other available resources and are not charged to the Funds.

Many Financial Advisors may be affiliated with broker-dealers. SIMC and its affiliates may pay compensation to broker-dealers or other financial institutions for services such as, without limitation, providing the Funds with “shelf space” or a higher profile for the firm’s associated Financial Advisors and their customers, placing the Funds on the firm’s preferred or recommended fund list, granting the Distributor access to the firm’s associated Financial Advisors, providing assistance in training and educating the firm’s personnel, allowing sponsorship of seminars or informational meetings and furnishing marketing support and other specified services. These payments may be based on average net assets of SEI Funds attributable to that broker-dealer, gross or net sales of SEI Funds attributable to that broker-dealer, a negotiated lump sum payment or other appropriate compensation for services rendered.

Payments may also be made by SIMC or its affiliates to financial institutions to compensate or reimburse them for administrative or other client services provided, such as sub-transfer agency services for shareholders or retirement plan participants, omnibus accounting or sub-accounting, participation in networking arrangements, account set-up, recordkeeping and other shareholder services. These fees may be used by the financial institutions to offset or reduce fees that would otherwise be paid directly to them by certain account holders, such as retirement plans.

The payments discussed above may be significant to the financial institutions receiving them and may create an incentive for the financial institutions or its representatives to recommend or offer shares of the SEI Funds to its customers rather than other funds or investment products. These payments are made by SIMC and its affiliates out of their past profits or other available resources.

Although the Funds may use broker-dealers that sell Fund shares to effect transactions for the Funds' portfolio, the Funds and SIMC and the Funds' Sub-Advisers will not consider the sale of Fund shares as a factor when choosing broker-dealers to effect those transactions and will not direct brokerage transactions to broker-dealers as compensation for the sales of Fund shares.

#### SECURITIES LENDING ACTIVITY

During the most recent fiscal year, the Funds did not engage in securities lending.

#### TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS OF THE TRUST

**Board Responsibilities.** The management and affairs of the Trust and its series, including the Funds described in this SAI, are overseen by the Trustees. The Board has approved contracts, as described above, under which certain companies provide essential management services to the Trust.

Like most mutual funds, the day-to-day business of the Trust, including the management of risk, is performed by third party service providers, such as SIMC, the Distributor and the Administrator. The Trustees are responsible for overseeing the Trust's service providers and, thus, have oversight responsibility with respect to risk management performed by those service providers. Risk management seeks to identify and address risks, *i.e.*, events or circumstances that could have material adverse effects on the business, operations, shareholder services, investment performance or reputation of the Funds. The Funds and their service providers employ a variety of processes, procedures and controls to identify risks, to lessen the probability of their occurrence and/or to mitigate the effects of such risks if they do occur. Each service provider is responsible for one or more discrete aspects of the Trust's business (*e.g.*, SIMC is responsible for the investment performance of the Funds and, along with the Board, is responsible for the oversight of the Funds' Sub-Advisers, which, in turn, are responsible for the day-to-day management of the Funds' portfolio investments) and, consequently, for managing the risks associated with that business. The Board has emphasized to the Funds' service providers the importance of maintaining vigorous risk management.

The Trustees' role in risk oversight begins before the inception of a Fund, at which time SIMC presents the Board with information concerning the investment objectives, strategies and risks of the Fund as well as proposed investment limitations for the Fund. Additionally, each Sub-Adviser and SIMC provides the Board with an overview of, among other things, its investment philosophy, brokerage practices and compliance infrastructure. Thereafter, the Board continues its oversight function as various personnel, including the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer, as well as personnel of SIMC and other service providers such as the Funds' independent accountants, make periodic reports to the Audit Committee or to the Board with respect to various aspects of risk management. The Board and the Audit Committee oversee efforts by management and service providers to manage risks to which the Funds may be exposed.

The Board is responsible for overseeing the nature, extent and quality of the services provided to the Funds by the Adviser and Sub-Advisers and receives information about those services at its regular meetings. In addition, in connection with its consideration of whether to annually renew the Advisory Agreement between the Trust, on behalf of the Funds, and SIMC and the various Sub-Advisory Agreements between SIMC and the Sub-Advisers with respect to the Funds, the Board annually meets with SIMC and, at least every other year, meets with the Sub-Advisers to review such services. Among other things, the Board regularly considers the Sub-Advisers' adherence to the Funds' investment restrictions and compliance with various Fund policies and procedures and with applicable securities regulations.

The Trust's Chief Compliance Officer regularly reports to the Board to review and discuss compliance issues and Fund, Adviser and Sub-Adviser risk assessments. At least annually, the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer provides the Board with a report reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of the Trust's policies and procedures and those of its service providers, including the Adviser and Sub-Advisers. The report addresses the operation of the policies and procedures of the Trust and each service provider since the date of the last report; any material changes to the policies and procedures since the date of the last report; any recommendations for material changes to the policies and procedures; and any material compliance matters since the date of the last report.

The Board receives reports from the Valuation Designee and the Funds' service providers regarding operational risks and risks related to the valuation and liquidity of portfolio securities. The Trust's Valuation Designee provides quarterly reports to the Board concerning investments for which market prices are not readily available or may be unreliable. Annually, the independent registered public accounting firm reviews with the Audit Committee its audit of the Funds' financial statements, focusing on major areas of financial statement risk encountered by the Funds and noting any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses that were identified in the Funds' internal controls. Additionally, in connection with its oversight function, the Board oversees Fund management's implementation of disclosure controls and procedures, which are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Trust in its periodic reports with the SEC are recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the required time periods. The Board also oversees the Trust's internal controls over financial reporting, which comprise policies and procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of the Trust's financial reporting and the preparation of the Trust's financial statements.

From their review of these reports and discussions with SIMC, the Sub-Advisers, the Chief Compliance Officer, the independent registered public accounting firm and other service providers, the Board and the Audit Committee learn about the material risks of the Funds, thereby facilitating a dialogue about how management and service providers identify and mitigate those risks.

The Board recognizes that not all risks that may affect the Funds can be identified and/or quantified, that it may not be practical or cost-effective to eliminate or mitigate certain risks, that it may be necessary to bear certain risks (such as investment-related risks) to achieve the Funds' goals and that the processes, procedures and controls employed to address certain risks may be limited in their effectiveness. Reports received by the Trustees as to risk management matters are typically summaries of the relevant information. Most of the Funds' investment management and business affairs are carried out by or through SIMC, the Sub-Advisers and the Funds' other service providers, each of which has an independent interest in risk management and each of which has policies and methods by which one or more risk management functions are carried out. These risk management policies and methods may differ in the setting of priorities, the resources available or the effectiveness of relevant controls. As a result of the foregoing and other factors, the Board's ability to monitor and manage risk, as a practical matter, is subject to limitations.

**Members of the Board.** There are ten members of the Board, eight of whom are not interested persons of the Trust, as that term is defined in the 1940 Act ("independent Trustees"). Robert A. Neshier, an interested person of the Trust, serves as Chairman of the Board. James M. Williams, an independent Trustee, serves as the lead independent Trustee. The Trust has determined its leadership structure is appropriate given the specific characteristics and circumstances of the Trust. The Trust made this determination in consideration of, among other things, the fact that the chairperson of each Committee of the Board is an independent Trustee, the amount of assets under management in the Trust and the number of Funds (and classes of shares) overseen by the Board. The Board also believes that its leadership structure facilitates the orderly and efficient flow of information to the independent Trustees from Fund management.

The Board has three standing committees: the Audit Committee, Governance Committee and the Compliance and Operations Committee. The Audit Committee, Governance Committee and the Compliance and Operations Committee are each chaired by an independent Trustee and composed of all of the independent Trustees.

In his role as lead independent Trustee, Mr. Williams, among other things: (i) presides over Board meetings in the absence of the Chairman of the Board; (ii) presides over executive sessions of the independent Trustees; (iii) along with the Chairman of the Board, oversees the development of agendas for Board meetings; (iv) facilitates dealings and communications between the independent Trustees and management, and among the independent Trustees; and (v) has such other responsibilities as the Board or independent Trustees determine from time to time.

Set forth below are the names, years of birth, position with the Trust, the year in which the Trustee was elected and the principal occupations and other directorships held during at least the last five years of each of the persons currently serving as a Trustee of the Trust. There is no stated term of office for the Trustees of the

Trust. However, each Trustee who is not an interested person of the Trust must retire from the Board by the end of the calendar year in which the Trustee attains the age of 75 years. Current members of the Board may, upon the unanimous vote of the Governance Committee and a majority vote of the full Board, continue to serve on the Board for a maximum of five successive one calendar year terms after attaining the age of 75 years. Unless otherwise noted, the business address of each Trustee is SEI Investments Company, One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456.

#### Interested Trustees.

**ROBERT A. NESHER** (Born: 1946)—Chairman of the Board of Trustees\* (since 1989)—President and Chief Executive Officer of the Trust since December 2005. SEI employee since 1974; currently performs various services on behalf of SEI Investments for which Mr. Neshier is compensated. President and Director of SEI Structured Credit Fund, LP. Director of SEI Global Master Fund plc, SEI Global Assets Fund plc, SEI Global Investments Fund plc, SEI Investments—Global Funds Services, Limited, SEI Investments Global, Limited, SEI Investments (Europe) Ltd., SEI Investments—Unit Trust Management (UK) Limited, SEI Multi-Strategy Funds PLC and SEI Global Nominee Ltd. Trustee of The Advisors’ Inner Circle Fund, The Advisors’ Inner Circle Fund II, Bishop Street Funds, Frost Family of Funds and Catholic Responsible Investments Funds. President, Chief Executive Officer and Trustee of SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, SEI Asset Allocation Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, New Covenant Funds, SEI Catholic Values Trust, SEI Exchange Traded Funds and SEI Alternative Income Fund. President, Chief Executive Officer and Trustee of SEI Insurance Products Trust from 2013 to 2020. Trustee of The KP Funds from 2013 to 2020. Vice Chairman of Schroder Series Trust and Schroder Global Series Trust from 2017 to 2018. Vice Chairman of Gallery Trust from 2015 to 2018. Vice Chairman of Winton Diversified Opportunities Fund from 2014 to 2018. Vice Chairman of The Advisors’ Inner Circle Fund III from 2014 to 2018. Vice Chairman of Winton Series Trust from 2014 to 2017. Vice Chairman of O’Connor EQUUS (closed-end investment company) from 2014 to 2016. President, Chief Executive Officer and Trustee of SEI Liquid Asset Trust from 1989 to 2016. President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of SEI Alpha Strategy Portfolios, LP, from 2007 to 2013.

**DENNIS J. MCGONIGLE** (Born: 1960)—Trustee\* (since 2024)—Adviser to SEI Investments Company, Inc. since April 2024. Trustee/Director of SEI Structured Credit Fund, LP, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Asset Allocation Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, New Covenant Funds, SEI Catholic Values Trust, SEI Exchange Traded Funds and SEI Alternative Income Fund. Chief Financial Officer of SEI Investments Company, Inc. from 2002 to April 2024. Executive Vice President of SEI Investments Company, Inc. from 1996 to 2024. Business Manager and Product Manager of SEI Investments Company, Inc. from 1985 to 1998. Senior Auditor of Arthur Andersen and Company from 1982 to 1985.

#### Independent Trustees.

**NINA LESAVOY** (Born: 1957)—Trustee (since 2003)—Founder and Managing Director, Avec Capital (strategic fundraising firm), since April 2008. Trustee/Director of SEI Structured Credit Fund, LP, SEI Asset Allocation Trust, SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, New Covenant Funds, SEI Catholic Values Trust, SEI Exchange Traded Funds and SEI Alternative Income Fund. Trustee of SEI Insurance Products Trust from 2013 to 2020. Trustee of SEI Liquid Asset Trust from 2003 to 2016. Director of SEI Alpha Strategy Portfolios, LP from 2007 to 2013. Managing Director, Cue Capital (strategic fundraising firm) from March 2002 to March 2008.

**JAMES M. WILLIAMS** (Born: 1947)—Trustee (since 2004)—Retired since June 2024. Vice President and Chief Investment Officer, J. Paul Getty Trust, Non Profit Foundation for Visual Arts, from December 2002 to June 2024. Trustee/Director of Ariel Mutual Funds, SEI Structured Credit Fund, LP, SEI Asset Allocation Trust, SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, New Covenant Funds, SEI Catholic Values Trust, SEI Exchange Traded Funds and

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\* Messrs. Neshier and McGonigle are Trustees who may be deemed to be “interested” persons of the Funds (as that term is defined in the 1940 Act) by virtue of their relationship with the Distributor and SEI.

SEI Alternative Income Fund. Trustee/Director of SEI Insurance Products Trust from 2013 to 2020. Trustee of SEI Liquid Asset Trust from 2004 to 2016. Director of SEI Alpha Strategy Portfolios, LP from 2007 to 2013. President of Harbor Capital Advisors and Harbor Mutual Funds from 2000 to 2002. Manager of Pension Asset Management for Ford Motor Company from 1997 to 1999.

**SUSAN C. COTE** (Born: 1954)—Trustee (since 2016)—Retired since July 2015. Trustee/Director of SEI Structured Credit Fund, LP, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Asset Allocation Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, New Covenant Funds, SEI Catholic Values Trust, SEI Exchange Traded Funds and SEI Alternative Income Fund. Trustee of SEI Insurance Products Trust from 2015 to 2020. Treasurer and Chair of Finance of the Investment and Audit Committee of the New York Women's Foundation from 2012 to 2017. Member of the Ernst & Young LLP Retirement Investment Committee from 2009 to 2015. Global Asset Management Assurance Leader, Ernst & Young LLP from 2006 to 2015. Partner of Ernst & Young LLP from 1997 to 2015. Americas Director of Asset Management of Ernst & Young LLP from 2006 to 2013. Employee of Prudential from 1983 to 1997.

**JAMES B. TAYLOR** (Born: 1950)—Trustee (since 2018)—Retired since December 2017. Trustee/Director of SEI Structured Credit Fund, LP, SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, SEI Asset Allocation Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, New Covenant Funds, SEI Catholic Values Trust, SEI Exchange Traded Funds and SEI Alternative Income Fund. Trustee of SEI Insurance Products Trust from 2018 to 2020. Chief Investment Officer, Georgia Tech Foundation from 2008 to 2017. Director, Assistant Vice President, and Chief Investment Officer, Delta Air Lines from 1983 to 2007. Member of the Investment Committee of Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers from 1999 to 2004. President, Vice President and Treasurer for Southern Benefits Conference from 1998 to 2000.

**CHRISTINE REYNOLDS** (Born: 1958)—Trustee (since 2019)—Retired since December 2016. Trustee/Director of SEI Structured Credit Fund, LP, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Asset Allocation Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, New Covenant Funds, SEI Catholic Values Trust, SEI Exchange Traded Funds and SEI Alternative Income Fund. Trustee of SEI Insurance Products Trust from 2019 to 2020. Executive Vice President at Fidelity Investments from 2014 to 2016. President at Fidelity Pricing and Cash Management Services ("FPCMS") and Chief Financial Officer of Fidelity Funds from 2008 to 2014. Chief Operating Officer of FPCMS from 2007 to 2008. President, Treasurer at Fidelity Funds from 2004 to 2007. Anti-Money Laundering Officer at Fidelity Funds in 2004. Executive Vice President at Fidelity Funds from 2002 to 2004. Audit Partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers from 1992 to 2002.

**THOMAS MELENDEZ** (Born 1959)—Trustee (since 2021)—Retired since April 2019. Trustee/Director of SEI Structured Credit Fund, LP, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Asset Allocation Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, SEI Exchange Traded Funds, SEI Catholic Values Trust, New Covenant Funds and SEI Alternative Income Fund. Trustee of Boston Children's Hospital, The Partnership Inc. (non-profit organizations) and Brae Burn Country Club. Investment Officer and Institutional Equity Portfolio Manager at MFS Investment Management from 2002 to 2019. Director of Emerging Markets Group, General Manager of Operations in Argentina and Portfolio Manager for Latin America at Schroders Investment Management from 1994 to 2002.

**ELI POWELL NIEPOKY** (Born: 1966)—Trustee (since 2024)—Treasurer of The Robert W. Woodruff Foundation since May 2021. Trustee/Director of SEI Structured Credit Fund, LP, SEI Asset Allocation Trust, SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, New Covenant Funds, SEI Catholic Values Trust, SEI Exchange Traded Funds and SEI Alternative Income Fund. Vice President and Chief Investment Officer of Berman Capital Advisors from March 2018 to May 2021. Independent Consultant from January 2017 to February 2018. Principal and Chief Investment Officer of Diversified Trust Company from January 2003 to April 2015. Information Analyst and Director of Delta Air Lines from January 1990 to December 2002.

**KIMBERLY WALKER** (Born: 1958)—Trustee (since 2024)—General Partner at 1809 Capital since 2022. Trustee/Director of SEI Structured Credit Fund, LP, SEI Asset Allocation Trust, SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, Adviser Managed Trust,

New Covenant Funds, SEI Catholic Values Trust, SEI Exchange Traded Funds and SEI Alternative Income Fund. Advisory Committee Member of NISA Investment Advisors since 2018. Chief Investment Officer of Washington University in St. Louis from 2006 to 2016. President of Qwest Asset Management Company from 1998 to 2006. Director of Equity Strategy for General Motors Corporation from 1994 to 1998.

There are currently 4 Funds in the Trust and 103 funds in the Fund Complex.

**Individual Trustee Qualifications.** The Trust has concluded that each of the Trustees should serve on the Board because of their ability to review and understand information about the Funds provided to them by management, to identify and request other information they may deem relevant to the performance of their duties, to question management and other service providers regarding material factors bearing on the management and administration of the Funds and to exercise their business judgment in a manner that serves the best interests of the Funds' shareholders. The Trust has concluded that each of the Trustees should serve as a Trustee based on their own experience, qualifications, attributes and skills as described below.

The Trust has concluded that Mr. Neshor should serve as Trustee because of the experience he has gained in his various roles with SEI Investments Company, which he joined in 1974, his knowledge of and experience in the financial services industry and the experience he has gained serving as Trustee of the various SEI Trusts since 1989.

The Trust has concluded that Mr. McGonigle should serve as Trustee because of the experience he has gained in his various roles with SEI Investments Company, his knowledge of the financial services industry, and the experience he gained serving as a director on various company boards.

The Trust has concluded that Ms. Lesavoy should serve as Trustee because of the experience she gained as a Director of several private equity fundraising firms and marketing and selling a wide range of investment products to institutional investors, her experience in and knowledge of the financial services industry and the experience she has gained serving as Trustee of the various SEI Trusts since 2003 and the various SEI Trusts' Governance Chair since 2014.

The Trust has concluded that Mr. Williams should serve as Trustee because of the experience he gained as Chief Investment Officer of a non-profit foundation, the President of an investment management firm, the President of a registered investment company and the Manager of a public company's pension assets, his experience in and knowledge of the financial services industry and the experience he has gained serving as Trustee of the various SEI Trusts since 2004.

The Trust has concluded that Ms. Cote should serve as Trustee because of her education, knowledge of financial services and investment management, and the experience she has gained as a partner at a major accounting firm, where she served as both the Global Asset Management Assurance Leader and the Americas Director of Asset Management, and other professional experience gained through her prior employment and directorships.

The Trust has concluded that Mr. Taylor should serve as Trustee because of his education, knowledge of financial services and investment management, and the experience he has gained as a Chief Investment Officer at an endowment of a large university, and other professional experience gained through his prior employment and leadership positions.

The Trust has concluded that Ms. Reynolds should serve as Trustee because of the experience she has gained in her various roles with Fidelity, which she joined in 2002, including Chief Financial Officer of Fidelity Funds, her experience as a partner of a major accounting firm, and her experience in and knowledge of the financial services industry.

The Trust has concluded that Mr. Melendez should serve as Trustee because of the experience he has gained as an executive and portfolio manager of an investment management firm, his experience in and knowledge of the financial services industry, and other professional experience gained through his prior employment and leadership positions.

The Trust has concluded that Ms. Niepoky should serve as Trustee because of her education, her knowledge of public and private markets gained through her institutional and private wealth management roles, and her other professional experience.

The Trust has concluded that Ms. Walker should serve as Trustee because of her extensive knowledge of institutional asset management, experience she gained serving as Chief Investment Officer of a large university, and other professional experience gained through her prior employment.

In its periodic assessment of the effectiveness of the Board, the Board considers the complementary individual skills and experience of the individual Trustees primarily in the broader context of the Board's overall composition so that the Board, as a body, possesses the appropriate (and appropriately diverse) skills and experience to oversee the business of the Funds. Moreover, references to the qualifications, attributes and skills of Trustees are pursuant to requirements of the SEC, do not constitute holding out of, or a Board conclusion that, the Board or any Trustee has any special expertise or experience and shall not be deemed to impose any greater responsibility or liability on any such person or on the Board by reason thereof.

**Board Standing Committees.** The Board has established the following standing committees:

- **Audit Committee.** The Board has a standing Audit Committee that is composed of each of the independent Trustees of the Trust. The Audit Committee operates under a written charter approved by the Board. The principal responsibilities of the Audit Committee include: (i) recommending which firm to engage as the Trust's independent auditor and whether to terminate this relationship; (ii) reviewing the independent auditor's compensation, the proposed scope and terms of its engagement and the firm's independence; (iii) pre-approving audit and non-audit services provided by the Trust's independent auditor to the Trust and certain other affiliated entities; (iv) serving as a channel of communication between the independent auditor and the Trustees; (v) reviewing the results of each external audit, including any qualifications in the independent auditor's opinion, any related management letter, management's responses to recommendations made by the independent auditor in connection with the audit, reports submitted to the Audit Committee by the internal auditing department of the Trust's Administrator that are material to the Trust as a whole, if any, and management's responses to any such reports; (vi) reviewing the Trust's audited financial statements and considering any significant disputes between the Trust's management and the independent auditor that arose in connection with the preparation of those financial statements; (vii) considering, in consultation with the independent auditor and the Trust's senior internal accounting executive, if any, the independent auditor's report on the adequacy of the Trust's internal financial controls; (viii) reviewing, in consultation with the Trust's independent auditor, major changes regarding auditing and accounting principles and practices to be followed when preparing the Trust's financial statements; and (ix) other audit related matters. In addition, the Audit Committee is responsible for the oversight of the Trust's compliance program. Messrs. Williams, Taylor and Melendez and Meses. Lesavoy, Cote, Reynolds, Niepoky and Walker currently serve as members of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee meets periodically, as necessary, and met four (4) times during the Trust's most recently completed fiscal year.
- **Governance Committee.** The Board has a standing Governance Committee that is composed of each of the Independent Trustees of the Trust. The Governance Committee operates under a written charter approved by the Board. The principal responsibilities of the Governance Committee include: (i) considering and reviewing Board governance and compensation issues; (ii) conducting a self-assessment of the Board's operations; (iii) selecting and nominating all persons to serve as Independent Trustees and evaluating the qualifications of "interested" (as that term is defined under the 1940 Act) Trustee candidates; and (iv) reviewing shareholder recommendations for nominations to fill vacancies on the Board if such recommendations are submitted in writing and addressed to the Governance Committee at the Trust's offices, which are located at One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456. Messrs. Williams, Taylor and Melendez and Meses. Lesavoy, Cote, Reynolds, Niepoky and Walker currently serve as members of the Governance Committee. The Governance Committee shall meet at

the direction of its Chair as often as appropriate to accomplish its purpose. In any event, the Governance Committee shall meet at least once each year and shall conduct at least one meeting in person. The Governance Committee met four (4) times during the Trust's most recently completed fiscal year.

Compliance and Operations Committee. The Board has a standing Compliance and Operations Committee that is composed of each of the Independent Trustees of the Trust. The Compliance and Operations Committee operates under a written charter approved by the Board. The principal responsibilities of the Compliance and Operations Committee include: (i) serving as a liaison between the Board and the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer; (ii) recommending policies and procedures concerning the Trust's compliance with applicable law; (iii) reviewing the Chief Compliance Officer's procedures for compliance testing plans; (iv) coordinating the Board's approval of the Chief Compliance Officer's compensation; and (v) coordinating with SIMC's chief compliance officer and chief risk officer on material compliance and operations matters. Messrs. Williams, Taylor and Melendez and Mses. Lesavoy, Cote, Reynolds, Niepoky and Walker currently serve as members of the Compliance and Operations Committee. The Compliance and Operations Committee shall meet at the direction of its Chair as often as appropriate to accomplish its purpose. In any event, the Compliance and Operations Committee shall meet at least once each year and shall conduct at least one meeting in person. The Compliance and Operations Committee met one (1) time during the Trust's most recently completed fiscal year.

**Fund Shares Owned by Board Members.** The following table shows the dollar amount range of each Trustee's "beneficial ownership" of shares of each of the Funds as of the end of the most recently completed calendar year. Dollar amount ranges disclosed are established by the SEC. "Beneficial ownership" is determined in accordance with Rule 16a-1(a)(2) of the 1934 Act. The Trustees and officers of the Trust own less than 1% of the outstanding shares of the Trust.

Name	Dollar Range of Fund Shares (Fund)*	Aggregate Dollar Range of Shares (Fund Complex)**
<b>Interested</b>		
Mr. Nesher .....	None	Over \$100,000
Mr. McGonigle^ .....	Over \$100,000 (International Equity Fund)	Over \$100,000
<b>Independent</b>		
Ms. Lesavoy .....	\$50,001-\$100,000 (International Equity Fund)	Over \$100,000
Mr. Williams .....	\$50,001-\$100,000 (International Equity Fund)	Over \$100,000
	\$50,001-\$100,000 (Emerging Markets Equity Fund)	
Ms. Cote .....	None	Over \$100,000
Mr. Taylor .....	\$50,001-\$100,000	Over \$100,000
Ms. Reynolds .....	None	Over \$100,000
Mr. Melendez .....	\$10,001-\$50,000 (International Equity Fund)	Over \$100,000
Ms. Niepoky^ .....	None	\$10,001-\$50,000
Ms. Walker^ .....	None	None

\* Valuation date is December 31, 2025.

\*\* The Fund Complex currently consists of 103 portfolios of the following trusts: SEI Asset Allocation Trust, SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Institutional International Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, New Covenant Funds, SEI Catholic Values Trust, SEI Exchange Traded Funds, SEI Structured Credit Fund, LP and SEI Alternative Income Fund.

^ Mr. McGonigle and Mses. Niepoky and Walker became trustees for the Trust effective March 26, 2025.

**Board Compensation.** The Trust and the Fund Complex paid the following fees to the Trustees during its most recently completed fiscal year.

Name	Aggregate Compensation	Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued as Part of Fund Expenses	Estimated Annual Benefits Upon Retirement	Total Compensation From the Trust and Fund Complex*
<b>Interested</b>				
Mr. Neshar .....	\$ 0	\$0	\$0	\$ 0
Mr. Doran** .....	\$ 0	\$0	\$0	\$ 0
Mr. McGonigle^ .....	\$ 0	\$0	\$0	\$ 0
<b>Independent</b>				
Ms. Lesavoy .....	\$88,573	\$0	\$0	\$353,750
Mr. Williams .....	\$92,573	\$0	\$0	\$370,000
Ms. Cote .....	\$88,573	\$0	\$0	\$353,750
Mr. Taylor .....	\$83,813	\$0	\$0	\$335,000
Mr. Reynolds .....	\$85,309	\$0	\$0	\$341,250
Mr. Melendez .....	\$85,309	\$0	\$0	\$341,250
Ms. Niepoky^ .....	\$62,739	\$0	\$0	\$252,500
Ms. Walker^ .....	\$62,739	\$0	\$0	\$252,500

\* The Fund Complex currently consists of 103 portfolios of the following trusts: SEI Asset Allocation Trust, SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Institutional International Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, New Covenant Funds, SEI Catholic Values Trust, SEI Exchange Traded Funds, SEI Structured Credit Fund, LP and SEI Alternative Income Fund.

\*\* Mr. William M. Doran retired from the Board of Trustees effective May 31, 2025, after having dutifully served on the SEI Funds' Board since 1982.

^ Mr. McGonigle and Mses. Niepoky and Walker became trustees for the Trust effective March 26, 2025.

**Trust Officers.** Set forth below are the names, dates of birth, position with the Trust, length of term of office and the principal occupations for the last five years of each of the persons currently serving as officers of the Trust. Unless otherwise noted, the business address of each officer is SEI Investments Company, One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456. None of the officers, except for Stephen Panner, the Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO") of the Trust, receives compensation from the Trust for his or her services. The Trust's CCO serves in the same capacity for the other SEI trusts included in the Fund Complex, and the Trust pays its pro rata share of the aggregate compensation payable to the CCO for his services.

Certain officers of the Trust also serve as officers to one or more mutual funds to which SEI or its affiliates act as investment adviser, administrator or distributor.

The officers of the Trust have been elected by the Board. Each officer shall hold office until the election and qualification of his or her successor or until earlier resignation or removal.

**ROBERT A. NESHER** (Born: 1946)—President and Chief Executive Officer (since 2005)—See biographical information above under the heading "Interested Trustees."

**TIMOTHY D. BARTO** (Born: 1968)—Vice President and Secretary (since 2002)—General Counsel and Secretary of SIMC since 2004. Vice President and Assistant Secretary of SEI since 2001. Vice President of SIMC since 1999. Vice President and Secretary of SEI Institutional Transfer Agent, Inc. from 2009 to 2024. Vice President of the Administrator from 1999 to 2024.

**GLENN R. KURDZIEL** (Born: 1974)—Controller and Chief Financial Officer (since 2023)—Controller and Chief Financial Officer of SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Asset Allocation Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, New Covenant Funds, SEI Catholic Values Trust, SEI Exchange Traded Funds and SEI Alternative Income Fund since August 2023. Assistant Controller of SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Institutional International Trust, SEI Asset Allocation Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, New Covenant Funds and SEI Catholic Values Trust from 2017 to 2023. Assistant Controller of SEI Exchange Traded

Funds from 2022 to 2023. Senior Manager of Funds Accounting of SEI Investments Global Funds Services from 2005 to 2023.

**STEPHEN G. MACRAE** (Born: 1967)—Vice President (since 2012)—Director of Global Investment Product Management, January 2004 to present. Vice President of SEI Insurance Products Trust from 2013 to 2020.

**STEPHEN F. PANNER** (Born: 1970)—Chief Compliance Officer (since 2022)—Chief Compliance Officer of SEI Asset Allocation Trust, SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, New Covenant Funds, SEI Catholic Values Trust, SEI Exchange Traded Funds, SEI Structured Credit Fund LP, The Advisors' Inner Circle Fund, The Advisors' Inner Circle Fund II, Bishop Street Funds, Frost Family of Funds, The Advisors' Inner Circle Fund III, Gallery Trust, Wilshire Private Assets Fund, Wilshire Private Assets Master Fund and Catholic Responsible Investments Funds since September 2022. Chief Compliance Officer of SEI Alternative Income Fund since 2023. Fund Compliance Officer of SEI Investments Company from February 2011 to September 2022. Fund Accounting Director and CFO and Controller for the SEI Funds from July 2005 to February 2011.

**KATHERINE MASON** (Born: 1979)—Vice President and Assistant Secretary (since 2022)—Consulting Attorney at Hirtle, Callaghan & Co. (investment company) from October 2021 to June 2022. Attorney at Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP (law firm) from September 2007 to July 2012.

**DAVID F. MCCANN** (Born: 1976)—Vice President and Assistant Secretary (since 2009)—General Counsel and Secretary of SEI Institutional Transfer Agent, Inc. from 2020 to 2023. Vice President and Assistant Secretary of SIMC since 2008. Vice President and Assistant Secretary of SEI Insurance Products Trust from 2013 to 2020. Attorney at Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP (law firm) from May 2005 to October 2008.

**MARCI M. MORGAN** (Born: 1971)—Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer (since 2025)—Director of Anti-Money Laundering Compliance at SEI since May 2025. Director of Global Due Diligence at SEI from October 2023 to May 2025. Vice President of Regulatory Management at BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (formerly PNC Global Investment Servicing) from December 2001 to January 2006 and from April 2010 to February 2023.

## PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Funds have delegated proxy voting responsibilities to SIMC, subject to the Board's general oversight. As required by applicable regulations, SIMC must vote proxies in a manner consistent with the best interest of each investment advisory client who delegates voting responsibility to SIMC, which includes the Funds (each a "Client") and must not place its own interests above those of its Clients. SIMC has adopted its own written proxy voting policies, procedures and guidelines that are reasonably designed to meet this purpose (the "Procedures"). The Procedures may be changed as necessary to remain current with regulatory requirements and internal policies and procedures.

SIMC has elected to retain an independent proxy voting service (the "Service") to vote proxies with respect to its Clients. The Service votes proxies in accordance with guidelines (the "Proxy Guidelines") approved by SIMC's Proxy Voting Committee (the "Proxy Committee") with certain limited exceptions as outlined below. The Proxy Guidelines set forth the manner in which SIMC will vote, or the manner in which SIMC shall determine how to vote, with respect to matters that may come up for shareholder vote. The Service will review each matter on a case-by-case basis and, in most cases, vote the proxies in accordance with the Proxy Guidelines.

Prior to voting a proxy, the Service makes available to SIMC its recommendation on how to vote in light of the Proxy Guidelines. SIMC retains the authority to overrule the Service's recommendation in certain scenarios (as listed below) and instruct the Service to vote in a manner in variance with the Service's recommendation:

- Requests by Sub-Advisers to Direct Proxy Votes. Sub-Advisers retained by SIMC to manage the Funds may contact SIMC with requests that SIMC direct a proxy vote in a particular solicitation which would differ from the Service's recommendation.

- Recommendations by Engagement Vendor. In addition to retaining the Service, SIMC has also engaged a third party vendor to assist with engagement services (the “Engagement Service”). The Engagement Service strives to help investors manage reputational risk and increase corporate accountability through proactive, professional and constructive engagement. It does so by collaborating with investors, facilitating avenues of active ownership (including direct, constructive dialogue with companies) and assisting with shareholder resolutions and proxy voting decisions. As a result of this process, the Engagement Service will at times provide SIMC with proxy voting recommendations that may conflict with the Proxy Guidelines. Recommendations from the Engagement Service to potentially override the Service’s recommendation are expected to be limited to companies with which the Engagement Service is engaged on SIMC’s behalf, and limited to proxy matters that bear on the subject of the engagement with that issuer.

In all circumstances identified above, the Proxy Committee shall convene and adhere to the conflicts provisions of the Procedures. For any proposal where the Proxy Committee determines that SIMC does not have a material conflict of interest, the Proxy Committee may overrule the Service’s recommendation if the Proxy Committee reasonably determines that doing so is in the best interest of the Clients. For any proposal where the Proxy Committee determines that SIMC has a material conflict of interest, SIMC must vote in accordance with the Service’s recommendation unless it has first fully disclosed to each Client holding the security at issue the nature of the conflict and obtained each Client’s consent as to how SIMC will vote on the proposal. If the Proxy Committee decides to overrule the Service’s recommendation, the Proxy Committee shall maintain a written record setting forth the basis of its decision.

In some circumstances, SIMC may determine it is in the best interest of its Clients to abstain from voting certain proxies. These include (but are not necessarily limited to) the following circumstances:

- Proxy Guidelines do not cover an issue;
- The Service does not make a recommendation on the issue;
- SIMC determines that the costs of voting exceed the expected benefits to Clients;
- The accounts engage in securities lending;
- The vote is subject to “share blocking,” which requires investors who intend to vote to surrender the right to dispose of their shares until after the shareholder meeting, potentially creating liquidity issues; and
- The Proxy Committee is unable to convene to determine whether the proposal would be in the Client’s best interests.

With respect to proxies of an affiliated investment company or series thereof, SIMC will vote such proxies in the same proportion as the vote of all other shareholders of the investment company or series thereof (*i.e.*, “echo vote” or “mirror vote”).

With respect to proxies in foreign jurisdictions, certain countries or issuers may require SIMC to have a duly executed power of attorney in place with such country or issuer in order to vote a proxy. The Service may execute, on behalf of SIMC, power of attorney requirements in order to satisfy these requirements. Under circumstances where the issuer, not the jurisdiction, requires an issuer-specific, shareholder-specific or other limited power of attorney in order to vote a proxy, the Service will coordinate with SIMC in order to execute such power of attorney. In these instances, it may not be convenient or practicable to execute a power of attorney in sufficient time to vote proxies in that meeting, and SIMC may abstain from voting.

For each proxy, SIMC maintains all related records as required by applicable law. The Trust is required to file how all proxies were voted with respect to portfolio securities held by the Funds. A Client may obtain, without charge, a copy of SIMC’s Procedures and Proxy Guidelines, or information regarding how the Funds voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30, by calling SIMC at 1-800-DIAL-SEI, by writing to SIMC at One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456 or on the SEC’s website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

## PURCHASE AND REDEMPTION OF SHARES

Shares of a Fund may be purchased in exchange for securities included in the Fund subject to the Administrator's determination that the securities are acceptable. Securities accepted in an exchange will be valued at market value. All accrued interest and subscription of other rights that are reflected in the market price of accepted securities at the time of valuation become the property of the Trust and must be delivered by the shareholder to the Trust upon receipt from the issuer. A shareholder may recognize a gain or a loss for federal income tax purposes in making the exchange.

The Administrator will not accept securities for a Fund unless: (i) such securities are appropriate in the Fund at the time of the exchange; (ii) such securities are acquired for investment and not for resale; (iii) the shareholder represents and agrees that all securities offered to the Trust for the Fund are not subject to any restrictions upon their sale by the Fund under the 1933 Act, or otherwise; (iv) such securities are traded on the American Stock Exchange, the NYSE or on NASDAQ in an unrelated transaction with a quoted sales price on the same day the exchange valuation is made or, if not listed on such exchanges or on NASDAQ, have prices available from an independent pricing service approved by the Board; and (v) the securities may be acquired under the investment restrictions applicable to the Fund.

The Trust reserves the right to suspend the right of redemption and/or to postpone the date of payment upon redemption for any period during which trading on the NYSE is restricted, or during the existence of an emergency (as determined by the SEC by rule or regulation) as a result of which disposal or evaluation of the portfolio securities is not reasonably practicable, or for such other periods as the SEC may by order permit. The Trust also reserves the right to suspend sales of shares of the Funds for any period during which the NYSE, the Administrator, SIMC or the Funds' Sub-Advisers, the Distributor and/or the custodian are not open for business. Currently, the following holidays are observed by the Trust: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth National Independence Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Additionally, the NYSE closes early on the following days: the day before Independence Day, the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve.

It is currently the Trust's policy to pay for all redemptions in cash. The Trust retains the right, however, to alter this policy to provide for redemptions in whole or in part by a distribution in kind of securities held by a Fund in lieu of cash. Shareholders may incur brokerage charges in connection with the sale of such securities. However, a shareholder will at all times be entitled to aggregate cash redemptions from a Fund of the Trust during any 90-day period of up to the lesser of \$250,000 or 1% of the Trust's net assets in cash. A gain or loss for federal income tax purposes would be realized by a shareholder subject to taxation upon an in-kind redemption depending upon the shareholder's basis in the shares of the Fund redeemed.

Fund securities may be traded on foreign markets on days other than a Business Day or the NAV of a Fund may be computed on days when such foreign markets are closed. In addition, foreign markets may close at times other than 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. As a consequence, the NAV of a share of a Fund may not reflect all events that may affect the value of the Fund's foreign securities unless the Adviser determines that such events materially affect NAV, in which case NAV will be determined by consideration of other factors.

Certain shareholders in one or more of the Funds may obtain asset allocation services from SIMC and other financial intermediaries with respect to their investments in such Funds. If a sufficient amount of a Fund's assets are subject to such asset allocation services, the Fund may incur higher transaction costs and a higher portfolio turnover rate than would otherwise be anticipated as a result of redemptions and purchases of Fund shares pursuant to such services. Further, to the extent that SIMC is providing asset allocation services and providing investment advice to the Funds, it may face conflicts of interest in fulfilling its responsibilities because of the possible differences between the interests of its asset allocation clients and the interest of the Funds.

## REDEMPTIONS IN-KIND

Each Fund reserves the right, under certain conditions, to honor any request for redemption by making payment in whole or in part in securities valued as described in the prospectus, except that a shareholder will at all times be entitled to aggregate cash redemptions from a Fund during any 90-day period of up to the lesser

of \$250,000 or 1% of the Fund's net assets in cash. Redemptions in excess of those amounts will normally be paid in cash, but may be paid wholly or partly by an in-kind distribution of securities. The specific security or securities to be distributed will be determined by the Fund and could include a pro-rata slice of the Fund's portfolio or a non-pro-rata slice of the Fund's portfolio, depending upon various circumstances and subject to any applicable laws or regulations.

Redemptions in-kind may reduce the need for a Fund to maintain cash reserves, reduce Fund transaction costs, reduce the need to sell Fund investments at inopportune times, and lower Fund capital gain recognition.

In some circumstances, a Fund, in its discretion, may accept large purchase orders from one or more financial institutions that are willing, upon redemption of their investment in the Fund, to receive their redemption in-kind rather than in cash. A Fund's ability to pay these redemption proceeds in-kind relieves the Fund of the need to sell the securities that are distributed in-kind and incur brokerage and other transaction costs associated with such sales. As with other redemption-in-kind transactions, a Fund would enter into these transactions only when the Fund determines it to be in the Fund's best interest to do so, and in accordance with the Fund's applicable policies on redemptions.

With any redemption in-kind, a shareholder who receives securities through a redemption in-kind and desires to convert them to cash may incur brokerage and other transaction costs in selling the securities. Also, there may be a risk that redemption in-kind activity could negatively impact the market value of the securities distributed in-kind and, in turn, the NAV of Funds that hold securities that are being distributed in-kind. SIMC believes that the benefits to a Fund of redemptions in-kind will generally outweigh the risk of any potential negative NAV impact.

## TAXES

The following is only a summary of certain additional U.S. federal income tax considerations generally affecting the Funds and their shareholders that is intended to supplement the discussion contained in the Prospectuses. No attempt is made to present a detailed explanation of the federal, state, local or foreign tax treatment of the Funds or their shareholders, and the discussion here and in the Prospectuses is not intended to be a substitute for careful tax planning. You are urged to consult your own tax advisor.

This discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax consequences is based on the Code and the regulations issued thereunder as in effect on the date of this SAI. New legislation, as well as administrative changes or court decisions, may significantly change the conclusions expressed herein and may have a retroactive effect with respect to the transactions contemplated herein.

### Qualification as a Regulated Investment Company

Each Fund intends to qualify to be treated as a RIC as defined under Subchapter M of the Code. By following such policy, each Fund expects to eliminate or reduce to a nominal amount the federal taxes to which it may be subject. A Fund that qualifies as a RIC will generally not be subject to federal income taxes on the net investment income and net realized capital gains that the Fund timely distributes to its shareholders. The Board reserves the right not to maintain the qualification of each Fund as a RIC if it determines such course of action to be beneficial to shareholders.

If a Fund qualifies as a RIC, it will generally not be subject to federal income tax on that part of its net investment income and net realized capital gains that are timely distributed to shareholders. In order to qualify for treatment as a RIC, the Funds must distribute annually to their shareholders at least 90% of their net investment income (which, includes dividends, taxable interest, and the excess, if any, of net short-term capital gains over net long-term capital losses, less operating expenses) ("Distribution Requirement") and also must meet certain additional requirements. Among these requirements are the following: (i) at least 90% of each Fund's gross income each taxable year must be derived from dividends, interest, payments with respect to certain securities loans, and gains from the sale or other disposition of stock, securities or foreign currencies, or other income (including, 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 and net income derived from an

interest in a qualified publicly traded partnership (the “Qualifying Income Test”); (ii) at the close of each quarter of each Fund’s taxable year: (A) at least 50% of the value of its total assets must be represented by cash and cash items, United States Government securities, securities of other RICs and other securities, with such other securities limited, in respect of any one issuer, to an amount that does not exceed 5% of the value of the Fund’s total assets and that does not represent more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer; and (B) not more than 25% of the value of its total assets may be invested, including through corporations in which a Fund owns a 20% or more voting stock interest, in securities (other than United States Government securities or the securities of other RICs) of any one issuer or the securities (other than the securities of another RIC) of two or more issuers which the Fund controls and which are engaged in the same, similar or related trades or businesses, or the securities of one or more qualified publicly traded partnerships (the “Asset Diversification Test”).

If a Fund fails to satisfy the Qualifying Income Test or Asset Diversification Test in any taxable year, such Fund may be eligible for relief provisions if the failures are due to reasonable cause and not willful neglect and if a penalty tax is paid with respect to each failure to satisfy the applicable requirements. Additionally, relief is provided for certain *de minimis* failures of the diversification requirements where a Fund corrects the failure within a specified period of time. If a Fund fails to qualify as a RIC and these relief provisions are not available, such Fund will be subject to federal income tax at the regular corporate rate (currently 21%). In such an event, all distributions (including capital gains distributions) will be taxable as ordinary dividends to the extent of the Fund’s current and accumulated earnings and profits, subject to the dividends-received deduction for corporate shareholders and (subject to certain limitations) the lower tax rates applicable to qualified dividend income distributed to individuals. In addition, a Fund could be required to recognize unrealized gains, pay substantial taxes and interest, and make substantial distributions before re-qualifying as a RIC.

Although the Funds intend to distribute substantially all of their net investment income and may distribute their capital gains for any taxable year, the Funds will be subject to federal income taxation to the extent any such income or gains are not distributed. Each Fund is treated as a separate corporation for federal income tax purposes. A Fund therefore is considered to be a separate entity in determining its treatment under the rules for RICs described herein. Losses in one Fund do not offset gains in another and the requirements (other than certain organizational requirements) for qualifying RIC status are determined at the Fund level rather than at the Trust level.

A Fund may elect to treat part or all of any “qualified late year loss” as if it had been incurred in the succeeding taxable year in determining such Fund’s taxable income, net capital gain, net short-term capital gain and earnings and profits. The effect of this election is to treat any such “qualified late year loss” as if it had been incurred in the succeeding taxable year in characterizing Fund distributions for any calendar year. A “qualified late year loss” generally includes net capital loss, net long-term capital loss, or net short-term capital loss incurred after October 31 of the current taxable year (commonly referred to as “post-October losses”), and certain other late-year losses.

The treatment of capital loss carryovers for RICs is similar to the rules that apply to capital loss carryovers of individuals and provide that such losses are carried over by a Fund indefinitely. Thus, if a Fund has a “net capital loss” (that is capital losses in excess of capital gains) the excess of such Fund’s net short-term capital losses over its net long-term capital gains is treated as a short-term capital loss arising on the first day of the Fund’s next taxable year, and the excess (if any) of the Fund’s net long-term capital losses over its net short-term capital gains is treated as a long-term capital loss arising on the first day of the Fund’s next taxable year. In addition, the carryover of capital losses may be limited under the general loss limitation rules if a Fund experiences an ownership change as defined in the Code.

## **Federal Excise Tax**

Notwithstanding the distribution requirement described above, which only requires a Fund to distribute at least 90% of its annual investment company taxable income and does not require any minimum distribution of net capital gain, a Fund will be subject to a nondeductible 4% federal excise tax to the extent it fails to distribute by the end of any calendar year at least 98% of its ordinary income for that year and 98.2% of its

capital gain net income for the one-year period ending on October 31, of that year, plus certain other amounts. Each Fund intends to make sufficient distributions to avoid liability for the federal excise tax applicable to RICs but can make no assurances that such tax will be completely eliminated. For example, a Fund may receive delayed or corrected tax reporting statements from its investments that cause such Fund to accrue additional income and gains after such Fund has already made its excise tax distributions for the year. In such a situation, a Fund may incur an excise tax liability resulting from such delayed receipt of such tax information statements. In addition, a Fund may in certain circumstances be required to liquidate Fund investments in order to make sufficient distributions to avoid federal excise tax liability at a time when the investment adviser might not otherwise have chosen to do so, and liquidation of investments in such circumstances may affect the ability of the Fund to satisfy the requirements for qualification as a RIC.

### Distributions to Shareholders

Each Fund receives income generally in the form of dividends and interest on its investment. Each Fund's income (including short-term capital gain), less expenses incurred in the operation of such Fund, constitutes the Fund's net investment income from which dividends may be paid to you. Any distributions of dividends by a Fund will be taxable as ordinary income, whether you take them in cash or additional shares. All or a portion of such dividends may be treated as qualified dividend income (currently eligible for the reduced maximum tax rate to individuals of 20% (lower rates apply to individuals in lower tax brackets)) to the extent that a Fund receives and reports such amounts as qualified dividend income. Qualified dividend income includes, in general, subject to certain requirements, dividend income from taxable U.S. corporations and certain foreign corporations (*e.g.*, foreign corporations incorporated in possessions of the United States or in certain countries with comprehensive tax treaties with the United States and those corporations' whose stock is readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States). A dividend will not be treated as qualified dividend income to the extent that (i) the shareholder has not held the shares of the Fund on which the dividend was paid for more than 60 days during the 121-day period that begins on the date that is 60 days before the date on which the shares of the Fund become "ex-dividend" (which is the day on which declared distributions (dividends or capital gains) are deducted from each Fund's assets before it calculates the NAV) with respect to such dividend, (ii) each Fund has not satisfied similar holding period requirements with respect to the securities it holds that paid the dividends distributed to the shareholder, (iii) the shareholder is under an obligation (whether pursuant to a short sale or otherwise) to make related payments with respect to substantially similar or related property, or (iv) the shareholder elects to treat such dividend as investment income under section 163(d)(4)(B) of the Code. Therefore, if you lend your shares in a Fund, such as pursuant to a securities lending arrangement, you may lose the ability to treat dividends (paid while the shares are held by the borrower) as qualified dividend income. Distributions received by a Fund from an underlying fund that is taxable as a RIC will be treated as qualified dividend income only to the extent so designated by such RIC. Certain investment strategies of the Funds may limit their ability to make distributions that are eligible for the lower tax rates applicable to qualified dividend income.

Because the Funds' income is derived primarily from investments in foreign rather than domestic U.S. securities, their distributions are generally not expected to be eligible for the dividends received deduction for corporate shareholders.

A RIC that receives business interest income may pass through its net business interest income for purposes of the tax rules applicable to the interest expense limitations under Section 163(j) of the Code. A RIC's total "Section 163(j) Interest Dividend" for a tax year is limited to the excess of the RIC's business interest income over the sum of its business interest expense and its other deductions properly allocable to its business interest income. A RIC may, in its discretion, designate all or a portion of ordinary dividends as Section 163(j) Interest Dividends, which would allow the recipient shareholder to treat the designated portion of such dividends as interest income for purposes of determining such shareholder's interest expense deduction limitation under Section 163(j). This can potentially increase the amount of a shareholder's interest expense deductible under Section 163(j). In general, to be eligible to treat a Section 163(j) Interest Dividend as interest income, you must have held your shares in a Fund for more than 180 days during the 361-day period beginning on the date that is 180 days before the date on which the share becomes ex-dividend with respect to such dividend.

Section 163(j) Interest Dividends, if so designated by a Fund, will be reported to your financial intermediary or otherwise in accordance with the requirements specified by the IRS.

A Fund may derive capital gains and losses in connection with sale or other dispositions of its portfolio securities. Distributions by the Fund of their net short-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income. Capital gain distributions consisting of a Fund's net capital gains will be taxable to you at long-term capital gains rates, regardless of how long you have held your shares in a Fund. Long-term capital gains are currently taxed at a maximum rate of 20%. Distributions from capital gains are generally made after applying any available capital loss carryforwards.

To the extent that a Fund makes a distribution of income received by such Fund in lieu of dividends (a "substitute payment") with respect to securities on loan pursuant to a securities lending transaction, such income will not constitute qualified dividend income to individual shareholders and will not be eligible for the dividends-received deduction for corporate shareholders.

A dividend or distribution received shortly after the purchase of shares reduces the net asset value of the shares by the amount of the dividend or distribution and, although in effect a return of capital, will be taxable to the shareholder. If the net asset value of shares were reduced below the shareholder's cost by dividends or distributions representing gains realized on sales of securities, such dividends or distributions would be a return of investment though taxable to the shareholder in the same manner as other dividends or distributions.

If a Fund's distributions exceed its current accumulated earnings and profits for the taxable year, all or a portion of the distributions made in the same taxable year may be recharacterized as a return of capital to shareholders. A return of capital distribution will generally not be taxable, but will reduce each shareholder's cost basis in a Fund and result in a higher reported capital gain or lower reported capital loss when those shares on which the distribution was received are sold.

Each Fund's shareholders will be notified annually by the Fund (or its administrative agent) as to the federal tax status of all distributions made by the Fund.

Dividends declared to shareholders of record in October, November or December and actually paid in January of the following year will be treated as having been received by shareholders on December 31 of the calendar year in which declared. Under this rule, therefore, a shareholder may be taxed in one year on dividends or distributions actually received in January of the following year.

### **Sale, Exchange or Redemption of Shares**

Sales, exchanges and redemptions of Fund shares may be taxable transactions for federal and state income tax purposes. Any gain or loss recognized on a sale, exchange or redemption of shares of a Fund by a shareholder who holds Fund shares as a capital asset will generally be treated as a long-term capital gain or loss if the shares have been held for more than twelve months and otherwise will be treated as short-term capital gain or loss. However, if shares on which a shareholder has received a net capital gain distribution are subsequently sold, exchanged or redeemed and such shares have been held for six months or less, any loss recognized will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of the net capital gain distribution. All or a portion of any loss that you realize upon the redemption of a Fund's shares will be disallowed to the extent that you buy other shares in such Fund (through reinvestment of dividends or otherwise) within 30 days before or after your share redemption. Any loss disallowed under these rules will be added to your tax basis in the new shares you buy. For tax purposes, an exchange of your Fund shares for shares of a different fund is the same as a sale. If disallowed, the loss will be reflected in an upward adjustment to the basis of the shares acquired.

Each Fund (or their administrative agents) must report to the IRS and furnish to Fund shareholders the cost basis information for Fund shares. In addition to the requirement to report the gross proceeds from the sale of Fund shares, each Fund (or its administrative agent) is also required to report the cost basis information for such shares and indicate whether these shares have a short-term or long-term holding period. For each sale of Fund shares, each Fund will permit its shareholders to elect from among several IRS-accepted cost basis methods, including the average cost basis method. In the absence of an election, each Fund will use the average

cost basis method as its default cost basis method. The cost basis method elected by shareholders (or the cost basis method applied by default) for each sale of a Fund's shares may not be changed after the settlement date of each such sale of a Fund's shares. If your shares are held in a brokerage account, your broker may use a different method and you should contact your broker to determine which method it will use. Fund shareholders should consult their tax advisors to determine the best IRS-accepted cost basis method for their tax situation and to obtain more information about cost basis reporting. Shareholders also should carefully review any cost basis information provided to them and make any additional basis, holding period or other adjustments that are required when reporting these amounts on their federal income tax returns.

### **Net Investment Income Tax**

U.S. individuals with income exceeding \$200,000 (\$250,000 if married and filing jointly) are subject to a 3.8% tax on their "net investment income," including interest, dividends and capital gains (including capital gains realized on the sale or exchange of shares of a Fund).

### **Foreign Taxes**

Dividends and interest received by a Fund may be subject to income, withholding or other taxes imposed by foreign countries and United States possessions that would reduce the yield on a Fund's securities. Tax conventions between certain countries and the United States may reduce or eliminate these taxes. Foreign countries generally do not impose taxes on capital gains with respect to investments by foreign investors. If more than 50% of the value of a Fund's total assets at the close of its taxable year consists of stock or securities of foreign corporations, a Fund will be eligible to, and intends to, file an election with the IRS that will enable shareholders, in effect, to receive the benefit of the foreign tax credit with respect to any foreign and United States possessions income taxes paid by a Fund. Pursuant to the election, a Fund will treat those taxes as dividends paid to its shareholders. Each shareholder will be required to include a proportionate share of those taxes in gross income as income received from a foreign source and must treat the amount so included as if the shareholder had paid the foreign tax directly. The shareholder may then either deduct the taxes deemed paid by him or her in computing his or her taxable income or, alternatively, use the foregoing information in calculating the foreign tax credit (subject to significant limitations) against the shareholder's federal income tax. If a Fund makes the election, it will report annually to its shareholders the respective amounts per share of a Fund's income from sources within, and taxes paid to, foreign countries and United States possessions. If a Fund does not hold sufficient foreign securities to meet the above threshold, then shareholders will not be entitled to claim a credit or further deduction with respect to foreign taxes paid by the Fund.

A shareholder's ability to claim a foreign tax credit or deduction in respect of foreign taxes paid by a Fund may be subject to certain limitations imposed by the Code, which may result in a shareholder not receiving a full credit or deduction (if any) for the amount of such taxes. In particular, shareholders must hold their Fund shares (without protection from risk of loss) on the ex-dividend date and for at least 15 additional days during the 30-day period surrounding the ex-dividend date to be eligible to claim a foreign tax credit with respect to a given dividend. Shareholders who do not itemize on their federal income tax returns may claim a credit (but no deduction) for such foreign taxes. Even if a Fund were eligible to make such an election for a given year, it may determine not to do so. Shareholders that are not subject to U.S. federal income tax, and those who invest in a Fund through tax-advantaged accounts (including those who invest through individual retirement accounts or other tax-advantaged retirement plans), generally will receive no benefit from any tax credit or deduction passed through by a Fund. Under certain circumstances, if a Fund receives a refund of foreign taxes paid in respect of a prior year, the value of Fund shares could be affected or any foreign tax credits or deductions passed through to shareholders in respect of the Fund's foreign taxes for the current year could be reduced.

### **Tax Treatment of Complex Securities**

Each Fund may invest in complex securities. These investments may be subject to numerous special and complex provisions of the Code that, among other things, may affect a Fund's ability to qualify as a RIC, affect whether gains and losses recognized by a Fund are treated as ordinary income or capital gain, accelerate the

recognition of income to the Fund and/or defer the Fund's ability to recognize losses, and in limited cases, subject to the Fund to U.S. federal income tax on income from certain of its foreign securities. These rules could affect the amount, timing or character of the income distributed to shareholders by a Fund and may require the Funds to sell securities to mitigate the effects of these rules and prevent disqualification of the Funds as RIC's at a time when advisers may not otherwise have chosen to do so.

A Fund's transactions in foreign currencies and forward foreign currency contracts will generally be subject to special provisions of the Code that, among other things, may affect the character of gains and losses realized by the Funds (*i.e.*, may affect whether gains or losses are ordinary or capital), accelerate recognition of income to the Fund and defer losses. These rules could therefore affect the character, amount and timing of distributions to shareholders. These provisions also may require a Fund to mark-to-market certain types of positions in its portfolio (*i.e.*, treat them as if they were closed out), which may cause the Fund to recognize income without receiving cash with which to make distributions in amounts necessary to satisfy the distribution requirements and for avoiding the excise tax discussed above. The Funds intend to monitor their transactions, intend to make the appropriate tax elections and intend to make the appropriate entries in their books and records when they acquire any foreign currency or forward foreign currency contract in order to mitigate the effect of these rules so as to prevent disqualification of a Fund as a RIC and minimize the imposition of income and excise taxes. Accordingly, a Fund may be required to liquidate its investments at a time when the Adviser might not otherwise have chosen to do so.

If a Fund owns shares in certain foreign investment entities, referred to as "passive foreign investment companies" or "PFICs," such Fund will be subject to one of the following special tax regimes: (i) the Fund is liable for U.S. federal income tax, and an additional interest charge, on a portion of any "excess distribution" from such foreign entity or any gain from the disposition of such shares, even if the entire distribution or gain is paid out by the Fund as a dividend to its shareholders; (ii) if the Fund were able and elected to treat a PFIC as a "qualifying electing fund" or "QEF," the Fund would be required each year to include in income, and distribute to shareholders in accordance with the Distribution Requirements set forth above, the Fund's pro rata share of the ordinary earnings and net capital gains of the PFIC, whether or not such earnings or gains are distributed to the Fund; or (iii) the Fund may be entitled to mark-to-market annually shares of the PFIC and in such event would be required to distribute to shareholders any such mark-to-market gains in accordance with the distribution requirements set forth above. A Fund may have to distribute to its shareholders certain "phantom" income and gain such Fund accrues with respect to its investment in a PFIC in order to satisfy the distribution requirement and to avoid imposition of the 4% excise tax described above. The Funds intend to make the appropriate tax elections, if possible, and take any additional steps that are necessary to mitigate the effect of these rules. Amounts included in income each year by a Fund arising from a QEF election will be "qualifying income" under the Qualifying Income Test (as described above) even if not distributed to a Fund, if the Fund derives such income from its business of investing in stock, securities or currencies.

The use of hedging strategies, such as entering into forward foreign currency contracts, involves complex rules that will determine for income tax purposes the character and timing of recognition of the income received in connection therewith by a Fund. These complex tax rules could also affect whether gains and losses recognized by a Fund are treated as ordinary income or capital gains, accelerate the recognition of income to a Fund and/or defer a Fund's ability to recognize losses. Income from foreign currencies and income from transactions in certain forward contracts that are directly related to a Fund's business of investing in securities or foreign currencies are likely to qualify for purposes of the Qualifying Income Test.

With respect to investments in STRIPS, TRs, TIGRs, LYONs, CATS and other zero coupon securities that are sold at original issue discount and thus do not make periodic cash interest payments, a Fund will be required to include as part of its current income the imputed interest on such obligations even though a Fund has not received any interest payments on such obligations during that period. Because each Fund intends to distribute all of its net investment income to its shareholders, a Fund may have to sell Fund securities to distribute such imputed income, which may occur at a time when SIMC or the Funds' Sub-Advisers would not have chosen to sell such securities and which may result in taxable gain or loss.

Any market discount recognized on a bond is taxable as ordinary income. A market discount bond is a bond acquired in the secondary market at a price below redemption value or adjusted issue price if issued with original issue discount. Absent an election by a Fund to include the market discount in income as it accrues, gain on such Fund's disposition of such an obligation will be treated as ordinary income rather than capital gain to the extent of the accrued market discount.

A Fund may invest in inflation-linked debt securities. Any increase in the principal amount of an inflation-linked debt security will be original interest discount, which is taxable as ordinary income and is required to be distributed, even though the Fund will not receive the principal, including any increase thereto, until maturity. As noted above, if a Fund invests in such securities it may be required to liquidate other investments, including at times when it is not advantageous to do so, in order to satisfy its distribution requirements and to eliminate any possible taxation at the Fund level.

Each Fund is required for federal income tax purposes to mark-to-market and recognize as income for each taxable year its net unrealized gains and losses on certain futures and options contracts subject to section 1256 of the Code ("Section 1256 Contracts") as of the end of the year as well as those actually realized during the year. Gain or loss from Section 1256 Contracts on broad-based indexes required to be marked to market will be 60% long-term and 40% short-term capital gain or loss. Application of this rule may alter the timing and character of distributions to shareholders. A Fund may be required to defer the recognition of losses on Section 1256 Contracts to the extent of any unrecognized gains on offsetting positions held by the Fund. Net gain realized from the closing out of certain futures or options contracts may be considered gain from the sale of securities and therefore will be qualifying income for purposes of the Qualifying Income Test. Each Fund intends to distribute to shareholders at least annually any net capital gains that have been recognized for federal income tax purposes, including unrealized gains at the end of the Funds' fiscal year on futures or options transactions. Such distributions are combined with distributions of capital gains realized on each Fund's other investments and shareholders are advised on the nature of the distributions.

In addition, the Funds may invest in certain exchange-traded products, which may not produce qualifying income for purposes of the Qualifying Income Test. The Funds intend to monitor such investments to ensure that any non-qualifying income does not exceed permissible limits, but the Funds may not be able to accurately predict the non-qualifying income from these investments.

### **Certain Foreign Currency Tax Issues**

As described above, gains from the sale or other disposition of foreign currencies and other income (including, but not limited to, gains from options, futures or forward contracts) derived from investing in stock, securities or foreign currencies generally are included as qualifying income in applying the Qualifying Income Test. It should be noted, however, that for purposes of the Qualifying Income Test, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to issue regulations that would exclude from qualifying income foreign currency gains that are not directly related to the RIC's principal business of investing in stock or securities (or options and futures with respect to stock or securities). No regulations have been issued pursuant to this authorization. It is possible, however, that such regulations may be issued in the future. It is possible that under such future regulations a Fund may no longer satisfy the Qualifying Income Test and might fail to qualify as a RIC.

It is also possible that a Fund's strategy of investing in foreign currency-related financial instruments might cause the Funds to fail to satisfy the Asset Diversification Test, resulting in their failure to qualify as a RIC. Failure of the Asset Diversification Test might result from a determination by the IRS that financial instruments in which the Funds invest are not securities. Moreover, even if the financial instruments are treated as securities, a determination by the IRS regarding the identity of the issuers of the securities or the fair market values of the securities that differs from the determinations made by the Funds could result in the failure by the Funds to diversify their investments in a manner necessary to satisfy the Asset Diversification Test. It is also currently unclear who will be treated as the issuer of a foreign currency instrument for purposes of the Asset Diversification Test.

### **Backup Withholding**

A Fund will be required in certain cases to withhold at a 24% rate and remit to the United States Treasury the amount withheld on amounts payable to any shareholder who: (i) has provided a Fund either an incorrect tax identification number or no number at all; (ii) is subject to backup withholding by the IRS for failure to

properly report payments of interest or dividends; (iii) has failed to certify to a Fund that such shareholder is not subject to backup withholding; or (iv) has not certified that such shareholder is a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien). Any amounts withheld may be credited against the shareholder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided the appropriate information is furnished to the IRS.

### Non-U.S. Investors

Non-U.S. investors in a Fund may be subject to U.S. withholding and estate tax and are encouraged to consult their tax advisor prior to investing in a Fund. Foreign shareholders (*i.e.*, nonresident alien individuals and foreign corporations, partnerships, trusts and estates) are generally subject to U.S. withholding tax at the rate of 30% (or a lower tax treaty rate) on distributions derived from taxable ordinary income. The Fund may, under certain circumstances, report all or a portion of a dividend as an "interest-related dividend" or a "short-term capital gain dividend," which would generally be exempt from this 30% U.S. withholding tax, provided certain other requirements are met. Short-term capital gain dividends received by a nonresident alien individual who is present in the U.S. for a period or periods aggregating 183 days or more during the taxable year are not exempt from this 30% withholding tax. Gains realized by foreign shareholders from the sale or other disposition of shares of the Fund generally are not subject to U.S. taxation, unless the recipient is an individual who is physically present in the U.S. for 183 days or more per year. Foreign shareholders who fail to provide an applicable IRS form may be subject to backup withholding on certain payments from the Fund. Backup withholding will not be applied to payments that are subject to the 30% (or lower applicable treaty rate) withholding tax described in this paragraph. Different tax consequences may result if the foreign shareholder is engaged in a trade or business within the United States. In addition, the tax consequences to a foreign shareholder entitled to claim the benefits of a tax treaty may be different than those described above.

Under legislation generally known as "FATCA" (the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act), a Fund is required to withhold 30% of certain ordinary dividends it pays to shareholders that fail to meet prescribed information reporting or certification requirements. In general, no such withholding will be required with respect to a U.S. person or non-U.S. person that timely provides the certifications required by a fund or its agent on a valid IRS Form W-9 or applicable series of IRS Form W-8, respectively. Shareholders potentially subject to withholding include foreign financial institutions ("FFIs"), such as non-U.S. investment funds, and non-financial foreign entities ("NFFEs"). To avoid withholding under FATCA, an FFI generally must enter into an information sharing agreement with the IRS in which it agrees to report certain identifying information (including name, address, and taxpayer identification number) with respect to its U.S. account holders (which, in the case of an entity shareholder, may include its direct and indirect U.S. owners), and an NFFE generally must identify and provide other required information to a Fund or other withholding agent regarding its U.S. owners, if any. Such non-U.S. shareholders also may fall into certain exempt, excepted or deemed compliant categories as established by regulations and other guidance. A non-U.S. shareholder resident doing business in a country that has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the U.S. to implement FATCA will be exempt from FATCA withholding provided that the shareholder and the applicable foreign government comply with the terms of the agreement.

A non-U.S. entity that invests in a Fund will need to provide such Fund with documentation properly certifying the entity's status under FATCA in order to avoid FATCA withholding. Non-U.S. investors in the Funds should consult their tax advisors in this regard.

### Tax Shelter Reporting Regulations

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

## Tax-Exempt Shareholders

Certain tax-exempt shareholders, including qualified pension plans, individual retirement accounts, salary deferral arrangements, 401(k)s and other tax-exempt entities, generally are exempt from federal income taxation except with respect to their unrelated business taxable income (“UBTI”). Under the Code, tax-exempt entities are not permitted to offset losses from one trade or business against the income or gain of another trade or business. Certain net losses incurred prior to January 1, 2018 are permitted to offset gain and income created by an unrelated trade or business, if otherwise available. Under current law, the Funds serve to block UBTI from being realized by their tax-exempt shareholders. However, notwithstanding the foregoing, tax-exempt shareholders could realize UBTI by virtue of an investment in a Fund where, for example: (i) the Fund invests in residual interests of REMICs; (ii) the Fund invests in a REIT that is a taxable mortgage pool (“TMP”) or that has a subsidiary that is TMP or that invests in the residual interest of a REMIC; or (iii) shares in the Fund constitute debt-financed property in the hands of the tax-exempt shareholder within the meaning of section 514(b) of the Code. Charitable remainder trusts are subject to special rules and should consult their tax advisors. The IRS has issued guidance with respect to these issues and prospective shareholders, especially charitable remainder trusts, are strongly encouraged to consult their tax advisors regarding these issues.

The Funds’ shares held in a tax-qualified retirement account will generally not be subject to federal taxation on income and capital gains distributions from a Fund until a shareholder begins receiving payments from their retirement account. Because each shareholder’s tax situation is different, shareholders should consult their tax advisor about the tax implications of an investment in the Funds.

## State Taxes

It is expected that the Funds will not be liable for any corporate excise, income or franchise tax in Massachusetts if they qualify as a RIC for federal income tax purposes. Rules of state and local taxation of dividend and capital gains distributions from RICs often differ from the rules for federal income taxation described above. Many states grant tax-free status to ordinary income distributions that a Fund pays to you, which are derived from interest on direct obligations of the U.S. Government. Some states have minimum investment requirements for this tax-free status that must be met by a Fund. Investments in GNMA or Fannie Mae securities, bankers’ acceptances, commercial paper, and repurchase requirements collateralized by U.S. Government securities do not generally qualify for state tax-free treatment. The rules or exclusion of this income are different for corporate shareholders. Depending upon state and local law, distributions by a Fund to shareholders and the ownership of shares may be subject to state and local taxes.

## PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

**Brokerage Transactions.** Generally, equity securities are bought and sold through brokerage transactions for which commissions are payable. Purchases from underwriters will include the underwriting commission or concession, and purchases from dealers serving as market makers will include a dealer’s mark-up or reflect a dealer’s mark-down. Money market securities and other debt securities are usually bought and sold directly from the issuer or an underwriter or market maker for the securities. Generally, the Funds will not pay brokerage commissions for such purchases. When a debt security is bought from an underwriter, the purchase price will usually include an underwriting commission or concession. The purchase price for securities bought from dealers serving as market makers will similarly include the dealer’s mark-up or reflect a dealer’s mark-down. When a Fund executes transactions in the over-the-counter market, it will generally deal with primary market makers unless prices that are more favorable are otherwise obtainable.

**Brokerage Selection.** The Trust has no obligation to deal with any dealer or group of brokers or dealers in the execution of transactions in portfolio securities. Subject to policies established by the Trustees, SIMC and the Funds’ Sub-Advisers are responsible for placing orders to execute Fund transactions. In placing brokerage orders, it is the Trust’s policy to seek to obtain the best net results taking into account such factors as price (including the applicable dealer spread), size, type and difficulty of the transaction involved, the firm’s general execution and operational facilities and the firm’s risk in positioning the securities involved. While SIMC and the Sub-Advisers generally seek reasonably competitive spreads or commissions, the Trust will not necessarily be paying the lowest spread or commission available. The Trust will not purchase portfolio securities from any affiliated person acting as principal except in conformity with the regulations of the SEC.

The Trust does not expect to use one particular broker or dealer, and when one or more brokers is believed capable of providing the best combination of price and execution, SIMC or a Sub-Adviser, as applicable, may cause the Trust to select a broker based upon brokerage or research services provided to SIMC or a Sub-Adviser. SIMC or a Sub-Advisers may pay a higher commission than otherwise obtainable from other brokers in return for such services only if a good faith determination is made that the commission is reasonable in relation to the services provided.

Section 28(e) of the 1934 Act (“Section 28(e)”) permits SIMC or a Sub-Adviser, under certain circumstances, to cause a Fund to pay a broker or dealer a commission for effecting a transaction in excess of the amount of commission another broker or dealer would have charged for effecting the transaction in recognition of the value of brokerage and research services provided by the broker or dealer. Brokerage and research services include: (i) furnishing advice as to the value of securities, the advisability of investing in, purchasing or selling securities and the availability of securities or purchasers or sellers of securities; (ii) furnishing analyses and reports concerning issuers, industries, securities, economic factors and trends, portfolio strategy and the performance of accounts; and (iii) effecting securities transactions and performing functions incidental thereto (such as clearance, settlement and custody). In the case of research services, SIMC and the Sub-Advisers believe that access to independent investment research is beneficial to their investment decision-making processes and, therefore, to the Funds. In addition to agency transactions, SIMC or a Sub-Adviser may receive brokerage and research services in connection with certain riskless principal transactions, in accordance with applicable SEC guidance.

To the extent research services may be a factor in selecting brokers, such services may be in written form or through direct contact with individuals and may include information as to particular companies and securities as well as market, economic or institutional areas and information that assist in the valuation and pricing of investments. Examples of research-oriented services for which SIMC or a Sub-Adviser might utilize Fund commissions include research reports and other information on the economy, industries, sectors, groups of securities, individual companies, statistical information, political developments, technical market action, pricing and appraisal services, credit analysis, risk measurement analysis, performance and other analysis. SIMC or a Sub-Adviser may use research services furnished by brokers in servicing all client accounts and not all services may necessarily be used in connection with the account that paid commissions to the broker providing such services. Information so received by SIMC or a Sub-Adviser will be in addition to and not in lieu of the services required to be performed by SIMC or a Sub-Adviser under their Investment Advisory Agreements. Any advisory or other fees paid to SIMC or a Sub-Adviser are not reduced as a result of the receipt of research services.

In some cases SIMC or a Sub-Adviser may receive a service from a broker that has both a “research” and a “non-research” use. When this occurs, SIMC or a Sub-Adviser, as applicable, makes a good faith allocation, under all the circumstances, between the research and non-research uses of the service. The percentage of the service that is used for research purposes may be paid for with client commissions, while SIMC or a Sub-Adviser will use their own funds to pay for the percentage of the service that is used for non-research purposes. In making this good faith allocation, SIMC and the Sub-Advisers face a potential conflict of interest, but SIMC and the Sub-Advisers believe that their respective allocation procedures are reasonably designed to ensure that they appropriately allocate the anticipated use of such services to their research and non-research uses.

From time to time, the Funds may purchase new issues of securities for clients in a fixed price offering. In these situations, the seller may be a member of the selling group that will, in addition to selling securities, provide SIMC or a Sub-Adviser with research services. The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority has adopted rules expressly permitting these types of arrangements under certain circumstances. Generally, the seller will provide research “credits” in these situations at a rate that is higher than that which is available for typical secondary market transactions. These arrangements may not fall within the safe harbor of Section 28(e).

SIMC also from time to time executes trades with the Distributor, acting as introducing broker, in connection with the transition of the securities and other assets included in a Fund’s portfolio when there is a change in sub-advisers in the Fund or a reallocation of assets among the Fund’s Sub-Advisers. An unaffiliated third-party broker selected by SIMC or the relevant Sub-Adviser provides execution and clearing services with respect to such trades and is compensated for such services out of the commission paid to the Distributor on the trades. All such transactions effected using the Distributor as introducing broker must be accomplished in a manner that is consistent with the Trust’s policy to achieve best net results and must comply with the Trust’s procedures regarding the execution of Fund transactions through affiliated brokers.

The Funds do not direct brokerage to brokers in recognition of, or as compensation for, the promotion or sale of Fund shares.

For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2024 and 2025, the Funds paid the following brokerage fees:

Fund	Total \$ Amount of Brokerage Commissions Paid (000)			Total \$ Amount of Brokerage Commissions Paid to Affiliated Brokers (000)			% of Total Brokerage Commissions Paid to Affiliated Brokers	% of Total Brokerage Transactions Effected Through Affiliated Brokers
	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2025	2025
International Equity Fund . . . . .	\$2,533	\$2,416	\$2,456	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$291	12%	16%
Emerging Markets Equity Fund . . . . .	\$1,909	\$1,562	\$1,611	\$37	\$43	\$142	9%	15%
International Fixed Income Fund . . . . .	\$ 37	\$ 32	\$ 32	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0%	0%
Emerging Markets Debt Fund . . . . .	\$ 14	\$ 15	\$ 4	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0%	0%

The portfolio turnover rates for the International Equity, Emerging Markets Equity, International Fixed Income and Emerging Markets Debt Funds for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2025 were as follows:

Fund	Turnover Rate	
	2024	2025
International Equity Fund . . . . .	72%	89%
Emerging Markets Equity Fund . . . . .	70%	75%
International Fixed Income Fund . . . . .	167%	87%
Emerging Markets Debt Fund* . . . . .	103%	149%

The change in portfolio turnover rate for the Emerging Markets Debt Fund was driven by sub-adviser changes.

The Trust is required to identify any securities of its “regular broker dealers” (as such term is defined in the 1940 Act) that the Trust has acquired during its most recent fiscal year. As of September 30, 2025, the Trust held securities from the following issuers:

Fund	Type of Security	Name of Issuer	Amount (000)
International Equity Fund	Equity	Barclay Bank PLC	\$42,370
	Equity	UBS Securities LLC	\$37,475
International Fixed Income Fund	Debt	Citadel	\$ 1,014
	Debt	Morgan Stanley & Co, Inc	\$ 1,570
	Debt	UBS Securities LLC	\$ 2,190
Emerging Markets Debt Fund	Debt	J.P. Morgan Securities	\$ 234

**Brokerage with Fund Affiliates.** It is expected that a Fund may execute brokerage or other agency transactions through the Distributor, a registered broker-dealer, for a commission, in conformity with the 1940 Act, the 1934 Act and rules, or any orders of the SEC. These provisions require that commissions paid to the Distributor by the Trust for exchange transactions not exceed “usual and customary” brokerage commissions. The rules define “usual and customary” commissions to include amounts that are “reasonable and fair compared to the commission, fee or other remuneration received or to be received by other brokers in connection with comparable transactions involving similar securities being purchased or sold on a securities exchange during a comparable period of time.” In addition, the Funds may direct commission business to one or more designated broker-dealers, including the Distributor, in connection with payment of certain of the Funds’ expenses by such broker-dealers. The Trustees, including those who are not “interested persons” of the Trust, have adopted procedures for evaluating the reasonableness of commissions paid to the Distributor and will review these procedures periodically. The Trust will not purchase portfolio securities from any affiliated person acting as principal except in conformity with the regulations or any orders of the SEC.

## DISCLOSURE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS INFORMATION

The Funds' portfolio holdings can be obtained on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.seic.com/holdings> (the "Portfolio Holdings Website"). The Board has approved a policy that provides that portfolio holdings may not be made available to any third party until after such information has been posted on the Portfolio Holdings Website, with limited exceptions noted below. This policy seeks to ensure that the disclosure of information regarding the Funds' portfolio securities is in the best interests of Fund shareholders, and includes procedures to address conflicts of interest.

Five calendar days after each month end, a list of all portfolio holdings in each Fund as of the end of such month shall be made available on the Portfolio Holdings Website. Beginning on the day after any portfolio holdings information is posted on the Portfolio Holdings Website, such information will be delivered directly to any person that requests it, through electronic or other means. The portfolio holdings information placed on the Portfolio Holdings Website shall remain there until the fifth calendar day of the thirteenth month after the date to which the data relates, at which time it will be permanently removed from the site.

Portfolio holdings information may be provided to independent third-party fund reporting services (e.g., Lipper, Broadridge or Morningstar) for a legitimate business purpose, but will be delivered no earlier than the date such information is posted on the Portfolio Holdings Website, unless the reporting service executes a confidentiality agreement with the Trust that is satisfactory to the Trust's officers and that provides that the reporting service will not trade on the information.

Portfolio holdings information may also be provided at any time and as frequently as daily to the Funds' Trustees, SIMC, the Sub-Advisers, the Distributor, the Administrator and certain other service providers, as well as additional contractors and vendors that may include, but are not limited to: the custodian and sub-custodian, the transfer agent, attorneys, independent auditors, securities lending agents, tax filing and reclamation vendors, class-action monitoring and filing vendors, printing and filing vendors, proxy vendors and providers of portfolio monitoring and analytical tools. Service providers will be subject to a duty of confidentiality with respect to any portfolio holdings information, whether imposed by a confidentiality agreement, the provisions of the service provider's contract with the Trust, or by the nature of its relationship with the Trust, and such service providers will be prohibited from trading on the information.

Portfolio holdings of a Fund may also be provided to a prospective service provider for that Fund, so long as the prospective service provider executes a confidentiality agreement with the Fund in such form as deemed acceptable by an officer of the Fund. Additionally, a Sub-Adviser may provide portfolio holdings information to third-party service providers in connection with its duties as a Sub-Adviser, provided that the Sub-Adviser is responsible for such third-party's confidential treatment of such data. The Sub-Adviser is also obligated, pursuant to its fiduciary duty to the relevant Fund, to ensure that any third-party service provider will keep the information confidential and has a duty not to trade on any portfolio holdings information it receives other than subject to the Sub-Adviser's instruction.

The Board exercises on-going oversight of the disclosure of Fund portfolio holdings by overseeing the implementation of the Funds' policies and procedures by the CCO.

Neither the Funds, SIMC, nor any other service provider to the Funds may receive compensation or other consideration for providing portfolio holdings information.

The Trust files a complete schedule of the Funds' investments within 60 days after the end of each fiscal quarter pursuant to Form N-CSR and/or as exhibits to Form N-PORT.

## DESCRIPTION OF SHARES

The Declaration of Trust authorizes the issuance of an unlimited number of shares of each Fund, each of which represents an equal proportionate interest in that Fund. Each share upon liquidation entitles a shareholder to a pro rata share in the net assets of that Fund. Shareholders have no preemptive rights. The Declaration of Trust provides that the Trustees of the Trust may create additional portfolios of shares or classes of portfolios. Share certificates representing the shares will not be issued.

## LIMITATION OF TRUSTEES' LIABILITY

The Declaration of Trust provides that a Trustee shall be liable only for his own willful defaults and, if reasonable care has been exercised in the selection of officers, agents, employees or administrators, shall not be liable for any neglect or wrongdoing of any such person. The Declaration of Trust also provides that the Trust will indemnify its Trustees and officers against liabilities and expenses incurred in connection with actual or threatened litigation in which they may be involved because of their offices with the Trust unless it is determined in the manner provided in the Declaration of Trust that they have not acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that their actions were in the best interests of the Trust. However, nothing in the Declaration of Trust shall protect or indemnify a Trustee against any liability for his willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of his duties.

## CODES OF ETHICS

The Board has adopted a Code of Ethics pursuant to Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act. In addition, SIMC, the Sub-Advisers and the Distributor have adopted Codes of Ethics pursuant to Rule 17j-1. These Codes of Ethics apply to the personal investing activities of trustees, officers and certain employees ("access persons"). Rule 17j-1 and the Codes of Ethics are reasonably designed to prevent unlawful practices in connection with the purchase or sale of securities by access persons. Under each Code of Ethics, access persons at most Sub-Advisers are permitted to engage in personal securities transactions, including securities that may be purchased or held by the Funds but are required to report their personal securities transactions for monitoring purposes. In addition, certain access persons are required to obtain approval before investing in initial public offerings or private placements or are prohibited from making such investments. Access persons at certain Sub-Advisers may be prohibited from engaging in personal securities transactions entirely. Copies of these Codes of Ethics are on file with the SEC and are available to the public.

## VOTING

Each share held entitles the shareholder of record to one vote. Shareholders of each Fund or class will vote separately on matters pertaining solely to that Fund or class, such as any distribution plan. As a Massachusetts business trust, the Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders, but approval will be sought for certain changes in the operation of the Trust and for the election of Trustees under certain circumstances. In addition, a Trustee may be removed by the remaining Trustees or by shareholders at a special meeting called upon written request of shareholders owning at least 10% of the outstanding shares of the Trust. In the event that such a meeting is requested, the Trust will provide appropriate assistance and information to the shareholders requesting the meeting.

Where the Prospectuses for the Funds or SAI state that an investment limitation or a fundamental policy may not be changed without shareholder approval, such approval means the vote of: (i) 67% or more of a Fund's shares present at a meeting if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Fund are present or represented by proxy; or (ii) more than 50% of a Fund's outstanding shares, whichever is less.

## SHAREHOLDER LIABILITY

The Trust is an entity of the type commonly known as a "Massachusetts business trust." Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a Trust could, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for the obligations of the Trust. Even if, however, the Trust were held to be a partnership, the possibility of the shareholders incurring financial loss for that reason appears remote because the Trust's Declaration of Trust contains an express disclaimer of shareholder liability for obligations of the Trust and requires that notice of such disclaimer be given in each agreement, obligation or instrument entered into or executed by or on behalf of the Trust or the Trustees, and because the Declaration of Trust provides for indemnification out of the Trust property for any shareholders held personally liable for the obligations of the Trust.

## CONTROL PERSONS AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF SECURITIES

As of January 20, 2026, the following persons were the only persons who were record owners (or to the knowledge of the Trust, beneficial owners) of 5% or more of the shares of a Fund. Persons who owned of record or beneficially more than 25% of a Fund's outstanding shares may be deemed to control the Fund within the meaning of the 1940 Act. Shareholders controlling the Fund could have the ability to vote a majority of the shares of the Fund on any matter requiring the approval of shareholders of the Fund. The Trust believes that most of the shares referred to below were held by the below persons in accounts for their fiduciary, agency or custodial customers.

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>Percent of Fund/Class</u>
<b>International Equity Fund—Class F Shares</b>		
SEI Private Trust Company . . . . . c/o GWP US Advisors One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456-9989	206,342,299.7	83.44%
SEI Private Trust Company . . . . . c/o GWP US Advisors One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456-9989	19,214,303.09	7.77%
<b>Emerging Markets Equity Fund—Class F Shares</b>		
SEI Private Trust Company . . . . . c/o GWP US Advisors One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456-9989	80,576,640.77	80.52%
SEI Private Trust Company . . . . . c/o GWP US Advisors One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456-9989	8,509,405.654	8.50%
SEI Private Trust Company . . . . . Attn: Mutual Fund Admin One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456-9989	5,839,107.813	5.84%
<b>Emerging Markets Debt Fund—Class F Shares</b>		
SEI Private Trust Company . . . . . c/o GWP US Advisors One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456-9989	77,004,957.91	84.87%
SEI Private Trust Company . . . . . c/o GWP US Advisors One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456-9989	9,356,947.676	10.31%

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>Percent of Fund/Class</u>
<b>International Fixed Income Fund—Class F Shares</b>		
SEI Private Trust Company ..... c/o GWP US Advisors One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456-9989	34,559,072.78	90.43%
SEI Private Trust Company ..... c/o GWP US Advisors One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456-9989	2,528,821.077	6.62%
<b>International Equity Fund—Class I Shares</b>		
Maril & Co. FBO JH ..... c/o Reliance Trust Company Attn: MF 4900 W. Brown Deer Rd. Milwaukee, WI 53223-2422	20,335.297	69.07%
DCGT AS TTEE and/or CUST ..... FBO PLIC Various Retirement Plans Omnibus Attn: NPIO Trade Desk 711 High Street Des Moines, IA 50392-0001	9,073.204	30.82%
<b>International Equity Fund—Class Y Shares</b>		
SEI Private Trust Company ..... c/o GWS US Advisors Y Shares One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, PA 19456-9989	14,143,871.1	45.13%
Charles Schwab & Co Inc ..... Special Custody A/C FBO Customers Attn: Mutual Funds 211 Main Street San Francisco, CA 94105-1901	5,255,461.312	16.77%
SEI Private Trust Company ..... c/o GWS US Advisors Y Shares One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, PA 19456-9989	3,397,661.126	10.84%
SEI Asset Allocation Trust ..... Tax-Managed Market Growth Strategy Fund One Freedom Valley Drive Oaks, PA 19456-9989	1,631,798.417	5.21%

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>Percent of Fund/Class</u>
<b>Emerging Markets Equity Fund—Class Y Shares</b>		
SEI Private Trust Company ..... c/o GWS US Advisors Y Shares One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, PA 19456-9989	5,823,794.315	54.32%
Charles Schwab & Co Inc ..... Special Custody A/C FBO Customers Attn: Mutual Funds 211 Main Street San Francisco, CA 94105-1901	2,017,658.009	18.82%
SEI Private Trust Company ..... c/o GWS US Advisors Y Shares One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, PA 19456-9989	1,292,621.28	12.06%
<b>Emerging Markets Debt Fund—Class Y Shares</b>		
SEI Private Trust Company ..... c/o GWS US Advisors Y Shares One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, PA 19456-9989	5,300,046.62	53.77%
SEI Private Trust Company ..... c/o GWS US Advisors Y Shares One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, PA 19456-9989	1,268,272.642	12.87%
SEI Asset Allocation Trust ..... Tax-Managed Market Growth Strategy Fund One Freedom Valley Drive Oaks, PA 19456-9989	568,280.488	5.77%
SEI Asset Allocation Trust ..... Market Growth Strategy Fund One Freedom Valley Drive Oaks, PA 19456-9989	495,918.692	5.03%
<b>International Fixed Income Fund—Class Y Shares</b>		
SEI Private Trust Company ..... c/o GWS US Advisors Y Shares One Freedom Valley Drive Oaks, PA 19456-9989	3,549,529.701	76.09%
SEI Private Trust Company ..... c/o S&T Bank One Freedom Valley Drive Oaks, PA 19456-9989	712,842.258	15.28%

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>Percent of Fund/Class</u>
SEI Private Trust Company ..... c/o GWS US Advisors Y Shares One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, PA 19456-9989	352,260.879	7.55%

**INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

KPMG LLP, located at 1735 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, serves as the Trust's independent registered public accounting firm.

**CUSTODIAN**

Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., located at 50 Post Office Square, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110-1548, serves as custodian for the assets of the Funds (the "Custodian"). The Custodian holds cash, securities and other assets of the Trust as required by the 1940 Act. U.S. Bank National Association, 425 Walnut Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, acts as wire agent of the Trust's assets.

**LEGAL COUNSEL**

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, located at 2222 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, serves as counsel to the Trust.

## APPENDIX A DESCRIPTION OF RATINGS

### Description of Ratings

The following descriptions of securities ratings have been published by Moody's Investors Services, Inc. ("Moody's"), S&P Global Ratings ("S&P"), and Fitch Ratings ("Fitch"), respectively.

### Description of Moody's Global Ratings

Ratings assigned on Moody's global long-term and short-term rating scales are forward-looking opinions of the relative credit risks of financial obligations issued by non-financial corporates, financial institutions, structured finance vehicles, project finance vehicles, and public sector entities. Long-term ratings are assigned to issuers or obligations with an original maturity of eleven months or more and reflect both on the likelihood of a default or impairment on contractual financial obligations and the expected financial loss suffered in the event of default or impairment. Short-term ratings are assigned to obligations with an original maturity of thirteen months or less and reflect both on the likelihood of a default or impairment on contractual financial obligations and the expected financial loss suffered in the event of default or impairment.

### Description of Moody's Global Long-Term Ratings

- Aaa** Obligations rated Aaa are judged to be of the highest quality, subject to the lowest level of credit risk.
- Aa** Obligations rated Aa are judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk.
- A** Obligations rated A are judged to be upper-medium grade and are subject to low credit risk.
- Baa** Obligations rated Baa are judged to be medium-grade and subject to moderate credit risk and as such may possess certain speculative characteristics.
- Ba** Obligations rated Ba are judged to be speculative and are subject to substantial credit risk.
- B** Obligations rated B are considered speculative and are subject to high credit risk.
- Caa** Obligations rated Caa are judged to be speculative of poor standing and are subject to very high credit risk.
- Ca** Obligations rated Ca are highly speculative and are likely in, or very near, default, with some prospect of recovery of principal and interest.
- C** Obligations rated C are the lowest rated and are typically in default, with little prospect for recovery of principal or interest.

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

### Hybrid Indicator (hyb)

The hybrid indicator (hyb) is appended to all ratings of hybrid securities issued by banks, insurers, finance companies, and securities firms. By their terms, hybrid securities allow for the omission of scheduled dividends, interest, or principal payments, which can potentially result in impairment if such an omission occurs. Hybrid securities may also be subject to contractually allowable write-downs of principal that could result in impairment. Together with the hybrid indicator, the long-term obligation rating assigned to a hybrid security is an expression of the relative credit risk associated with that security.

### Description of Moody's Global Short-Term Ratings

- P-1** Ratings of Prime-1 reflect a superior ability to repay short-term debt obligations.
- P-2** Ratings of Prime-2 reflect a strong ability to repay short-term debt obligations.
- P-3** Ratings of Prime-3 reflect an acceptable ability to repay short-term obligations.
- NP** Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Not Prime do not fall within any of the Prime rating categories.

### Description of Moody's U.S. Municipal Short-Term Obligation Ratings

The Municipal Investment Grade ("MIG") scale is used to rate U.S. municipal cash flow notes, bond anticipation notes and certain other short-term obligations, which typically mature in three years or less.

Moody's U.S. municipal short-term obligation ratings are as follows:

- MIG 1** This designation denotes superior credit quality. Excellent protection is afforded by established cash flows, highly reliable liquidity support, or demonstrated broad-based access to the market for refinancing.
- MIG 2** This designation denotes strong credit quality. Margins of protection are ample, although not as large as in the preceding group.
- MIG 3** This designation denotes acceptable credit quality. Liquidity and cash-flow protection may be narrow, and market access for refinancing is likely to be less well-established.
- SG** This designation denotes speculative-grade credit quality. Debt instruments in this category may lack sufficient margins of protection.

### Description of Moody's Demand Obligation Ratings

For variable rate demand obligations ("VRDOs"), Moody's assigns both a long-term rating and a short-term payment obligation rating. The long-term rating addresses the issuer's ability to meet scheduled principal and interest payments. The short-term payment obligation rating addresses the ability of the issuer or the liquidity provider to meet any purchase price payment obligation resulting from optional tenders ("on demand") and/or mandatory tenders of the VRDO. The short-term payment obligation rating uses the Variable Municipal Investment Grade ("VMIG") scale. Transitions of VMIG ratings with conditional liquidity support differ from transitions of Prime ratings reflecting the risk that external liquidity support will terminate if the issuer's long-term rating drops below investment grade. For VRDOs, Moody's typically assigns a VMIG rating if the frequency of the payment obligation is less than every three years. If the frequency of the payment obligation is less than three years, but the obligation is payable only with remarketing proceeds, the VMIG short-term rating is not assigned and it is denoted as "NR".

Moody's demand obligation ratings are as follows:

- VMIG 1** This designation denotes superior credit quality. Excellent protection is afforded by the superior short-term credit strength of the liquidity provider and structural and legal protections.
- VMIG 2** This designation denotes strong credit quality. Good protection is afforded by the strong short-term credit strength of the liquidity provider and structural and legal protections.
- VMIG 3** This designation denotes acceptable credit quality. Adequate protection is afforded by the satisfactory short-term credit strength of the liquidity provider and structural and legal protections.
- SG** This designation denotes speculative-grade credit quality. Demand features rated in this category may be supported by a liquidity provider that does not have a sufficiently strong short-term rating or may lack the structural or legal protections.

## Description of S&P's Issue Credit Ratings

An S&P issue credit rating is a forward-looking opinion about the creditworthiness of an obligor with respect to a specific financial obligation, a specific class of financial obligations, or a specific financial program (including ratings on medium-term note programs and commercial paper programs). It takes into consideration the creditworthiness of guarantors, insurers, or other forms of credit enhancement on the obligation and takes into account the currency in which the obligation is denominated. The opinion reflects S&P's view of the obligor's capacity and willingness to meet its financial commitments as they come due, and this opinion may assess terms, such as collateral security and subordination, which could affect ultimate payment in the event of default.

Issue credit ratings can be either long-term or short-term. Short-term issue credit ratings are generally assigned to those obligations considered short-term in the relevant market, typically with an original maturity of no more than 365 days. Short-term issue credit ratings are also used to indicate the creditworthiness of an obligor with respect to put features on long-term obligations. S&P would typically assign a long-term issue credit rating to an obligation with an original maturity of greater than 365 days. However, the ratings S&P assigns to certain instruments may diverge from these guidelines based on market practices. Medium-term notes are assigned long-term ratings.

Issue credit ratings are based, in varying degrees, on S&P's analysis of the following considerations:

- The likelihood of payment—the capacity and willingness of the obligor to meet its financial commitments on an obligation in accordance with the terms of the obligation;
- The nature and provisions of the financial obligation, and the promise S&P imputes; and
- The protection afforded by, and relative position of, the financial obligation in the event of a bankruptcy, reorganization, or other arrangement under the laws of bankruptcy and other laws affecting creditors' rights.

An issue rating is an assessment of default risk but may incorporate an assessment of relative seniority or ultimate recovery in the event of default. Junior obligations are typically rated lower than senior obligations, to reflect lower priority in bankruptcy, as noted above. (Such differentiation may apply when an entity has both senior and subordinated obligations, secured and unsecured obligations, or operating company and holding company obligations.)

NR indicates that a rating has not been assigned or is no longer assigned.

## Description of S&P's Long-Term Issue Credit Ratings\*

<b>AAA</b>	An obligation rated 'AAA' has the highest rating assigned by S&P. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is extremely strong.
<b>AA</b>	An obligation rated 'AA' differs from the highest-rated obligations only to a small degree. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is very strong.
<b>A</b>	An obligation rated 'A' is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher-rated categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is still strong.
<b>BBB</b>	An obligation rated 'BBB' exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to weaken the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
<b>BB; B; CCC; CC; and C</b>	Obligations rated 'BB', 'B', 'CCC', 'CC', and 'C' are regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. 'BB' indicates the least degree of speculation and 'C' the highest. While such obligations will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposure to adverse conditions.

- BB** An obligation rated 'BB' is less vulnerable to nonpayment than other speculative issues. However, it faces major ongoing uncertainties or exposure to adverse business, financial, or economic conditions that could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
- B** An obligation rated 'B' is more vulnerable to nonpayment than obligations rated 'BB', but the obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation. Adverse business, financial, or economic conditions will likely impair the obligor's capacity or willingness to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
- CCC** An obligation rated 'CCC' is currently vulnerable to nonpayment and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitments on the obligation. In the event of adverse business, financial, or economic conditions, the obligor is not likely to have the capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
- CC** An obligation rated 'CC' is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment. The 'CC' rating is used when a default has not yet occurred but S&P expects default to be a virtual certainty, regardless of the anticipated time to default.
- C** An obligation rated 'C' is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment, and the obligation is expected to have lower relative seniority or lower ultimate recovery compared with obligations that are rated higher.
- D** An obligation rated 'D' is in default or in breach of an imputed promise. For non-hybrid capital instruments, the 'D' rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due, unless S&P believes that such payments will be made within the next five business days in the absence of a stated grace period or within the earlier of the stated grace period or the next 30 calendar days. The 'D' rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of similar action and where default on an obligation is a virtual certainty, for example due to automatic stay provisions. A rating on an obligation is lowered to 'D' if it is subject to a distressed debt restructuring.

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\*Ratings from 'AA' to 'CCC' may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the rating categories.

#### **Description of S&P's Short-Term Issue Credit Ratings**

- A-1** A short-term obligation rated 'A-1' is rated in the highest category by S&P. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is strong. Within this category, certain obligations are designated with a plus sign (+). This indicates that the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on these obligations is extremely strong.
- A-2** A short-term obligation rated 'A-2' is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher rating categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is satisfactory.
- A-3** A short-term obligation rated 'A-3' exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to weaken an obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
- B** A short-term obligation rated 'B' is regarded as vulnerable and has significant speculative characteristics. The obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitments; however, it faces major ongoing uncertainties that could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitments.

- C** A short-term obligation rated ‘C’ is currently vulnerable to nonpayment and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
- D** A short-term obligation rated ‘D’ is in default or in breach of an imputed promise. For non-hybrid capital instruments, the ‘D’ rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due, unless S&P believes that such payments will be made within any stated grace period. However, any stated grace period longer than five business days will be treated as five business days. The ‘D’ rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of a similar action and where default on an obligation is a virtual certainty, for example due to automatic stay provisions. A rating on an obligation is lowered to ‘D’ if it is subject to a distressed debt restructuring.

### Description of S&P’s Municipal Short-Term Note Ratings

An S&P U.S. municipal note rating reflects S&P’s opinion about the liquidity factors and market access risks unique to the notes. Notes due in three years or less will likely receive a note rating. Notes with an original maturity of more than three years will most likely receive a long-term debt rating. In determining which type of rating, if any, to assign, S&P’s analysis will review the following considerations:

- Amortization schedule—the larger the final maturity relative to other maturities, the more likely it will be treated as a note; and
- Source of payment—the more dependent the issue is on the market for its refinancing, the more likely it will be treated as a note.

S&P’s municipal short-term note ratings are as follows:

- SP-1** Strong capacity to pay principal and interest. An issue determined to possess a very strong capacity to pay debt service is given a plus (+) designation.
- SP-2** Satisfactory capacity to pay principal and interest, with some vulnerability to adverse financial and economic changes over the term of the notes.
- SP-3** Speculative capacity to pay principal and interest.
- D** ‘D’ is assigned upon failure to pay the note when due, completion of a distressed debt restructuring, or the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of similar action and where default on an obligation is a virtual certainty, for example due to automatic stay provisions.

### Description of Fitch’s Credit Ratings

Fitch’s credit ratings relating to issuers are forward looking opinions on the relative ability of an entity or obligation to meet financial commitments. Credit ratings relating to securities and obligations of an issuer can include a recovery expectation. Credit ratings are used as indications of the likelihood of repayment in accordance with the terms of the issuance.

Fitch’s credit rating scale for issuers and issues is expressed using the categories ‘AAA’ to ‘BBB’ (investment grade) and ‘BB’ to ‘D’ (speculative grade) with an additional +/- for AA through CCC levels indicating relative differences of probability of default or recovery for issues. The terms “investment grade” and “speculative grade” are market conventions and do not imply any recommendation or endorsement of a specific security for investment purposes. Investment grade categories indicate relatively low to moderate credit risk, while ratings in the speculative grade categories signal either a higher level of credit risk or that a default has already occurred.

Fitch may also disclose issues relating to a rated issuer that are not and have not been rated. Such issues are also denoted as ‘NR’ on its webpage.

Fitch's credit ratings do not directly address any risk other than credit risk. Credit ratings do not deal with the risk of market value loss due to changes in interest rates, liquidity and/or other market considerations. However, market risk may be considered to the extent that it influences the ability of an issuer to pay or refinance a financial commitment.

Ratings nonetheless do not reflect market risk to the extent that they influence the size or other conditionality of the obligation to pay upon a commitment (for example, in the case of payments linked to performance of an index).

Credit ratings are indications of the likelihood of repayment in accordance with the terms of the issuance. In limited cases, Fitch may include additional considerations (*i.e.* rate to a higher or lower standard than that implied in the obligation's documentation).

### Description of Fitch's Long-Term Corporate Finance Obligations Ratings

- AAA** Highest credit quality. 'AAA' ratings denote the lowest expectation of default risk. They are assigned only in cases of exceptionally strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. This capacity is highly unlikely to be adversely affected by foreseeable events.
- AA** Very high credit quality. 'AA' ratings denote expectations of very low default risk. They indicate very strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.
- A** High credit quality. 'A' ratings denote expectations of low default risk. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings.
- BBB** Good credit quality. 'BBB' ratings indicate that expectations of default risk are currently low. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered adequate, but adverse business or economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity.
- BB** Speculative. 'BB' ratings indicate an elevated vulnerability to default risk, particularly in the event of adverse changes in business or economic conditions over time; however, business or financial alternatives may be available to allow financial commitments to be met.
- B** Highly speculative. 'B' ratings indicate that material default risk is present.
- CCC** Substantial credit risk. 'CCC' ratings indicate that substantial default risk is present.
- CC** Very high levels of credit risk. 'CC' ratings indicate very high levels of default risk.
- C** Exceptionally high levels of credit risk. 'C' ratings indicate exceptionally high levels of credit risk.

Ratings in the categories of 'CCC', 'CC' and 'C' can also relate to obligations or issuers that are in default. In this case, the rating does not opine on default risk but reflects the recovery expectation only.

Defaulted obligations typically are not assigned 'RD' or 'D' ratings, but are instead rated in the 'CCC' to 'C' rating categories, depending on their recovery prospects and other relevant characteristics. This approach better aligns obligations that have comparable overall expected loss but varying vulnerability to default and loss.

### Description of Fitch's Short-Term Ratings

A short-term issuer or obligation rating is based in all cases on the short-term vulnerability to default of the rated entity and relates to the capacity to meet financial obligations in accordance with the documentation governing the relevant obligation. Short-term deposit ratings may be adjusted for loss severity. Short-Term Ratings are assigned to obligations whose initial maturity is viewed as "short term" based on market convention (a long-term rating can also be used to rate an issue with short maturity). Typically, this means a timeframe of

up to 13 months for corporate, sovereign, and structured obligations and up to 36 months for obligations in U.S. public finance markets.

Fitch's short-term ratings are as follows:

- F1** Highest short-term credit quality. Indicates the strongest intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments; may have an added "+" to denote any exceptionally strong credit feature.
- F2** Good short-term credit quality. Good intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments.
- F3** Fair short-term credit quality. The intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is adequate.
- B** Speculative short-term credit quality. Minimal capacity for timely payment of financial commitments, plus heightened vulnerability to near term adverse changes in financial and economic conditions.
- C** High short-term default risk. Default is a real possibility.
- RD** Restricted default. Indicates an entity that has defaulted on one or more of its financial commitments, although it continues to meet other financial obligations. Typically applicable to entity ratings only.
- D** Default. Indicates a broad-based default event for an entity, or the default of a short-term obligation.