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The Alternative Income Portfolio	Not Applicable
The Internet Portfolio	Not Applicable
The Global Portfolio	Not Applicable
The Paradigm Portfolio	Not Applicable
The Medical Portfolio	Not Applicable
The Small Cap Opportunities Portfolio	Not Applicable
The Market Opportunities Portfolio	Not Applicable
The Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio	Not Applicable

Each a series (individually, a “Portfolio” and collectively, the “Portfolios”) of Kinetics Portfolios Trust (the “Trust”)

This Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) provides general information about each of the Portfolios. This SAI is not a Prospectus and should be read in conjunction with the Portfolios’ current Prospectus dated April 30, 2018, as supplemented and amended from time to time, which is incorporated herein by reference. To obtain a copy of the Portfolios’ Prospectus, please write or call the Portfolios at the address or telephone number shown below.

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This SAI is being filed as a part of the Registration Statement filed by the Trust pursuant to Section 8(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (“1940 Act”). Beneficial interests of each series of the Trust are not being registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (“1933 Act”), because such interests are issued solely in private placement transactions to eligible investors that do not involve any “public offering” within the meaning of Section 4(2) of the 1933 Act. Accordingly, investments in the Portfolios may currently be made only by regulated investment companies, unregulated foreign investment companies, U.S. and non-U.S. institutional investors, S corporations, segregated asset accounts and certain qualified pension and retirement plans. Neither this SAI nor the Registration Statement as a whole constitutes an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any beneficial interests in the Portfolios.

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General Information about Kinetics Portfolio Trust

The Trust is a statutory trust organized pursuant to a Declaration of Trust under the laws of the State of Delaware on March 14, 2000. The Trust's principal business office is located at 470 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10016. The Trust is comprised of eight series of mutual funds, all of which are non-diversified, open-end management investment companies, except the Global Portfolio and Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio, which are diversified. Kinetics Mutual Funds, Inc. (the "Company") is a Maryland corporation, established on March 26, 1999. The Company is comprised of nine series of mutual funds, all of which are open-end management investment companies (the "Funds"). The Funds (other than the Kinetics Spin-Off and Corporate Restructuring Fund, which is not described in this SAI) and Portfolios are set up in a master/feeder fund structure whereby each Fund is a feeder fund that invests all of its investable assets in a "master" Portfolio. Kinetics Asset Management LLC ("Kinetics" or "Adviser" or "Investment Adviser") is a Delaware limited liability corporation that serves as the investment adviser to the Portfolios. The Investment Adviser is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Horizon Kinetics LLC.

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Capitalization

The authorized capitalization of Kinetics Portfolios Trust consists of an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interests. Each investor in a Portfolio is entitled to participate equally in the Portfolio's earnings and assets.

Each investor in a Portfolio is entitled to vote in proportion to the amount of its investment in the Portfolio. Portfolio investors will vote together in certain circumstances (*e.g.*, election of the Trustees and ratification of auditors, as required by the 1940 Act and the rules thereunder). One or more Portfolios could control the outcome of these votes. Investors do not have cumulative voting rights, and investors holding more than 50% of the aggregate beneficial interests in the Trust or in a Portfolio, as the case may be, may control the outcome of votes. The Trust is not required and has no current intention to hold annual meetings of investors, but the Trust will hold special meetings of investors when (1) a majority of the Trustees determines to do so or (2) investors holding at least 10% of the interests in a Portfolio (if the meeting relates solely to that Portfolio), or investors holding at least 10% of the aggregate interests in the Trust (if the meeting relates to the Trust and not specifically to a Portfolio) requests in writing a meeting of investors. Changes in fundamental policies or limitations will be submitted to investors for approval.

The Trust is organized as a business trust under the laws of the State of Delaware. Investors in a Portfolio will be held personally liable for its obligations and liabilities, subject, however, to indemnification by the Trust in the event that there is imposed upon an investor a greater portion of the liabilities and obligations than its proportionate beneficial interest in the Portfolio. The Declaration of Trust also provides that, subject to the provisions of the 1940 Act, the Trust may maintain insurance (for example, fidelity bonding and errors and omissions insurance) for the protection of the Portfolios, investors, Trustees, officers, employees, and agents covering possible tort and other liabilities. Thus, the risk of an investor incurring financial loss on account of such liability would be limited to circumstances in which a Portfolio had inadequate insurance and was unable to meet its obligation out of its assets.

Description of the Portfolios

With the exception of the **Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio**, the investment objectives listed below are fundamental objectives and therefore cannot be changed without the approval of shareholders.

The Alternative Income Portfolio

The **Alternative Income Portfolio** is a diversified portfolio with a primary investment objective of providing current income and gains and a secondary investment objective of obtaining long-term growth of capital. Under normal circumstances, the Alternative Income Portfolio will hold a portfolio of fixed income and equity securities and implement equity option strategies intended to generate returns from the collection of option premiums. The Alternative Income Portfolio may invest up to 100% of its net assets in fixed income securities, derivatives, stocks and cash or cash equivalents that may be committed as collateral for option strategies. This Portfolio should not be used as a trading vehicle.

The Internet Portfolio

The **Internet Portfolio** is a non-diversified portfolio with an investment objective of long-term growth of capital. The Internet Portfolio seeks to obtain current income as a secondary objective. The Portfolio is designed for long-term investors who understand and are willing to accept the risk of loss involved in investing in a mutual fund seeking long-term capital growth. Except during temporary defensive periods, the Internet Portfolio invests at least 80% of its net assets plus any borrowings for investment purposes in common stocks, convertible securities, warrants and other equity securities having the characteristics of common stocks (such as American Depositary Receipts (“ADRs”), Global Depositary Receipts (“GDRs”) and International Depositary Receipts (“IDRs”)), of U.S. and foreign companies engaged in the Internet and Internet-related activities and whose businesses are vastly improved through the distribution of content and reduction of costs with the use of the Internet, such as content providers, computer hardware and software, venture capital, Internet service providers, Internet portals, wireless/broadband access, e-commerce, financial services companies, auction houses, and telecommunications. The Internet Portfolio may also invest in ETFs and purchase and write options for hedging purposes and/or direct investment. This Portfolio should not be used as a trading vehicle.

The Global Portfolio

The **Global Portfolio** is a diversified portfolio with an investment objective of long-term growth of capital. The Portfolio is designed for long-term investors who understand and are willing to accept the risk of loss involved in investing in a mutual fund seeking long-term capital growth. Except during temporary defensive periods, the Portfolio invests at least 65% of its net assets plus any borrowings for investment purposes in equity securities of foreign and U.S. companies listed on publicly traded exchanges in countries around the world, and in ETFs. This Portfolio should not be used as a trading vehicle.

The Paradigm Portfolio

The **Paradigm Portfolio** is a non-diversified portfolio with an investment objective of long-term growth of capital. The Portfolio is designed for long-term investors who understand and are willing to accept the risk of loss involved in investing in a mutual fund seeking long-term capital growth. Except during temporary defensive periods, the Portfolio invests at least 65% of its total net assets in common stocks, convertible securities, warrants and other securities having the characteristics of common stocks (such as ADRs, GDRs, and IDRs) of U.S. and foreign companies, and in ETFs. The Portfolio will invest in companies that the investment adviser believes are undervalued and that have, or are expected to soon have, high returns on equity, and that are well positioned to reduce their costs, extend the reach of their distribution channels and experience significant growth in their assets or revenues. This Portfolio should not be used as a trading vehicle.

The Medical Portfolio

The **Medical Portfolio** is a non-diversified portfolio with an investment objective of long-term growth of capital. The Portfolio is designed for long-term investors who understand and are willing to accept the risk of loss involved in investing in a mutual fund seeking long-term capital growth. Except during temporary defensive periods, the Portfolio invests at least 80% of its net assets plus any borrowings for investment purposes in common stocks, convertible securities, warrants and other securities having the characteristics of common stocks (such as ADRs, GDRs, and IDRs) of U.S. and foreign companies engaged in the medical research, pharmaceutical and technology industries and related medical technology industries, generally, with an emphasis toward companies engaged in cancer research and drug development, such as pharmaceutical development companies, surgical and medical instrument manufacturers and developers, pharmaceutical manufacturers, and biotech and medical research companies. This Portfolio may also invest in ETFs. This Portfolio should not be used as a trading vehicle.

The Small Cap Opportunities Portfolio

The **Small Cap Opportunities Portfolio** is a non-diversified portfolio with an investment objective of long-term growth of capital. The Portfolio is designed for long-term investors who understand and are willing to accept the risk of loss involved in investing in a mutual fund seeking long-term capital growth. Except during temporary defensive periods, at least 80% of the Portfolio's net assets plus any borrowings for investment purposes will be invested in common stocks, convertible securities, warrants and other securities having the characteristics of common stocks (such as ADRs, GDRs, and IDRs) of U.S. and foreign small capitalization companies that provide attractive valuation opportunities. This Portfolio may also invest in ETFs. This Portfolio should not be used as a trading vehicle.

The Market Opportunities Portfolio

The **Market Opportunities Portfolio** is a non-diversified portfolio with an investment objective of long-term capital growth. The Portfolio is designed for long-term investors who understand and are willing to accept the risk of loss involved in investing in a mutual fund seeking long-term capital growth. Except during temporary defensive periods, the Market Opportunities Portfolio invests at least 65% of its net assets in common stocks, convertible securities, warrants and other equity securities having the characteristics of common stocks (such as ADRs, GDRs and IDRs) of U.S. and foreign companies involved in capital markets or related to capital markets, as well as companies involved in the gaming industry, and in ETFs that invest significantly in such securities. Capital market companies include companies that are engaged in or derive a substantial portion of their revenue from activities with a publicly traded securities exchange, such as equity exchanges and commodity exchanges, including but not limited to clearing firms and brokerage houses. The Market Opportunities Portfolio may also purchase and write options for hedging purposes and/or direct investment. The Portfolio should not be used as a trading vehicle.

The Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio

The **Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio** is a diversified portfolio with an investment objective of total return. This investment objective is non-fundamental and can be changed without the approval of shareholders upon 60 days' notice to shareholders. The Portfolio utilizes a two-part investment strategy, which includes fixed-income components, including fixed-income ETFs, and derivatives components. The Portfolio's fixed-income component focuses primarily on high-yield corporate bonds, issued principally in the United States. Except during temporary defensive periods, the Portfolio will invest at least 65% of its investable assets in fixed income securities, derivatives and cash or cash equivalents committed as collateral for written options contracts. The Portfolio's option strategy component focuses on the use of options on companies that the Investment Adviser believes have unique business attributes

and/or long-term unique fundamental business characteristics. The companies that are targeted for various option strategies undergo a fundamental analysis by the Investment Adviser to understand such business as completely as possible. This Portfolio should not be used as a trading vehicle.

Investment Restrictions

The investment restrictions of a Portfolio may be changed only with the approval of the holders of a majority of a Portfolio's outstanding voting securities. As used in this SAI, "a majority of a Portfolio's outstanding voting securities" means the lesser of (1) 67% of the beneficial interests of a Portfolio represented at a meeting at which more than 50% of the outstanding shares are present in person or by proxy, or (2) more than 50% of the outstanding beneficial interests of a Portfolio.

1. Each Portfolio will not act as underwriter for securities of other issuers.
2. Each Portfolio will not make loans amounting to more than 33 1/3% of its total assets (including any collateral posted) or 50% of its total assets (excluding any collateral posted).
3. With respect to 50% of its total assets, each Portfolio will not invest in the securities of any issuer if as a result the Portfolio holds more than 10% of the outstanding securities or more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer.
4. Each Portfolio will not borrow money or pledge, mortgage, or hypothecate its assets except to facilitate redemption requests that might otherwise require the untimely disposition of portfolio securities and then only from banks and in amounts not exceeding the lesser of 10% of its total assets valued at cost or 5% of its total assets valued at market at the time of such borrowing, pledge, mortgage, or hypothecation and except that (a) with respect to each Portfolio other than the **Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio**, each Portfolio may enter into futures contracts and related options and (b) with respect to the **Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio**, to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act.
5. Each Portfolio (other than the **Alternative Income Portfolio** and the **Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio**), will not invest more than 10% of the value of its net assets in illiquid securities, restricted securities, and other securities for which market quotations are not readily available. The **Alternative Income Portfolio** will not invest more than 15% of the value of its net assets in illiquid securities, restricted securities and other securities for which market quotations are not readily available.
6. The **Internet Portfolio** will not invest in the securities of any one industry except the Internet and Internet-related industries, with the exception of securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies, and instrumentalities, if as a result, more than 20% of the Portfolio's total net assets would be invested in the securities of such industries. Except during temporary defensive periods, at least 80% of the Portfolio's total net assets plus any borrowings for investment purposes will be invested in the securities of domestic and foreign companies that are engaged in the Internet and Internet-related activities.
7. The **Paradigm Portfolio** will not invest in the securities of any one industry, with the exception of securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies, and instrumentalities, if as a result, more than 20% of the Portfolio's total net assets would be invested in the securities of such industries.
8. The **Medical Portfolio** will not invest in the securities of any one industry except in domestic and foreign companies engaged in the medical research, pharmaceutical and technology industries and related medical technology industries, generally, with an emphasis toward companies engaged in

cancer research and drug development, with the exception of securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies, and instrumentalities, if as a result, more than 20% of the Portfolio's total net assets would be invested in the securities of such industry. Except during temporary defensive periods, not less than 80% of the Portfolio's total net assets plus any borrowings for investment purposes will be invested in the securities of companies engaged in the medical research, pharmaceutical and technology industries and related technology industries, generally, with an emphasis toward publicly traded entities engaged in cancer research and drug development.

9. The **Small Cap Opportunities Portfolio** will not invest in the securities of any one industry, with the exception of securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies, and instrumentalities, if as a result, more than 20% of the Portfolio's total net assets would be invested in the securities of such industry. Except during temporary defensive periods, at least 80% of the Portfolio's net assets plus any borrowings for investment purposes will be invested in the securities of domestic and foreign small capitalization companies that provide attractive valuation opportunities due to lack of institutional ownership, lack of significant analyst coverage, or short-term earnings disappointments.
10. The **Market Opportunities Portfolio** will not invest in the securities of any one industry, except in the securities of U.S. and foreign companies engaged in capital markets or related to capital markets and in the gaming industry, with the exception of securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies, and instrumentalities, if, as a result, more than 20% of the Portfolio's total net assets would be invested in the securities of such industry.
11. The **Global Portfolio** and the **Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio** will not invest in the securities of any one industry with the exception of securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies, and instrumentalities, if as a result, more than 25% of the Portfolio's total net assets would be invested in the securities of such industry.
12. The **Alternative Income Portfolio** will not concentrate its investments in the securities of any one industry with the exception of securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies and instrumentalities, if, as a result, more than 25% of the Portfolio's total net assets would be invested in the securities of such industries.
13. Each Portfolio will not purchase or sell commodities or commodity contracts, or invest in oil, gas or mineral exploration or development programs or real estate except that each Portfolio may purchase and sell securities of companies that deal in oil, gas, or mineral exploration or development programs or interests therein.
14. Each Portfolio will not issue senior securities.

Non-Fundamental Investment Limitations

The following are the Portfolios' non-fundamental operating policies that may be changed by the Board of Trustees of the Trust, without shareholder approval.

1. The **Internet Portfolio, Medical Portfolio and Small Cap Opportunities Portfolio** will not make any changes in their respective investment policies of investing at least 80% of its net assets in the investments suggested by the Portfolio's name without first providing the Portfolio's shareholders with at least 60 days' prior notice.
2. The **Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio** will not invest more than 15% of the value of its total assets in illiquid securities, restricted securities, and other securities for which market quotations are not readily available. This policy shall not be deemed violated to the extent that the Multi-

Disciplinary Income Fund invests all of its investable assets in the Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio.

Investment Policies and Associated Risks

The following paragraphs provide a more detailed description of the Portfolios' investment policies and risks identified in the Prospectus. Unless otherwise noted, the policies described in this SAI pertain to all of the Portfolios. Furthermore, unless otherwise noted, the policies described in this SAI are not fundamental and may be changed by the Board of Trustees of the Trust without shareholder approval.

Common and Preferred Stock; Convertible Securities

Common stocks are units of ownership of a corporation. Preferred stocks are stocks that often pay dividends at a specific rate and have a preference over common stocks in dividend payments and liquidation of assets. Some preferred stocks may be convertible into common stock. Convertible securities are securities that may be converted into or exchanged for a specified amount of common stock of the same or different issuer within a particular period of time at a specified price or formula.

Short Sales

The **Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio** may enter into short sales. Short sales are transactions in which a fund sells a security it does not own in anticipation of a decline in the market value of that security. To complete such a transaction, the Portfolio must borrow the security to make delivery to the buyer. The Portfolio then is obligated to replace the security borrowed by purchasing it at the market price at the time of replacement. The price at such time may be more or less than the price at which the security was sold by the Portfolio. Until the security is replaced, the Portfolio is required to pay to the lender amounts equal to any dividend that accrues during the period of the loan. To borrow the security, the Portfolio also may be required to pay a premium or a negative rebate (short rebate), which would increase the cost of the security sold. The proceeds of the short sale will be retained by the broker, to the extent necessary to meet margin requirements, until the short position is closed out.

Until the Portfolio replaces a borrowed security in connection with a short sale, the Portfolio will: (a) maintain daily a segregated account, containing cash, cash equivalents, or liquid marketable securities, at such a level that the amount deposited in the account plus the amount deposited with the broker as collateral will equal the current value of the security sold short or (b) otherwise cover its short position in accordance with positions taken by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

The Portfolio will incur a loss as a result of the short sale if the price of the security increases between the date of the short sale and the date on which the Portfolio replaces the borrowed security. The Portfolio will realize a gain if the security declines in price between those dates. This result is the opposite of what one would expect from a cash purchase of a long position in a security. The amount of any gain will be decreased, and the amount of any loss increased, by the amount of any premium, negative rebate (short rebate) or amounts in lieu of interest the Portfolio may be required to pay in connection with a short sale.

Warrants

Each Portfolio may purchase, and the Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio may also sell short, warrants and similar rights, which are privileges issued by corporations enabling the owners to subscribe to and purchase a specified number of shares of the corporation at a specified price during a specified period of time. The prices of warrants do not necessarily correlate with the prices of the underlying shares. The purchase of warrants involves the risk that a Portfolio could lose the purchase value of a warrant if the

right to subscribe to additional shares is not exercised prior to the warrant's expiration. Also, the purchase of warrants involves the risk that the effective price paid for the warrant added to the subscription price of the related security may exceed the value of the subscribed security's market price such as when there is no movement in the level of the underlying security.

Debt Securities

The Portfolios may invest in (and the **Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio** may invest all of its assets in) convertible and non-convertible debt obligations without regard to rating, and as a result, may purchase or hold securities in the lowest rating categories. Debt securities in these lowest investment grade categories are considered to be below investment grade securities that may not have adequate capacity to pay principal or that otherwise generally lack the characteristics of desirable investments. As compared to debt securities with higher ratings, these "high risk" securities are vulnerable to nonpayment and depend to a larger degree upon favorable business, financial and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. With the exception of the **Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio**, at no time will the Portfolios have more than 20% of their respective total assets (except for the **Alternative Income Portfolio**, for which the limitation is 50% of its total assets) invested in any debt securities that are rated below investment grade or if the security is unrated, of comparable quality as determined by the Adviser, either at the time of purchase or as a result of a reduction in rating after purchase. Please see "Appendix A" to this SAI for a description of debt security ratings.

The fixed-income securities in which the Portfolios may invest are generally subject to interest rate risk, credit risk, market risk and call risk.

Interest Rate Risk. The risk that when interest rates increase, fixed-income securities held by a Portfolio will decline in value. Long-term fixed-income securities will normally have more price volatility because of this risk than short-term fixed-income securities. The longer the duration of a bond, the more a change in interest rates affects the bond's price. Short-term and long-term interest rates may not move the same amount and may not move in the same direction. It is likely there will be less governmental action in the near future to maintain low interest rates, or that governmental actions will be less effective in maintaining low interest rates. The negative impact on fixed income securities from the resulting rate increases for that and other reasons could be swift and significant, including falling market values and reduced liquidity. Substantial redemptions from bond and other income funds may worsen that impact. Other types of securities also may be adversely affected from an increase in interest rates.

Credit Risk. This risk relates to the ability of the issuer to meet interest and principal payments, as they become due. The ratings given a security by rating services such as Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") and S&P Global ("S&P") provide a generally useful guide as to such credit risk. The lower the rating given a security by such rating service, the greater the credit risk such rating service perceives to exist with respect to such security. Increasing the amount of Portfolio assets invested in unrated or lower-grade securities, while intended to increase the yield produced by those assets, will also increase the credit risk to which those assets are subject.

Market Risk. All mutual funds are affected by changes in the economy and swings in investment markets. These can occur within or outside the U.S. or worldwide, and may affect only particular companies or industries.

Call Risk. The risk that an issuer will exercise its right to pay principal on an obligation held by a Portfolio (such as an asset-backed security) earlier than expected. This may happen when there is a decline in interest rates. Under these circumstances, a Portfolio may be unable to recoup all of its initial investment and will also suffer from having to reinvest in lower yielding securities.

When-Issued and Delayed Delivery Transactions

Each Portfolio may purchase short-term obligations on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis. These transactions are arrangements in which the Portfolios purchase securities with payment and delivery scheduled for a future time. The seller's failure to complete these transactions may cause the Portfolios to miss a price or yield considered advantageous. Settlement dates may be a month or more after entering into these transactions and the market values of the securities purchased may vary from the purchase prices.

The Portfolios may dispose of a commitment prior to settlement if the Adviser deems it appropriate to do so. In addition, each Portfolio may enter into transactions to sell its purchase commitments to third parties at current market values and simultaneously acquire other commitments to purchase similar securities at later dates. A Portfolio may realize short-term profits or losses upon the sale of such commitments.

These transactions are made to secure what is considered to be an advantageous price or yield for a Portfolio. No fees or other expenses, other than normal transaction costs, are incurred. However, liquid assets of the Portfolio sufficient to make payment for the securities to be purchased are segregated on the Portfolio's records at the trade date. These assets are marked to market daily and are maintained until the transaction is settled. The Portfolios do not intend to engage in when-issued and delayed delivery transactions to an extent that would cause the segregation of more than 20% of the total value of their assets.

Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs)

Each Portfolio may invest in open-end investment companies whose shares are listed for trading on a national securities exchange or the Nasdaq Market System. ETF shares typically trade like shares of common stock and provide investment results that generally correspond to the price and yield performance of the component stocks of a widely recognized index such as the S&P 500[®] Index. There can be no assurance, however, that this can be accomplished as it may not be possible for an ETF to replicate the composition and relative weightings of the securities of its corresponding index. ETFs are subject to risks of an investment in a broadly based portfolio of common stocks, including the risk that the general level of stock prices may decline, thereby adversely affecting the value of such investment. Individual shares of an ETF are generally not redeemable at their net asset value ("NAV"), but trade on an exchange during the day at prices that are normally close to, but not the same as, their NAV. There is no assurance that an active trading market will be maintained for the shares of an ETF or that market prices of the shares of an ETF will be close to their NAV.

Leveraged ETFs contain all of the risks that non-leveraged ETFs present. Additionally, to the extent a Portfolio invests in ETFs that achieve leveraged exposure to their underlying indexes through the use of derivative instruments, the Portfolio will indirectly be subject to leveraging risk. 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. The use of leverage may also cause a leveraged ETF to liquidate portfolio positions when it would not be advantageous to do so in order to satisfy its obligations or to meet segregation requirements. 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. These investment vehicles may be extremely volatile and can potentially expose an investing Portfolio to theoretically unlimited losses.

Investments in securities of ETFs beyond the limitations set forth in Section 12(d)(1)(A) of the 1940 Act are subject to certain terms and conditions set forth in an exemptive order issued by the SEC to the ETF. Section 12(d)(1)(A) states that a mutual fund may not acquire shares of other investment companies, such as ETFs, in excess of: 3% of the total outstanding voting stock of the investment company; 5% of its total assets invested in the investment company; or more than 10% of the fund's total assets were to be invested in the aggregate in all investment companies. However, Section 12(d)(1)(F) of the 1940 Act provides that the provisions of paragraph 12(d)(1) shall not apply to securities purchased or otherwise acquired by a Portfolio if (i) immediately after such purchase or acquisition not more than 3% of the total outstanding stock of such registered investment company is owned by the Fund and all affiliated persons of the Portfolio; and (ii) the Portfolio has not offered or sold after January 1, 1971, and is not proposing to offer or sell any security issued by it through a principal underwriter or otherwise at a public or offering price that includes a sales load of more than 1½%. An investment company that issues shares to a Portfolio pursuant to paragraph 12(d)(1)(F) shall not be required to redeem its shares in an amount exceeding 1% of such investment company's total outstanding shares in any period of less than thirty days. Each Portfolio (or the Adviser acting on behalf of a Portfolio) must comply with the following voting restrictions: when the Portfolio exercises voting rights, by proxy or otherwise, with respect to investment companies owned by the Portfolio, the Portfolio will either seek instruction from the Portfolio's shareholders with regard to the voting of all proxies and vote in accordance with such instructions, or vote the shares held by the Portfolio in the same proportion as the vote of all other holders of such security. The purchase of shares of ETFs may result in duplication of expenses, including advisory fees, in addition to a mutual fund's own expenses.

Each Portfolio may also acquire investment company shares received or acquired as dividends, through offers of exchange or as a result of reorganization, consolidation or merger. The purchase of shares of other investment companies may result in duplication of expenses such that investors indirectly bear a proportionate share of the expenses of such mutual funds including operating costs and investment advisory and administrative fees.

Investment Company Securities

Each Portfolio may invest in securities issued by other investment companies to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act. Under the 1940 Act, each Portfolio's investments in such securities currently are limited to, subject to certain exceptions, (i) 3% of the total voting stock of any one investment company, (ii) 5% of the Portfolio's total assets with respect to any one investment company and (iii) 10% of the Portfolio's total assets with respect to investment companies in the aggregate. Investments in the securities of other investment companies will involve duplication of advisory fees and certain other expenses. However, Section 12(d)(1)(F) of the 1940 Act provides that the provisions of paragraph 12(d)(1) shall not apply to securities purchased or otherwise acquired by a Portfolio if (i) immediately after such purchase or acquisition not more than 3% of the total outstanding stock of such registered investment company is owned by the Fund and all affiliated persons of the Portfolio; and (ii) the Portfolio has not offered or sold after January 1, 1971, and is not proposing to offer or sell any security issued by it through a principal underwriter or otherwise at a public or offering price that includes a sales load of more than 1½%. An investment company that issues shares to a Portfolio pursuant to paragraph 12(d)(1)(F) shall not be

required to redeem its shares in an amount exceeding 1% of such investment company's total outstanding shares in any period of less than thirty days. Each Portfolio (or the Adviser acting on behalf of a Portfolio) must comply with the following voting restrictions: when the Portfolio exercises voting rights, by proxy or otherwise, with respect to investment companies owned by the Portfolio, the Portfolio will either seek instruction from the Portfolio's shareholders with regard to the voting of all proxies and vote in accordance with such instructions, or vote the shares held by the Portfolio in the same proportion as the vote of all other holders of such security. Rule 12d1-1 under the 1940 Act permits a Portfolio to invest an unlimited amount of its uninvested cash in a money market fund so long as, among other things, said investment is consistent with the Portfolio's investment objectives and policies. Rule 12d3-1 of the 1940 Act also permits a Portfolio to own up to 5% of its total assets in securities of any one broker, dealer, underwriter or investment adviser if, among other things, the broker, dealer, underwriter or investment adviser derived less than 15% of its gross revenues from securities related activities, and (i) immediately after the acquisition of any debt security, the Portfolio owns not more than 10% of the outstanding principal amount of the issuer's debt securities and (ii) immediately after the acquisition of equity securities, a Portfolio does not own more than 5% of the outstanding securities of that class of equity security. As a shareholder in an investment company, a Portfolio would bear its pro rata portion of the investment company's expenses, including advisory fees, in addition to its own expenses.

Restricted and Illiquid Securities

An illiquid asset is any asset that may not be sold or disposed of in the ordinary course of business within seven days at approximately the value at which a Portfolio, as applicable, has valued the investment. Each Portfolio may invest in a limited amount of securities that are illiquid at the time of purchase, including restricted securities and other securities for which market quotations are not readily available. Restricted securities are any securities that are not registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("1933 Act") and are illiquid. For purposes of each Portfolio's limitation on purchases of illiquid securities described in "Investment Restrictions" above, securities that are not registered under the 1933 Act and are determined to be liquid based upon a review of the trading markets for the specific restricted security will not be included. This practice could increase the level of illiquidity during any period that qualified institutional buyers become uninterested in purchasing these securities.

Depository Receipts

The Portfolios may invest in ADRs and in other forms of depository receipts, such as IDRs and GDRs. Depository receipts are typically issued in connection with a U.S. or foreign bank or trust company and evidence ownership of underlying securities issued by a foreign corporation. In particular, ADRs represent the right to receive securities of foreign issuers deposited in a bank or other depository. ADRs are traded in the United States and the prices of ADRs are quoted in U.S. dollars. Investments in depository receipts involve certain inherent risks generally associated with investments in foreign securities, including the following:

Political and Economic Factors. Individual foreign economies of certain countries may differ favorably or unfavorably from the United States economy in such respects as growth of gross national product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency, diversification and balance of payments position. The internal politics of certain foreign countries may not be as stable as those of the United States. Governments in certain foreign countries also continue to participate to a significant degree, through ownership interest or regulation, in their respective economies. Action by these governments could include restrictions on foreign investment, nationalization, expropriation of goods or imposition of taxes, and could have a significant effect on market prices of securities and payment of interest. The economies of many foreign countries are heavily dependent upon international trade and are accordingly affected by the trade policies and economic conditions of their trading partners. Enactment by these trading partners of protectionist trade legislation could have a significant adverse effect upon the securities markets of such countries.

Currency Fluctuations. A change in the value of any foreign currency against the U.S. dollar will result in a corresponding change in the U.S. dollar value of an ADR's underlying portfolio securities denominated in that currency. Such changes will affect a Portfolio to the extent that the Portfolio is invested in ADRs comprised of foreign securities.

Taxes. The interest and dividends payable on certain foreign securities comprising an ADR may be subject to foreign withholding taxes, thus reducing the net amount of income to be paid to the Portfolios and that may ultimately be available for distribution to the Portfolio's shareholders.

Derivatives

Buying Call and Put Options. The Portfolios may purchase call options. Such transactions may be entered into in order to limit the risk of a substantial increase in the market price of the security that each Portfolio intends to purchase. Prior to its expiration, a call option may be sold in a closing sale transaction. Any profit or loss from the sale will depend on whether the amount received is more or less than the premium paid for the call option plus the related transaction cost.

The Portfolios may purchase put options. By buying a put, each Portfolio has the right to sell the security at the exercise price, thus limiting its risk of loss through a decline in the market value of the security until the put expires. The amount of any appreciation in the value of the underlying security will be partially offset by the amount of the premium paid for the put option and any related transaction cost. Prior to its expiration, a put option may be sold in a closing sale transaction and any profit or loss from the sale will depend on whether the amount received is more or less than the premium paid for the put option plus the related transaction costs.

Writing (Selling) Call and Put Options. Each Portfolio may write covered options on equity and debt securities and indices. The **Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio** may write up to 100% of its assets in put options on equity and, to a limited extent, debt securities and indices, for hedging or non-hedging purposes. The **Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio** may also write more than 5% of its net assets on covered call options on equity and debt securities and indices. In the case of call options, so long as a Portfolio is obligated as the writer of a call option, it will own the underlying security subject to the option, however, index options and sector/industry based ETF options will be considered covered if the Portfolio holds a portion of securities substantially correlated with the movement of the index (or, to the extent it does not hold such a portfolio, segregates liquid assets in an amount equal to the value of the option on a daily, marked-to-market basis). In the case of put options, it will, through its custodian, deposit and maintain either cash or securities with a market value equal to or greater than the exercise price of the option.

Covered call options written by a Portfolio give the holder the right to buy the underlying securities from the Portfolio at a stated exercise price. A call option written by a Portfolio is "covered" if the Portfolio owns the underlying security that is subject to the call or has an absolute and immediate right to acquire that security without additional cash consideration (or for additional cash consideration held in a segregated account by its custodian bank) upon conversion or exchange of other securities held in its portfolio or, in the case of index options and sector/industry based ETF options, will be considered covered if the Portfolio holds a portion of securities substantially correlated with the movement of the index. A call option is also covered if a Portfolio holds a call on the same security and in the same principal amount as the call written where the exercise price of the call held (a) is equal to or less than the exercise price of the call written or (b) is greater than the exercise price of the call written if the difference is maintained by the Portfolio in cash and high grade debt securities in a segregated account with its custodian bank. The Portfolios may purchase securities, which may be covered with call options solely on the basis of considerations consistent with the investment objectives and policies of the Portfolios. A Portfolio's turnover may increase through the exercise of a call option; this will generally occur if the

market value of a “covered” security increases and the Portfolio has not entered into a closing purchase transaction.

As a writer of an option, each Portfolio receives a premium less a commission, and in exchange foregoes the opportunity to profit from any increase in the market value of the security exceeding the call option price. The premium serves to mitigate the effect of any depreciation in the market value of the security. The premium paid by the buyer of an option will reflect, among other things, the relationship of the exercise price to the market price, the volatility of the underlying security, the remaining term of the option, the existing supply and demand, and the interest rates.

The writer of a call option may have no control over when the underlying securities must be sold because the writer may be assigned an exercise notice at any time prior to the termination of the obligation. Exercise of a call option by the purchaser will cause a Portfolio to forego future appreciation of the securities covered by the option. Whether or not an option expires unexercised, the writer retains the amount of the premium. This amount may, in the case of a covered call option, be offset by a decline in the market value of the underlying security during the option period. If a call option is exercised, the writer experiences a profit or loss from the sale of the underlying security. Thus during the option period, the writer of a call option gives up the opportunity for appreciation in the market value of the underlying security or currency above the exercise price. It retains the risk of the loss should the price of the underlying security or foreign currency decline. Writing call options also involves risks relating to a Portfolio’s ability to close out the option it has written.

Each Portfolio may write exchange-traded call options on its securities. Call options may be written on portfolio securities indices, or foreign currencies. With respect to securities and foreign currencies, the Portfolio may write call and put options on an exchange or over-the-counter. Call options on portfolio securities will be covered since the Portfolio will own the underlying securities. Call options on securities indices will be written only to hedge in an economically appropriate way portfolio securities that are not otherwise hedged with options or financial futures contracts and will be “covered” by identifying the specific portfolio securities being hedged. Options on foreign currencies will be covered by securities denominated in that currency. Options on securities indices will be covered by securities that substantially replicate the movement of the index.

A put option on a security, security index, or foreign currency gives the purchaser of the option, in return for the premium paid to the writer (seller), the right to sell the underlying security, index, or foreign currency at the exercise price at any time during the option period. When a Portfolio writes a secured put option, it will gain a profit in the amount of the premium, less a commission, so long as the price of the underlying security remains above the exercise price. However, a Portfolio remains obligated to purchase the underlying security from the buyer of the put option (usually in the event the price of the security falls below the exercise price) at any time during the option period. If the price of the underlying security falls below the exercise price, the Portfolios may realize a loss in the amount of the difference between the exercise price and the sale price of the security, less the premium received. Upon exercise by the purchaser, the writer of a put option has the obligation to purchase the underlying security or foreign currency at the exercise price. A put option on a securities index is similar to a put option on an individual security, except that the value of the option depends on the weighted value of the group of securities comprising the index and all settlements are made in cash.

During the option period, the writer of a put option has assumed the risk that the price of the underlying security or foreign currency will decline below the exercise price. However, the writer of the put option has retained the opportunity for appreciation above the exercise price should the market price of the underlying security or foreign currency increase. Writing put options also involves risks relating to a Portfolio’s ability to close out the option that it has written.

The writer of an option who wishes to terminate its obligation may effect a “closing purchase transaction” by buying an option of the same series as the option previously written. The effect of the purchase is that the clearing corporation will cancel the writer’s position. However, a writer may not effect a closing purchase transaction after being notified of the exercise of an option. There is also no guarantee that a Portfolio will be able to effect a closing purchase transaction for the options it has written.

Effecting a closing purchase transaction in the case of a written call option will permit a Portfolio to write another call option on the underlying security with a different exercise price, expiration date, or both. Effecting a closing purchase transaction will also permit a Portfolio to use cash or proceeds from the investments. If a Portfolio desires to sell a particular security from its portfolio on which it has written a call option, it will effect a closing purchase transaction before or at the same time as the sale of the security.

A Portfolio will realize a profit from a closing purchase transaction if the price of the transaction is less than the premium received from writing the option. Likewise, a Portfolio will realize a loss from a closing purchase transaction if the price of the transaction is more than the premium received from writing the option. Because increases in the market price of a call option will generally reflect increases in the market price of the underlying security, any loss resulting from the repurchase of a call option is likely to be offset in whole or in part by appreciation of the underlying security owned by the Portfolio.

Writing Over-The-Counter (“OTC”) Options. Each Portfolio, except the **Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio**, may engage in options transactions that trade on the OTC market to the same extent that it intends to engage in exchange-traded options. The **Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio** may invest to a limited extent in OTC options. Just as with exchange-traded options, OTC options give the holder the right to buy an underlying security from, or sell an underlying security to, an option writer at a stated exercise price. However, OTC options differ from exchange-traded options in certain material respects.

OTC options are arranged directly with dealers and not, as is the case with exchange-traded options, through a clearing corporation. Thus, there is a risk of non-performance by the dealer. Because there is no exchange, pricing is typically done by reference to information obtained from market makers. Since OTC options are available for a greater variety of securities and in a wider range of expiration dates and exercise prices, the writer of an OTC option is paid the premium in advance by the dealer.

A writer or purchaser of a put or call option can terminate it voluntarily only by entering into a closing transaction. There can be no assurance that a continuously liquid secondary market will exist for any particular option at any specific time. Consequently, a Portfolio may be able to realize the value of an OTC option it has purchased only by exercising it or entering into a closing sale transaction with the dealer that issued it. Similarly, when a Portfolio writes an OTC option, it generally can close out that option prior to its expiration only by entering into a closing purchase transaction with the dealer to which it originally wrote the option. If a covered call option writer cannot effect a closing transaction, it cannot sell the underlying security or foreign currency until the option expires or the option is exercised. Therefore, the writer of a covered OTC call option may not be able to sell an underlying security even though it might otherwise be advantageous to do so. Likewise, the writer of a secured OTC put option may be unable to sell the securities pledged to secure the put for other investment purposes while it is obligated as a put writer. Similarly, a purchaser of an OTC put or call option might also find it difficult to terminate its position on a timely basis in the absence of a secondary market.

The staff of the SEC has often taken the position that purchased OTC options and the assets used to “cover” written OTC options are illiquid securities.

The Portfolios will adopt procedures for engaging in OTC options transactions for the purpose of reducing any potential adverse effect of such transactions on the liquidity of the Portfolios.

Futures Contracts. Each Portfolio may buy and sell stock index futures contracts traded on domestic stock exchanges to hedge the value of its portfolio against changes in market conditions. A stock index futures contract is an agreement between two parties to take or make delivery of an amount of cash equal to a specified dollar amount, times the difference between the stock index value at the close of the last trading day of the contract and the price at which the futures contract is originally struck. A stock index futures contract does not involve the physical delivery of the underlying stocks in the index. Although stock index futures contracts call for the actual taking or delivery of cash, in most cases each Portfolio expects to liquidate its stock index futures positions through offsetting transactions, which may result in a gain or a loss, before cash settlement is required.

Each Portfolio will incur brokerage fees when it purchases and sells stock index futures contracts, and at the time a Portfolio purchases or sells a stock index futures contract, it must make a good faith deposit known as the “initial margin.” Thereafter, a Portfolio may need to make subsequent deposits, known as “variation margin,” to reflect changes in the level of the stock index. Each Portfolio may buy or sell a stock index futures contract so long as the sum of the amount of margin deposits on open positions with respect to all stock index futures contracts does not exceed 10% of the **Alternative Income Portfolio’s** total assets or 5% of each other Portfolio’s net assets.

To the extent a Portfolio enters into a stock index futures contract, it will maintain with its custodian bank (to the extent required by the rules of the SEC) assets in a segregated account to cover its obligations or in futures or options accounts with custodial brokers. Such assets may consist of cash, cash equivalents, or high quality debt securities from its portfolio in an amount equal to the difference between the fluctuating market value of such futures contract and the aggregate value of the initial and variation margin payments.

Risks Associated With Options and Futures. Although each Portfolio may write covered call options and purchase and sell stock index futures contracts to hedge against declines in market value of their portfolio securities, the use of these instruments involves certain risks. As the writer of covered call options, a Portfolio receives a premium but loses any opportunity to profit from an increase in the market price of the underlying securities, though the premium received may partially offset such loss.

Although stock index futures contracts may be useful in hedging against adverse changes in the value of a Portfolio’s investment securities, they are derivative instruments that are subject to a number of risks. During certain market conditions, purchases and sales of stock index futures contracts may not completely offset a decline or rise in the value of a Portfolio’s investments. In the futures markets, it may not always be possible to execute a buy or sell order at the desired price, or to close out an open position due to market conditions, limits on open positions and/or daily price fluctuations. Changes in the market value of each Portfolio’s investment securities may differ substantially from the changes anticipated by the Portfolio when it established its hedged positions, and unanticipated price movements in a futures contract may result in a loss substantially greater than the Portfolio’s initial investment in such a contract.

Successful use of futures contracts depends upon the Adviser’s ability to correctly predict movements in the securities markets generally or of a particular segment of a securities market. No assurance can be given that the Adviser’s judgment in this respect will be correct.

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the various exchanges have established limits referred to as “speculative position limits” on the maximum net long or net short position that any person may hold or control in a particular futures contract. Trading limits are imposed on the number of contracts that any person may trade on a particular trading day. An exchange may order the liquidation of positions found to be in violation of these limits and it may impose sanctions or restrictions. These trading and positions limits will not have an adverse impact on a Portfolio’s strategies for hedging its securities.

Participatory Notes. The **Global Portfolio** may invest in participatory notes issued by banks or broker-dealers that are designed to replicate the performance of certain issuers and markets. Participatory notes are a type of equity-linked derivative, which generally are traded over-the-counter. The performance results of participatory notes will not replicate exactly the performance of the issuers or markets that the notes seek to replicate due to transaction costs and other expenses. Investments in participatory notes involve the same risks associated with a direct investment in the shares of the companies the notes seek to replicate. In addition, participatory notes are subject to counterparty risk, which is the risk that the broker-dealer or bank that issues the notes will not fulfill its contractual obligation to complete the transaction with the Portfolio. Participatory notes constitute general unsecured contractual obligations of the banks or broker-dealers that issue them, and the Portfolio is relying on the creditworthiness of such banks or broker-dealers and has no rights under a participatory note against the issuers of the securities underlying such participatory notes. Participatory notes involve transaction costs. Participatory notes may be considered illiquid and, therefore, participatory notes considered illiquid will be subject to the Portfolio's percentage limitation for investments in illiquid securities.

Interest Rate Swaps, Total Rate of Return Swaps, Credit Swaps, Interest Rate Floors, Caps and Collars and Currency Swaps (The Alternative Income Portfolio and the Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio)

The **Alternative Income Portfolio and the Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio** may enter into swap transactions and transactions involving interest rate floors, caps and collars for hedging purposes or to seek to increase total return. These instruments are privately negotiated over-the-counter derivative products. A great deal of flexibility is possible in the way these instruments are structured. Interest rate swaps involve the exchange by the Portfolio with another party of their respective commitments to pay or receive interest, such as an exchange of fixed rate payments for floating rate payments. The purchase of an interest rate floor or cap entitles the purchaser to receive payments of interest on a notional principal amount from the seller, to the extent the specified index falls below (floor) or exceeds (cap) a predetermined interest rate. An interest rate collar is a combination of a cap and a floor that preserves a certain return within a predetermined range of interest rates. Total rate of return swaps are contracts that obligate a party to pay or receive interest in exchange for the payment by the other party of the total return generated by a security, a basket of securities, an index or an index component. Credit swaps are contracts involving the receipt of floating or fixed rate payments in exchange for assuming potential credit losses of an underlying security. Credit swaps give one party to a transaction the right to dispose of or acquire an asset (or group of assets), or, in the case of credit default swaps, the right to receive or make a payment from the other party, upon the occurrence of specific credit events. The Portfolio also may enter into currency swaps, which involve the exchange of the rights of the Portfolio and another party to make or receive payments in specific currencies.

Some transactions, such as interest rate swaps and total rate of return swaps are entered into on a net basis, *i.e.*; the two payment streams are netted out, with the **Alternative Income Portfolio or Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio** receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments. If the other party to such a transaction defaults, the Portfolio's risk of loss consists of the net amount of payments that the Portfolio is contractually entitled to receive, if any. In contrast, other transactions involve the payment of the gross amount owed. For example, currency swaps usually involve the delivery of the entire principal amount of one designated currency in exchange for the other designated currency. Therefore, the entire principal value of a currency swap is subject to the risk that the other party to the swap will default on its contractual delivery obligations. To the extent that the amount payable by the Portfolio under a swap or an interest rate floor, cap or collar is covered by segregated cash or liquid assets, the Portfolio and the Adviser believe that transactions do not constitute senior securities under the 1940 Act and, accordingly, will not treat them as being subject to the Portfolio's borrowing restrictions.

Credit default swaps are contracts whereby one party makes periodic payments to a counterparty in exchange for the right to receive from the counterparty a payment equal to the par (or other agreed-upon) value of a referenced debt obligation in the event of a default by the issuer of the debt obligation. The use of credit default swaps may be limited by the Portfolio's limitation on illiquid investments.

When used for hedging purposes, the Portfolio would be the buyer of a credit default swap contract. In that case, the **Alternative Income Portfolio or the Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio** would be entitled to receive the par (or other agreed-upon) value of a referenced debt obligation from the counterparty to the contract in the event of a default by a third party, such as a U.S. or non-U.S. issuer, on the debt obligation. In return, the Portfolio would pay to the counterparty a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract provided that no event of default has occurred. If no default occurs, the Portfolio would have spent the stream of payments and received no benefit from the contract. Credit default swaps involve the risk that the investment may expire worthless and would generate income only in the event of an actual default by the issuer of the underlying obligation (as opposed to a credit downgrade or other indication of financial instability). It would also involve credit risk, which is the risk that the seller may fail to satisfy its payment obligations to the Portfolio in the event of a default.

When the **Alternative Income Portfolio or the Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio** is the seller of a credit default swap contract, it receives the stream of payments but is obligated to pay upon default of the referenced debt obligation. As the seller, the Portfolio would effectively add leverage to its portfolio because, in addition to its total assets, the Portfolio would be subject to investment exposure on the notional amount of the swap.

In addition to the risks applicable to derivatives generally, credit default swaps involve special risks because they are difficult to value, are highly susceptible to liquidity and credit risk, and generally pay a return to the party that has paid the premium only in the event of an actual default by the issuer of the underlying obligation (as opposed to a credit downgrade or other indication of financial difficulty).

Neither the **Alternative Income Portfolio** nor the **Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio** will enter into a total rate of return, credit, currency or interest rate swap or interest rate floor, cap or collar transaction unless the unsecured commercial paper, senior debt or the claims-paying ability of the other party thereto is rated either A or A-1 or better by S&P or Fitch, or A or Prime-1 or better by Moody's or a comparable rating from another organization that is recognized as a nationally recognized statistical rating organization ("NSRO") or, if unrated by such rating organization, is determined to be of comparable quality by the Adviser. If there is a default by the other party to such transaction, the Portfolio will have contractual remedies pursuant to the agreements related to the transaction. The use of interest rate, total rate of return, credit and currency swaps, as well as interest rate caps, floors and collars, is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. If the Adviser is incorrect in its forecast of market values, interest rates and currency exchange rates, the investment performance of the Portfolio would be less favorable than it would have been if this investment technique were not used.

Distressed Investments

Each Portfolio, other than the **Alternative Income Portfolio** and the **Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio**, may invest up to 5% of its assets in securities of companies that are in financial distress (*i.e.*, involved in bankruptcy or reorganization proceedings). The **Alternative Income Portfolio** and the **Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio** may invest up to 15% of its total assets in securities of companies that are in financial distress. These securities may include, among other things, senior or subordinated fixed income securities, common stock, preferred stock, warrants and other kinds of indebtedness. There can be no assurance that the Adviser will correctly evaluate all the factors that could affect the outcome of an investment in these types of securities. Financially distressed securities involve considerable risk that can result in substantial or even total loss on a Portfolio's investment.

It is often difficult to obtain information as to the true condition of financially distressed securities. These securities are often subject to litigation among the participants in the bankruptcy or reorganization proceedings. Such investments may also be adversely affected by federal and state laws relating to, among other things, fraudulent transfers and other voidable transfers or payments, lender liability and a bankruptcy court's power to disallow, reduce, subordinate or disenfranchise particular claims. These and other factors contribute to above-average price volatility and abrupt and erratic movements of the market prices of these securities. In addition, the spread between the bid and asked prices of such securities may be greater than normally expected and it may take a number of years for the market price of such securities to reflect their intrinsic value.

Securities of financially troubled companies require active monitoring and may, at times, require participation in bankruptcy or reorganization proceedings by the Adviser. To the extent that the Adviser becomes involved in such proceedings, the Adviser may have a more active participation in the affairs of the issuer than that assumed generally by a shareholder, and such participation may generate higher legal fees and other transaction costs relating to the investment than would normally be the case.

In bankruptcy and other forms of corporate reorganization, there exists the risk that the reorganization will: (1) be unsuccessful (due to, for example, failure to obtain the necessary approvals); (2) be delayed (for example, until various liabilities, actual or contingent, have been satisfied); or (3) result in a distribution of cash or a new security the value of which will be less than the purchase price of the security in respect to which such distribution was made.

Real Estate Investment Trusts (“REITs”). All Portfolios may invest in REITs. A REIT is a corporation or trust that pools the capital of many investors to purchase income property and/or mortgage loans.

A REIT is not taxed on income distributed to its shareholders or unitholders if it complies with regulatory requirements relating to its organization, ownership, assets and income, and with a regulatory 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 the Portfolio, shareholders of the Fund will bear not only their proportionate share of the expenses of the Portfolio, but also indirectly, similar expenses of underlying REITs.

REITs may be affected by changes in 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 depend generally 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, the performance of a REIT may be affected by its failure to qualify for tax-free pass-through of income under the Internal Revenue Code or its failure to maintain exemption from registration under the 1940 Act.

Cyber Security Risk

The Portfolios and their service providers may be prone to operational and information security risks resulting from breaches in cyber security. A breach in cyber security refers to both intentional and unintentional events that may cause a Portfolio to lose proprietary information, suffer data corruption, or

lose operational capacity. Breaches in cyber security include, among other behaviors, stealing or corrupting data maintained online or digitally, denial of service attacks on websites, the unauthorized release of confidential information or various other forms of cyber-attacks. Cyber security breaches affecting the Portfolios or their Adviser, custodian, transfer agent, intermediaries and other third-party service providers may adversely impact the Portfolios. For instance, cyber security breaches may interfere with the processing of shareholder transactions, impact a Portfolio's ability to calculate their NAVs, cause the release of private shareholder information or confidential business information, impede trading, subject a Portfolio to regulatory fines or financial losses and/or cause reputational damage. A Portfolio may also incur additional costs for cyber security risk management purposes. Similar types of cyber security risks are also present for issuers of securities in which a Portfolio may invest, which could result in material adverse consequences for such issuers and may cause a Portfolio's investment in such companies to lose value and therefore negatively impact a Portfolio's NAV.

Operational Risk (*All Portfolios*)

The Adviser and other service providers may experience disruptions or operating errors that could negatively impact the Portfolios. While service providers are required to have appropriate operational risk management policies and procedures, their methods of operational risk management may differ from the Portfolios' in the setting of priorities, the personnel and resources available or the effectiveness of relevant controls. The Adviser, through its monitoring and oversight of service providers, seeks to ensure that service providers take appropriate precautions to avoid and mitigate risks that could lead to disruptions and operating errors. However, it is not possible for the Adviser or the other service providers to identify all of the operational risks that may affect a Portfolio or to develop processes and controls to completely eliminate or mitigate their occurrence or effects.

Bitcoin (*The Internet Portfolio, the Global Portfolio, the Paradigm Portfolio, the Small Cap Opportunities Portfolio and the Market Opportunities Portfolio*)

The Internet Portfolio, Global Portfolio, Paradigm Portfolio, Small Cap Opportunities Portfolio and the Market Opportunities Portfolio may invest indirectly in bitcoins through a Delaware statutory trust ("Bitcoin Investment Trust") (or such other vehicle). Bitcoin Investment Trust offers shares on an ongoing basis through private placements pursuant to the exemption from registration provided by Rule 506(c) under Regulation D of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Bitcoin is a decentralized digital currency that enables instant transfers to anyone, anywhere in the world. Managing transactions in bitcoins occurs via an open source, cryptographic protocol central authority. The Bitcoin Network is an online, end-user-to-end-user network that hosts the public transaction ledger, known as the Blockchain, and the source code that comprises the basis for the cryptographic and algorithmic protocols governing the Bitcoin Network. No single entity owns or operates the Bitcoin Network, the infrastructure of which is collectively maintained by a decentralized user base. As the Bitcoin Network is decentralized, it does not rely on either governmental authorities or financial institutions to create, transmit or determine the value of bitcoins. Rather, the value of bitcoins is determined by the supply of and demand for bitcoins in the global bitcoin exchange market for the trading of bitcoins, which consists of transactions on electronic bitcoin exchanges ("Bitcoin Exchanges"). The price of bitcoins is set in transfers by mutual agreement or barter as well as the number of merchants that accept bitcoins. Because bitcoins are digital files that can be transferred without the involvement of intermediaries or third parties, there are little or no transaction costs in direct end-user-to-end-user transactions. Bitcoins can be used to pay for goods and services or can be converted to fiat currencies, such as the U.S. dollar, at rates determined by the Bitcoin Exchanges. Additionally, third party service providers such as Bitcoin Exchanges are also used for transfers but they may charge significant fees for processing transactions.

The CFTC considers bitcoin to be a “commodity” under the Commodity Exchange Act of 1936, as amended (“CEA”), which makes it possible for futures, swaps, and other CFTC-regulated derivatives based on bitcoin to be offered and traded in the United States. The CFTC has not, to date, taken the view that bitcoin is a “commodity interest,” which is defined under the CEA to include futures, swaps, and other derivatives based on commodities. Commodity interests are subject to CFTC regulation and thus, if bitcoin were to be deemed a commodity interest by the CFTC, the pooled investment vehicle and its sponsor would be subject to additional regulatory and compliance requirements under the CEA and CFTC regulations.

Most of the Portfolios recently contributed all or a portion of their holdings in the Bitcoin Investment Trust to a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of each Portfolio organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands (individually, a “Cayman Subsidiary” and collectively, the “Cayman Subsidiaries.” Each Portfolio will realize capital gain on the transfer to the extent the value of the transferred Bitcoin Investment Trust interest at the time of transfer exceeds its tax basis in the hands of the Portfolio. Each of the Internet, Global, Paradigm and Market Opportunities Portfolios is also the sole shareholder of its respective wholly owned subsidiary organized under Delaware law (collectively, the “Delaware Subsidiaries,” and together with the Cayman Subsidiaries, the “Subsidiaries”) and may in the future contribute a portion of its holdings in the Bitcoin Investment Trust to its Delaware Subsidiary. Any net gains that a Delaware Subsidiary recognizes on future sales of the contributed Bitcoin Investment Trust shares will be subject to federal and state corporate income tax, but the dividends that a Delaware Subsidiary pays to each Portfolio (*i.e.*, those gains, net of the tax paid and any other expenses of the Delaware Subsidiary, such as its management and advisory fees) will be qualifying income for purposes of a source-of-income requirement set forth in Subchapter M of Subtitle A, Chapter 1, of the Internal Revenue Code, and will be eligible to be treated as “qualified dividend income” under the Internal Revenue Code. In the future, each Portfolio may seek to gain additional exposure to the Bitcoin Investment Trust and other similar investments that may not produce qualifying income for the corresponding feeder fund under the Internal Revenue Code, if held directly, including, potentially, other pooled investment vehicles that provide exposure to digital commodities, by investing up to 25% of the value of its total assets at the time of investment in its Subsidiaries.

Generally, a Subsidiary invests primarily in the Bitcoin Investment Trust, but may, potentially, invest in other pooled investment vehicles that provide exposure to digital commodities. The Portfolios will invest in their Subsidiaries within the limitations of the federal tax laws, rules and regulations that apply to regulated investment companies (“RICs”) under Subchapter M of Subtitle A, Chapter 1, of the Internal Revenue Code. Unlike the Portfolios, the Subsidiaries do not, and will not, seek to qualify as a RIC.

Temporary Investments

Due to the changing nature of the Internet and related companies, the national economy and market conditions, the **Internet Portfolio** may, as a temporary defensive measure, invest without limitation, in short-term debt securities and money market securities with a rating of A2-P2 or higher.

Due to the changing nature of the medical research, biopharmaceutical and treatment industry, the national economy and market conditions, the **Medical Portfolio** may, as a temporary defensive measure, invest without limitation, in short-term money market securities with a rating of A2-P2 or higher.

To respond to adverse market, economic, political or other conditions, the **Alternative Income Portfolio**, the **Global Portfolio**, the **Paradigm Portfolio**, the **Small Cap Opportunities Portfolio**, the **Market Opportunities Portfolio** and the **Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio** may invest up to 100% of their assets in high quality U.S. short-term debt securities and money market instruments.

In order to have funds available for redemption and investment opportunities, the Portfolios may also hold a portion of their assets in cash or U.S. short-term money market instruments. Certificates of deposit purchased by the Portfolios will be those of U.S. banks having total assets at the time of purchase in excess of \$1 billion, and bankers' acceptances purchased by the Portfolios will be guaranteed by U.S. or foreign banks having total assets at the time of purchase in excess of \$1 billion. Each Portfolio anticipates that not more than 15% of its total assets will be so invested or held in cash at any given time, except when the Portfolio is in a temporary defensive posture.

Portfolio Turnover

Most of the direct investors in the Portfolios are entities that have elected to be treated as RICs for federal tax purposes. For these entities to qualify for the beneficial tax treatment afforded RICs, and to be relieved of federal tax liabilities, the RICs must distribute substantially all of their net income to shareholders generally on an annual basis and the Portfolios will have to provide those funds. Thus, the Portfolios may have to dispose of portfolio securities under disadvantageous circumstances to generate cash or borrow cash in order for the Funds to satisfy the distribution requirement. The Portfolios do not trade in securities for short-term profits but, when circumstances warrant, securities may be sold without regard to the length of time they have been held. Portfolio turnover rates may vary depending on the volume of buying and selling activities. Rates over 100% annually are considered high. The table below shows the portfolio turnover rates for the past two fiscal years.

Portfolio turnover rate for:	Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2017	Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016
The Alternative Income Portfolio	0%	1%
The Internet Portfolio	44%	2%
The Global Portfolio	169%	11%
The Paradigm Portfolio	14%	2%
The Medical Portfolio	0%	0%
The Small Cap Opportunities Portfolio	9%	4%
The Market Opportunities Portfolio	35%	5%
The Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio	16%	9%

The difference in the portfolio turnover rate for The Global Portfolio from 2016 to 2017 is primarily due to transactions intended to result to tax efficiencies for the portfolio.

Management of the Portfolios

Board of Trustees

The management and affairs of the Portfolios are supervised by the Board of Trustees of the Trust. The Board consists of eight individuals, five of whom are not "interested persons" of the Trust as that term is defined in the 1940 Act ("Independent Trustees"). The Board establishes policies for the operation of the Portfolios and appoints the officers who conduct the daily business of the Portfolios. The Board has appointed Jay Kesslen as its Anti-Money Laundering Officer.

The Board believes that each of the Trustee's experience, qualifications, attributes and skills on an individual basis and in combination with those of the other Trustees lead to the conclusion that each Trustee should serve in such capacity. Among the attributes common to all Trustees is the ability to review critically, evaluate, question and discuss information provided to them, to interact effectively with the other Trustees, the Adviser, other service providers, counsel and the independent registered public accounting firm, and to exercise effective business judgment in the performance of their duties as Trustees. A Trustee's ability to perform his duties effectively may have been attained through the

Trustee’s business, consulting, public service and/or academic positions; experience as a board member of the Trust, other investment funds, or non-profit entities or other organizations; education or professional training; and/or other life experiences. In addition to these shared characteristics, specific details regarding each Trustee’s principal occupations during the past five years are included in the table below.

Officers and Trustees of the Trust are listed below with their ages, addresses, present positions with the Trust and principal occupations over at least the last five years. Each Trustee may be contacted by writing to the Trustee c/o Kinetics Mutual Funds, Inc., 470 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10016. Each Trustee of the Trust also serves as a Director of the Company and each Officer of the Trust also serves in the same capacity for the Company.

Independent Trustees

Name, Address and Age	Position(s) Held with Company/ Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	# of Portfolios in Fund Complex⁽¹⁾ Overseen by Director/ Trustee	Other Directorships Held by Director/ Trustee⁽²⁾
Steven T. Russell (54) c/o Kinetics Asset Management LLC 470 Park Avenue South New York, New York 10016	Independent Director/ Independent Trustee	Indefinite/ 17 years	Professor of Business Law, Suffolk County Community College (1997 to Present); Lawyer, Private Practice (2010 to present.)	17	N/A
Douglas Cohen, CPA (56) c/o Kinetics Asset Management LLC 470 Park Avenue South New York, New York 10016	Independent Director/ Independent Trustee	Indefinite/ 17 years	Chief Financial Officer, Sunrise Credit Services, Inc. (2005 to present).	17	N/A
William J. Graham (56) c/o Kinetics Asset Management LLC 470 Park Avenue South New York, New York 10016	Independent Director/ Independent Trustee	Indefinite/ 17 years	Assistant Town Attorney, Town of Islip (2016 to present); Attorney, William J. Graham, PC (2001 to present).	17	N/A

Name, Address and Age	Position(s) Held with Company/Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	# of Portfolios in Fund Complex⁽¹⁾ Overseen by Director/Trustee	Other Directorships Held by Director/Trustee⁽²⁾
Joseph E. Breslin (64) c/o Kinetics Asset Management LLC 470 Park Avenue South New York, New York 10016	Independent Director/ Independent Trustee	Indefinite/ 17 years	Counsel, White Oak Global Advisors, LLC (2016 to present); J.E. Breslin & Co. – Consulting (2010 to 2016).	17	Trustee, Forethought Variable Insurance Trust (23 portfolios); Trustee, BluArc Multi-Strategy Fund (2014-2017); Chairman and Trustee, Northern Lights Fund Trust IV (24 portfolios); Trustee, Hatteras Alternative Mutual Funds Trust (5 portfolios) (2004-2016); Trustee, Underlying Funds Trust (5 portfolios) (2004-2016); Trustee, Director, Hatteras Master Fund, L.P. (2013-2016); Director, Hatteras Core Alternatives TEI Fund, L.P. (2013-2016); Director, Hatteras Core Alternatives Fund, L.P. (2013-2016); Director, Hatteras Core Alternatives Institutional Fund, L.P. (2013-2016); and Director, Hatteras Core Alternatives TEI Institutional Fund, L.P. (2013-2016).

Name, Address and Age	Position(s) Held with Company/Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	# of Portfolios in Fund Complex⁽¹⁾ Overseen by Director/Trustee	Other Directorships Held by Director/Trustee⁽²⁾
James M. Breen (59) c/o Kinetics Asset Management LLC 470 Park Avenue South New York, New York 10016	Independent Director/ Independent Trustee	Indefinite/ 9 years	Special Agent, Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) (2015 to present); Vice President, HBES Consulting, Inc. (2014 to present); Citibank, Senior AML Analyst (2014-2015); Senior Special Agent, Homeland Security Investigations, Miami, FL (2011 to 2014); Assistant Attaché Immigration & Customs Enforcement, Pretoria, South Africa (2008 to 2011).	17	N/A

Interested Trustees & Officers

Name, Address and Age	Position(s) Held with the Company/Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	# of Portfolios in Fund Complex⁽¹⁾ Overseen by Director/Trustee	Other Directorships Held by Director/Trustee⁽²⁾
Murray Stahl ⁽³⁾ (64) c/o Kinetics Asset Management LLC 470 Park Avenue South New York, New York 10016	Director/Trustee & Secretary	Indefinite/ 17 years	Chairman, FRMO Corp. (2001 to present) (provides consulting services to private investment funds and research services with respect to marketable securities); Chairman and Chief Investment Officer, Horizon Kinetics LLC, (including	17	Director and Officer of FRMO Corp.; Director, Winland Electronics, Inc.

Name, Address and Age	Position(s) Held with the Company/Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	# of Portfolios in Fund Complex⁽¹⁾ Overseen by Director/Trustee	Other Directorships Held by Director/Trustee⁽²⁾
			Horizon Asset Management LLC (investment adviser) (1994 to present); Kinetics Asset Management LLC and Kinetics Advisers, LLC (2000 to present); CEO, Horizon Kinetics LLC (2015 to present).		
Peter B. Doyle ⁽³⁾ (55) c/o Kinetics Asset Management LLC 470 Park Avenue South New York, New York 10016	Director/Trustee, President & Chairman of the Board	Indefinite/ 15 years	Vice President, Horizon Asset Management LLC (1997-2011); Vice President, FMRO Corp. (2001 to present) (provides consulting services to private investment funds and research services with respect to marketable securities); Managing Director, Horizon Kinetics LLC (including Horizon Asset Management LLC (investment adviser) (1994 to present); Kinetics Asset	17	Director and Officer, FRMO Corp.

Name, Address and Age	Position(s) Held with the Company/Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	# of Portfolios in Fund Complex⁽¹⁾ Overseen by Director/Trustee	Other Directorships Held by Director/Trustee⁽²⁾
			Management LLC and Kinetics Advisers LLC (1999 to present); and President of Kinetics Mutual Funds, Inc. (1998 to present).		
Leonid Polyakov ⁽³⁾ (60) c/o Kinetics Asset Management LLC 470 Park Avenue South New York, New York 10016	Director/Trustee & Treasurer	Indefinite/ 15 years	CFO, Kinetics Asset Management LLC (2000 to 2011); CFO and FINOP, Kinetics Funds Distributor LLC (2002 to 2011); Director, Kinetics Advisers, LLC (2000 to 2011).	17	N/A

(1) The term “fund complex” refers to the Company and the Trust, which hold themselves out as related for investment purposes.

(2) “Other Directorships Held” includes only directorships of companies required to register or file reports with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (that is, “public companies”) or investment companies registered under the 1940 Act.

(3) Directors/Trustees who are considered “interested persons” as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act because of their association with the Adviser and its affiliates.

Officers

Name, Address and Age	Position(s) Held with the Company/Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years
Andrew M. Fishman (68) c/o Kinetics Asset Management LLC 470 Park Avenue South New York, New York 10016	Chief Compliance Officer	Indefinite/13 years	Associate General Counsel, Horizon Kinetics LLC (2011 to present); General Counsel, Horizon Asset Management, Inc. (1997 to 2011); Secretary, Horizon Asset Management, Inc. (2006 to 2011); Chief Compliance Officer, Kinetics Asset Management, Inc. (1999 to 2011); Chief Compliance Officer, Kinetics Advisers, LLC (2000 to 2011).

Name, Address and Age	Position(s) Held with the Company/Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years
Jay H. Kesslen (45) c/o Kinetics Asset Management LLC 470 Park Avenue South New York, New York 10016	Vice President and Assistant Secretary	Indefinite/13 years	General Counsel, Horizon Kinetics LLC (including Horizon Asset Management LLC (investment adviser) (2011 to present), Chief Compliance Officer, Horizon Kinetics LLC (2015-2016), Kinetics Asset Management LLC (2000 to present), Kinetics Advisers LLC (2000 to present), Kinetics Funds Distributor LLC (2000 to present), KBD Securities LLC (2000 to present); FRMO Corp. (2014 to present); Chief Compliance Officer, Horizon Kinetics LLC.

Leadership Structure and Oversight Responsibilities

Overall responsibility for oversight of the Portfolios rests with the Board of Trustees of the Trust. The Trust, on behalf of each Portfolio, has engaged the Adviser to manage the Portfolios on a day-to-day basis. The Board is responsible for overseeing the Adviser and other service providers in the operations of the Portfolios in accordance with the provisions of the 1940 Act, applicable provisions of state and other laws and the Trust's Declaration of Trust and By-laws. The Board meets in-person at regularly scheduled meetings four times each year. In addition, the Board may hold special in-person or telephonic meetings or informal conference calls to discuss specific matters that may arise or require action between regular meetings. The Independent Trustees have also engaged independent legal counsel to assist them in performing their oversight responsibility. The Independent Trustees meet with their independent legal counsel in-person during each quarterly in-person board meeting. As described below, the Board has established an Audit Committee and a Pricing Committee, and may establish ad hoc committees or working groups from time to time to assist them in fulfilling their oversight responsibilities.

The Board has appointed Peter B. Doyle, an interested Trustee, to serve in the role of Chairman. The Chairman's role is to preside at all meetings of the Board and to act as liaison with the Trust's service providers, counsel and other Trustees generally between meetings. The Chairman may also perform such other functions as may be delegated by the Board from time to time. The Board does not have a lead independent Trustee. The Board has determined that the Board's leadership structure is appropriate because it allows the Board to exercise informed and independent judgment over matters under its purview and it allocates areas of responsibility among committees of Trustees and the full Board in a manner that enhances effective oversight.

The Portfolios are subject to a number of risks, including investment, compliance, operational and valuation risks, among others. Risk oversight forms part of the Board's general oversight of the Portfolios and is addressed as part of various Board and committee activities. Day-to-day risk management functions are subsumed within the responsibilities of the Adviser and other service providers (depending on the nature of the risk), which carry out the Portfolios' investment management and business affairs. The Adviser and other service providers employ a variety of processes, procedures and controls to identify various events or circumstances that give rise to risks, to lessen the probability of their occurrence and/or to mitigate the effects of such events or circumstances if they do occur. The Adviser and other service providers have their own independent interests in risk management, and their policies

and methods of risk management will depend on their functions and business models. The Board recognizes that it is not possible to identify all of the risks that may affect the Portfolios or to develop processes and controls to eliminate or mitigate their occurrence or effects. The Board requires senior officers of the Trust, including the President, Treasurer and Chief Compliance Officer, and the Adviser, to report to the full Board on a variety of matters at regular and special meetings of the Board, including matters relating to risk management. The Board and the Audit Committee also receive regular reports from the Trust's independent registered public accounting firm on internal control and financial reporting matters. The Board also receives reports from certain of the Trust's other primary service providers on a periodic or regular basis, including the Trust's custodian, distributor and administrator. The Board may, at any time and in its discretion, change the manner in which it conducts risk oversight.

Board Committees

The Board has two standing committees as described below:

Audit Committee		
<u>Members</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u># of Meetings during Past Fiscal Year</u>
James M. Breen Joseph E. Breslin Douglas Cohen, CPA* William J. Graham Steven T. Russell	Responsible for advising the full Board with respect to accounting, auditing and financial matters affecting the Portfolios.	The Committee met two times during the year ended December 31, 2017.
Pricing Committee		
<u>Members</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u># of Meetings during Past Fiscal Year</u>
James M. Breen Joseph E. Breslin* Douglas Cohen William J. Graham Steven T. Russell	Responsible for (1) monitoring the valuation of the Portfolios' securities and other investments; and (2) as required by the Portfolios' valuation policies, when the full Board is not in session, determining the fair value of illiquid and other holdings after consideration of all relevant factors, which determinations shall be reported to the full Board.	The Committee met two times during the year ended December 31, 2017.

* Designates the Chairperson of the respective Committee.

Board Interest in the Portfolios

As of December 31, 2017, no Trustee held any interest in the Portfolios. However, as of December 31, 2017, the Trustees owned the following amounts of each series of the Company:

Name of Director/Trustee	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Funds	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in All Funds/Portfolios Overseen by Director/Trustee
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INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES

Steven T. Russell	Alternative Income Fund	None	\$1-\$10,000
	Internet Fund	\$1-\$10,000	
	Global Fund	None	
	Paradigm Fund	None	
	Medical Fund	None	
	Small Cap Opportunities Fund	None	
	Market Opportunities Fund	None	
	Multi-Disciplinary Income Fund	None	
Douglas Cohen, C.P.A.	Alternative Income Fund	None	\$10,001-\$50,000
	Internet Fund	None	
	Global Fund	None	
	Paradigm Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
	Medical Fund	None	
	Small Cap Opportunities Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
	Market Opportunities Fund	\$1-\$10,000	
	Multi-Disciplinary Income Fund	None	
William J. Graham	Alternative Income Fund	None	\$10,001-\$50,000
	Internet Fund	None	
	Global Fund	None	
	Paradigm Fund	None	
	Medical Fund	None	
	Small Cap Opportunities Fund	None	
	Market Opportunities Fund	None	
	Multi-Disciplinary Income Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
Joseph E. Breslin	Alternative Income Fund	None	\$50,001-\$100,000
	Internet Fund	None	
	Global Fund	None	
	Paradigm Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
	Medical Fund	None	
	Small Cap Opportunities Fund	None	
	Market Opportunities Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
	Multi-Disciplinary Income Fund	None	
James M. Breen	Alternative Income Fund	None	Over \$100,000
	Internet Fund	None	
	Global Fund	None	
	Paradigm Fund	None	
	Medical Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
	Small Cap Opportunities Fund	Over \$100,000	
	Market Opportunities Fund	None	
	Multi-Disciplinary Income Fund	None	

Name of Director/Trustee	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Funds	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in All Funds/Portfolios Overseen by Director/Trustee
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INTERESTED TRUSTEES

Murray Stahl	Alternative Income Fund	None	Over \$100,000
	Internet Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
	Global Fund	None	
	Paradigm Fund	Over \$100,000	
	Medical Fund	None	
	Small Cap Opportunities Fund	Over \$100,000	
	Market Opportunities Fund	Over \$100,000	
	Multi-Disciplinary Income Fund	\$1-\$10,000	
Leonid Polyakov	Alternative Income Fund	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
	Internet Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
	Global Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
	Paradigm Fund	Over \$100,000	
	Medical Fund	\$50,001-\$100,000	
	Small Cap Opportunities Fund	Over \$100,000	
	Market Opportunities Fund	Over \$100,000	
	Multi-Disciplinary Income Fund	\$50,001-\$100,000	
Peter B. Doyle	Alternative Income Fund	None	Over \$100,000
	Internet Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
	Global Fund	Over \$100,000	
	Paradigm Fund	Over \$100,000	
	Medical Fund	None	
	Small Cap Opportunities Fund	Over \$100,000	
	Market Opportunities Fund	Over \$100,000	
	Multi-Disciplinary Income Fund	Over \$100,000	

Compensation

For their service as Directors of the Company and Trustees of the Trust, the Independent Directors/Independent Trustees receive an aggregate fee of \$30,000 per year, \$3,000 per Board meeting attended, with an additional \$2,000 for each Pricing and/or Audit Committee Meeting attended, as well as reimbursement for expenses incurred in connection with attendance at such meetings. In addition, each Committee Chairman of the Company and the Trust (such as the Audit Committee or Pricing Committee) receives an additional fee of \$5,000 per year for his service as Chairman. The “interested persons” who serve as Directors of the Company or Trustees of the Trust receive no compensation for their service as Directors or Trustees. None of the executive officers receive compensation from the Funds or the Portfolios except the Company’s/Trust’s Chief Compliance Officer. The following table provides compensation information for the Directors/Trustees for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Kinetics Portfolios Trust

Compensation Table

Name and Position	Aggregate Compensation From Portfolios	Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued as Part of Fund/Portfolio Expenses	Estimated Annual Benefits Upon Retirement	Total Compensation from Portfolios and Fund Complex Paid to Directors/Trustees**
<u>Interested Trustees</u>				
Murray Stahl*	None	None	None	None
Peter B. Doyle*	None	None	None	None
Leonid Polyakov*	None	None	None	None
<u>Independent Trustees</u>				
Steven T. Russell	\$27,000	None	None	\$50,000
Douglas Cohen, CPA	\$29,500	None	None	\$55,000
William J. Graham	\$27,000	None	None	\$50,000
Joseph E. Breslin	\$32,000	None	None	\$55,000
James M. Breen	\$27,000	None	None	\$50,000

* “Interested person” as defined under the 1940 Act.

** Includes compensation paid by the Company.

Control Persons and Principal Holders of Securities

Each Portfolio is a master fund in a master/feeder structure in which feeder funds invest the majority of their investable assets in a Portfolio of the Trust. A control person is one who owns beneficially either directly or through controlled companies more than 25% of the voting securities of a company or who acknowledges or asserts the existence of control. Therefore, each feeder fund is a control person because it owns the majority of the beneficial interests of a Portfolio. Set forth in the table below are the feeder funds that invest in a Portfolio.

Name of Record Holder (Feeder Fund)	Portfolio	Beneficial Interest as of March 31, 2018
The Alternative Income Fund	The Alternative Income Portfolio	99.46%
The Internet Fund	The Internet Portfolio	99.98%
The Global Fund	The Global Portfolio	99.93%
The Paradigm Fund	The Paradigm Portfolio	97.88%
The Medical Fund	The Medical Portfolio	99.81%
The Small Cap Opportunities Fund	The Small Cap Opportunities Portfolio	99.97%
The Market Opportunities Fund	The Market Opportunities Portfolio	99.97%
The Multi-Disciplinary Income Fund	The Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio	99.63%

Management Ownership

The percentage of each Portfolio’s interests owned or controlled by the executive officers and/or Trustees of the Portfolios is less than 1% of the interest of each Portfolio as of March 31, 2018.

Proxy Voting Policies

The Trust, on behalf of the Portfolios, has delegated the voting of portfolio securities to the Adviser. The Adviser has adopted policies and procedures for the voting of proxies on behalf of client accounts, including the Portfolios, for which the Adviser has voting discretion. Pursuant to these policies and procedures, the Adviser's guiding principles in voting proxies is to ensure that the manner in which proxies are voted is in the best interest of its clients and the value of the investment. To this end, an independent third party proxy service, Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. ("ISS"), has been retained by the Adviser for their fundamental research on the proxy question and subsequent recommendations. Proxies are voted by ISS in accordance with their proxy voting guidelines with the intent of serving the best interests of the Adviser's clients.

ISS will inform the Adviser's proxy administrator of any proxies that do not fall within the adopted guidelines. The Adviser's proxy administrator will send the proxies in question to the relevant Portfolio's portfolio manager for review, documentation of vote rationale, and signature. In the event the designated portfolio manager is unavailable, the proxy will be forwarded to the Chief Investment Strategist for execution.

ISS also updates and revises the Guidelines on a periodic basis, and the revisions are reviewed by the Adviser to determine whether they are consistent with the Adviser's guiding principles. ISS also assists the Adviser in the proxy voting process by providing operational, recordkeeping and reporting services.

The Adviser is responsible for reviewing its relationship with ISS and for evaluating the quality and effectiveness of the various services provided by ISS. The Adviser may hire other service providers to replace or supplement ISS with respect to any of the services the Adviser currently receives from ISS.

The Adviser has implemented procedures that are intended to prevent conflicts of interest from influencing proxy voting decisions. These procedures include the Adviser's use of ISS as an independent third party and a review and approval process for individual decisions that do not follow ISS recommendations.

More Information

The Portfolios' actual voting records relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available without charge, upon request by calling toll-free at 1-800-930-3828 or by accessing the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. In addition, a copy of the Trust's proxy voting policies and procedures are also available by calling toll-free at 1-800-930-3828 and will be sent within three business days of receipt of a request.

Investment Adviser

The Board of the Trustees of the Trust, on behalf of the Portfolios, approved advisory contracts (collectively, the “Advisory Agreement”) with Kinetics. This Advisory Agreement continues on a year-to-year basis provided that specific approval is voted at least annually by the Board of Trustees of the Trust or by the vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Portfolios, as applicable. In either event, it must also be approved by a majority of the Trustees of the Portfolios who are neither parties to the Advisory Agreement nor “interested persons” of the Trust as defined in the 1940 Act at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. The Adviser’s investment decisions are made subject to the direction and supervision of the Board of Trustees. The Advisory Agreement may be terminated at any time, without the payment of any penalty, by the Board of Trustees or by vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Portfolios. Ultimate decisions as to a Portfolio’s investment policies are made by the Portfolio’s officers and the Trustees.

Under the Advisory Agreement, Kinetics furnishes investment advice to the Portfolios by continuously reviewing the securities portfolios and recommending to the Portfolios to what extent securities should be purchased or sold. Pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, the Adviser:

- (1) renders research, statistical and advisory services to the Portfolios;
- (2) makes specific recommendations based on the Portfolios’ investment requirements;
- (3) pays the salaries of those of the Portfolios’ employees who may be officers or directors or employees of the Adviser.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board of Trustees’ approval of the Advisory Agreement for each Portfolio is available in the Portfolios’ semi-annual report to shareholders for the period ended June 30, 2017.

Advisory Fees

The Investment Adviser conducts investment research and supervision for each Portfolio and is responsible for the purchase and sale of securities for each Portfolio. Horizon provides certain research services to the Portfolios and does not receive a fee for such services. For the above advisory services, each Portfolio other than the Alternative Income Portfolio have each agreed to pay to Kinetics an annual fee of 1.25% of each Portfolio’s average daily net assets. The Alternative Income Portfolio has agreed to pay to Kinetics an annual fee of 0.90% of the Portfolio’s average daily net assets. All fees are computed on the average daily closing net asset value (“NAV”) of the Portfolios and are payable monthly.

During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2017, 2016, and 2015, the advisory fees expensed to the Adviser were as follows:

Advisory Fees	2017	2016	2015
The Alternative Income Portfolio	\$243,563	\$240,843	\$308,226
The Internet Portfolio	\$1,569,756	\$1,450,156	\$1,798,481
The Global Portfolio	\$121,181	\$87,667	\$103,877
The Paradigm Portfolio	\$9,475,810	\$9,538,932	\$13,151,361
The Medical Portfolio	\$257,032	\$303,169	\$369,584
The Small Cap Opportunities Portfolio	\$2,256,901	\$2,503,829	\$3,811,318
The Market Opportunities Portfolio	\$630,421	\$501,452	\$619,651
The Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio	\$809,006	\$1,115,274	\$1,603,658

The Adviser has voluntarily agreed to waive advisory fees allocated to the Funds and to reimburse expenses of the Funds in order to keep total annual Fund operating expenses at a certain percentage for

each Fund, as described in the Funds' Prospectuses. During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2017, 2016, and 2015, Kinetics waived advisory fees and reimbursed other Fund expenses in the following amounts:

Waiver and Reimbursements	2017		2016		2015	
	Advisory Fee Waiver	Expense Reimbursements	Advisory Fee Waiver	Expense Reimbursements	Advisory Fee Waiver	Expense Reimbursements
The Alternative Income Fund	\$216,303	\$0	\$220,079	\$0	\$271,150	\$0
The Internet Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
The Global Fund	\$121,080	\$5,976	\$87,585	\$27,998	\$103,787	\$19,327
The Paradigm Fund	\$726,971	\$0	\$802,836	\$0	\$738,527	\$0
The Medical Fund	\$156,695	\$0	\$167,424	\$0	\$176,332	\$0
The Small Cap Opportunities Fund	\$245,072	\$0	\$245,774	\$0	\$282,313	\$0
The Market Opportunities Fund	\$140,939	\$0	\$132,910	\$0	\$128,541	\$0
The Multi-Disciplinary Income Fund	\$268,553	\$0	\$320,325	\$0	\$382,621	\$0

Fees of the custodian, administrator, fund accountant and transfer agent are paid by the Funds or by the Portfolios or by the Funds and the Portfolios jointly, as more fully described below. The Funds pay all other expenses, including:

- fees and expenses of directors not affiliated with the Adviser;
- legal and accounting fees;
- interest, taxes, and brokerage commissions; and
- record keeping and the expense of operating its offices.

Portfolio Managers

Investment Professionals for the Adviser

Mr. Peter B. Doyle

Mr. Doyle serves as a Co-Portfolio Manager of the Internet Portfolio, Paradigm Portfolio, Small Cap Opportunities Portfolio, and Market Opportunities Portfolio, and a member of the investment team for the Alternative Income Portfolio, Global Portfolio, Medical Portfolio and Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio. The following provides information regarding other accounts managed by Mr. Doyle as of December 31, 2017:

Category of Account	Total Number of Accounts Managed	Total Assets in Accounts Managed (in Millions)	Number of Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance	Assets in Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance (in Millions)
Other Registered Investment Companies	0	\$0	0	\$0

Category of Account	Total Number of Accounts Managed	Total Assets in Accounts Managed (in Millions)	Number of Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance	Assets in Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance (in Millions)
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	8	\$469	7	\$412
Other Accounts	38	\$44.7	1	\$172

Mr. Steven Tuen

Mr. Tuen is a Co-Portfolio Manager for the Global Portfolio and a member of the investment team for the Alternative Income Portfolio, the Internet Portfolio and the Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio. The following provides information regarding other accounts managed by Mr. Tuen as of December 31, 2017:

Category of Account	Total Number of Accounts Managed	Total Assets in Accounts Managed (in Millions)	Number of Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance	Assets in Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance (in Millions)
Other Registered Investment Companies	0	\$0	0	\$0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	0	\$0	0	\$0
Other Accounts	0	\$0	0	\$0

Mr. Murray Stahl

Mr. Stahl serves as Chief Investment Officer for Horizon Kinetics LLC, the parent company to the Adviser, the Co-Portfolio Manager for the Alternative Income Portfolio, Internet Portfolio, Global Portfolio, Market Opportunities Portfolio, Paradigm Portfolio, Small Cap Opportunities Portfolio, Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio, Internet Portfolio and Small Cap Portfolio. The following provides information regarding other accounts managed by Mr. Stahl as of December 31, 2017:

Category of Account	Total Number of Accounts Managed	Total Assets in Accounts Managed (in Millions)	Number of Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance	Assets in Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance (in Millions)
Other Registered Investment Companies	4	\$252.94	0	\$0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	20	\$665.61	19	\$609.12
Other Accounts	973	\$1,584.64	2	\$174.96

Mr. Steven Bregman

Mr. Bregman serves as the Co-Portfolio Manager for the Paradigm Portfolio and as a member of the investment teams of the Alternative Income Portfolio, Internet Portfolio, Global Portfolio, Market Opportunities Portfolio, Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio, Internet Portfolio and Small Cap Portfolio. The following provides information regarding other accounts managed by Mr. Bregman as of December 31, 2017:

Category of Account	Total Number of Accounts Managed	Total Assets in Accounts Managed (in Millions)	Number of Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance	Assets in Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance (in Millions)
Other Registered Investment Companies	1	\$23.97	0	\$0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	3	\$227.16	3	\$227.16
Other Accounts	1,245	\$1,314.73	0	\$0

Mr. B. Paul Abel

Mr. Abel is the Portfolio Manager for the Medical Portfolio. The following provides information regarding other accounts managed by Mr. Abel as of December 31, 2017:

Category of Account	Total Number of Accounts Managed	Total Assets in Accounts Managed (in Millions)	Number of Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance	Assets in Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance (in Millions)
Other Registered Investment Companies	0	\$0	0	\$0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	3	\$47.35	3	\$47.35
Other Accounts	0	\$0	0	\$0

Mr. James Davolos

Mr. Davolos is the Co-Portfolio Manager for the Internet Portfolio and is a member of the investment team for the Alternative Income Portfolio, Global Portfolio, Paradigm Portfolio, Small Cap Opportunities Portfolio and Market Opportunities Portfolio. The following provides information regarding other accounts managed by Mr. Davolos as of December 31, 2017:

Category of Account	Total Number of Accounts Managed	Total Assets in Accounts Managed (in Millions)	Number of Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance	Assets in Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance (in Millions)
Other Registered Investment Companies	0	\$0	0	\$0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	0	\$0	0	\$0
Other Accounts	0	\$0	0	\$0

Mr. Eric Sites

Mr. Sites serves on the investment team for the Market Opportunities Portfolio. The following provides information regarding other accounts managed by Mr. Sites as of December 31, 2017:

Category of Account	Total Number of Accounts Managed	Total Assets in Accounts Managed (in Millions)	Number of Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance	Assets in Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance (in Millions)
Other Registered Investment Companies	0	\$0	0	\$0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	2	\$2.92	2	\$2.92
Other Accounts	0	\$0	0	\$0

Mr. Matthew Houk

Mr. Houk serves as a Co-Portfolio Manager for the Alternative Income Portfolio, the Small Cap Opportunities Portfolio and the Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio. The following provides information regarding other accounts managed by Mr. Houk as of December 31, 2017:

Category of Account	Total Number of Accounts Managed	Total Assets in Accounts Managed (in Millions)	Number of Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance	Assets in Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance (in Millions)
Other Registered Investment Companies	3	\$246.36	0	\$0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	0	\$0	0	\$0
Other Accounts	0	\$0	0	\$0

As of December 31, 2017, no Portfolio Manager held any interest in the Portfolios. However, as December 31, 2017, the Portfolio Managers that are responsible for the day-to-day management of each of the Portfolios beneficially owned shares of the Funds as shown below.

Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Funds Beneficially Owned

- A. None**
- B. \$1-\$10,000**
- C. \$10,001-\$50,000**
- D. \$50,001-\$100,000**
- E. \$100,001-\$500,000**
- F. \$500,001-\$1,000,000**
- G. Over \$1,000,000**

Name of Fund								
	Peter B. Doyle	Steven Tuen	Murray Stahl	B. Paul Abel	James Davolos	Eric Sites	Matthew Houk	Steven Bregman
Alternative Income Fund	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.
Internet Fund	D.	B.	C.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.

Name of Fund								
	Peter B. Doyle	Steven Tuen	Murray Stahl	B. Paul Abel	James Davolos	Eric Sites	Matthew Houk	Steven Bregman
Global Fund	G.	B.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.
Paradigm Fund	C.	C.	F.	D.	D.	A.	A.	A.
Medical Fund	A.	A.	A.	C.	A.	A.	A.	A.
Small Cap Opportunities Fund	G.	A.	D.	A.	C.	A.	B.	C.
Market Opportunities Fund	G.	C.	A.	C.	C.	A.	A.	A.
Multi-Disciplinary Income Fund	F.	A.	E.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.

Compensation

Portfolio Managers are compensated with a base salary and bonus. The base salary is a fixed amount. Bonuses are subjective and are not tied to performance of the Funds, but instead are based on the overall contribution to the Adviser. The Portfolio Managers also have access to a 401(k) retirement plan. Additionally, certain Portfolio Managers are also equity owners of the Adviser.

Material Conflicts of Interest

The Adviser's portfolio managers are responsible for managing one or more of the Portfolios, as well as other accounts. A portfolio manager may manage a separate account or other pooled investment vehicle that may have a materially higher or lower fee arrangement than the Portfolio or that may have a performance fee arrangement. The side-by-side management of these accounts may raise potential conflicts of interest relating to cross trading, the allocation of investment opportunities and the aggregation and allocation of trades. In addition, while portfolio managers generally only manage accounts with similar investment strategies, it is possible that due to varying investment restrictions among accounts and for other reasons that certain investments could be made for some accounts and not others or conflicting investment positions could be taken among accounts. The Adviser has a fiduciary responsibility to manage all client accounts in a fair and equitable manner. The Adviser seeks to provide best execution of all securities transactions and aggregates and then allocates securities to client accounts in a fair and timely manner. To this end, the Adviser has developed policies and procedures designed to mitigate and manage the potential conflicts of interest that may arise from side-by-side management.

Administrative Services

U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC ("U.S. Bancorp"), located at 615 East Michigan Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, serves as Administrator of the Funds and the Portfolios. The Administrator is entitled to receive annual fees, payable monthly, based on each Portfolio's average net assets. For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2017, 2016, and 2015, the Portfolios paid U.S. Bancorp the following aggregate amounts for administrative services:

Administrative Services Fees	2017	2016	2015
The Alternative Income Portfolio	\$15,815	\$16,501	\$23,177
The Internet Portfolio	\$60,466	\$55,859	\$64,478
The Global Portfolio	\$5,476	\$4,545	\$5,348
The Paradigm Portfolio	\$370,366	\$361,623	\$465,978
The Medical Portfolio	\$10,432	\$12,253	\$13,614
The Small Cap Opportunities Portfolio	\$88,435	\$95,510	\$135,849
The Market Opportunities Portfolio	\$24,559	\$19,949	\$23,185
The Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio	\$34,430	\$44,543	\$60,612

U.S. Bancorp also serves as the Portfolios' accountant and transfer agent. As such, U.S. Bancorp provides certain shareholder services and record management services and acts as the Portfolios' dividend disbursement agent.

Administrative services include, but are not limited to, providing office space, equipment, telephone facilities, various personnel, including clerical and supervisory, and computers, as is necessary or beneficial to:

- establish and maintain shareholders' accounts and records,
- process purchase and redemption transactions,
- process automatic investments of client account cash balances,
- answer routine client inquiries regarding the Portfolios,
- assist clients in changing dividend options,
- account designations, and addresses, and
- providing such other services as the Portfolios may reasonably request.

Private Placement Agent

Kinetics Funds Distributor LLC ("KFD"), 470 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10016, serves as the private placement agent for the beneficial interests of the Portfolio on a best efforts basis. KFD is a registered broker-dealer and member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., and an affiliate of the Adviser. Beneficial interests in the Portfolio are issued continuously.

Custodian

U.S. Bank N.A. ("U.S. Bank"), with principal offices at 1555 N. River Center Drive, Suite 302, Milwaukee, WI 53212, is custodian for the securities and cash of the Portfolios. Under a Custody Agreement, U.S. Bank holds the Portfolios' assets in safekeeping and keeps all necessary records and documents relating to its duties. U.S. Bank receives annual fees based on each Portfolio's average net assets.

Securities Lending

U.S. Bank N.A. serves as securities lending agent for the Portfolios and in that role administers the Portfolios' securities lending program pursuant to the terms of a Securities Lending Agreement entered into between the Portfolios and U.S. Bank N.A.

The Portfolios may lend their portfolio securities to broker-dealers by entering directly into lending arrangements with such broker-dealers or indirectly through repurchase agreements with respect to no more than 33 1/3% of the total assets of the a Portfolio (including any collateral posted) or 50% of the total assets of a Portfolio (excluding any collateral posted). Securities lending and repurchase transactions will be fully collateralized at all times with cash and/or short-term debt obligations. The Portfolios receive interest on the collateral received as well as a fee for the securities loaned.

The table below sets forth, for the Portfolios' most recently completed fiscal year, the Portfolios' income from securities lending activities, as well as the fees and/or compensation earned.

	The Internet Portfolio	The Global Portfolio	The Paradigm Portfolio	The Medical Portfolio	The Small Cap Opportunities Portfolio	The Market Opportunities Portfolio	The Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio
Gross income from securities lending activities:	\$262,735	\$10,316	\$404,778	\$7,578	\$163,642	\$60,627	\$82,931
Fees paid to securities lending agent from a revenue split:	\$(51,334)	\$(2,023)	\$(78,399)	\$(1,461)	\$(31,729)	\$(11,860)	\$(16,170)
Fees paid for any cash collateral management service that are not included in the revenue split:	\$(6,059)	\$(192)	\$(12,326)	\$(266)	\$(4,967)	\$(1,324)	\$(2,056)
Administrative fees not included in revenue split:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Indemnification fee not included in revenue split:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Rebates (paid to borrower):	\$0	\$0	\$(433)	\$0	\$(0.46)	\$0	\$0
Other fees not included in revenue split:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Aggregate fees/compensation for securities lending activities:	\$(57,393)	\$(2,216)	\$(91,158)	\$(1,727)	\$(36,696)	\$(13,184)	\$(18,225)
Net income from securities lending activities:	\$205,342	\$8,100	\$313,620	\$5,851	\$126,946	\$47,443	\$64,706

Codes of Ethics

The Trust, Kinetics, and KFD have adopted Codes of Ethics pursuant to Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act that permits investment personnel subject to the particular Code of Ethics to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by the Portfolios, for their own accounts.

Valuation of the Portfolios

Shares of beneficial interest in the Portfolios are sold on a continual basis at the NAV per share next computed following acceptance of an order by the Portfolios. The Portfolios' NAV is determined at the close of normal trading (currently 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time) on each day the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") is open for trading. The NYSE is closed on the following holidays; New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Day, Washington's Birthday/President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Equity securities are valued each day at the last quoted sales price on the securities principal exchange. If there is no sales price, a security is valued at the last reported bid price. The Portfolios' securities that are listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market Inc. are valued using the NASDAQ Official Closing Price ("NOCP"), and if no NOCP is available, then at the last reported bid price. In the event market quotations are not

readily available, or if events occur that may materially affect the value of a particular security between the time trading ends on a particular security and the close of regular trading on the NYSE, “fair value” will be as determined in good faith in accordance with procedures approved by the Board of Trustees. The Portfolios may use independent pricing services to assist in calculating the NAV of the Portfolio’s shares.

Futures, options on futures and swap contracts that are listed or traded on a national securities exchange, commodities exchange, contract market or over-the-counter markets and that are freely transferable will be valued at the composite price, using the National Best Bid and Offer quotes (“NBBO”). NBBO consists of the highest bid price and lowest ask price across any of the exchanges on which an option is quoted thus providing a view across the entire U.S. options marketplace. Composite option pricing calculates the mean of the highest bid price and lowest ask price across the exchanges where the option is traded. If a composite price is not available, the mean of the highest bid price and lowest ask price on the exchange where the option or future is traded will be used. If neither a composite price or a mean of the highest bid price and lowest ask price is available, the security will be valued at the last quoted sales price. Non-exchange traded options also will be valued at the mean between the last bid and asked quotations. Securities that have no public market and all other assets of the Portfolios are considered at such value as the Investment Adviser may determine in good faith, in accordance with the Portfolio’s valuation procedures as approved by the Trust’s Board of Trustees.

Debt obligations (including convertible securities) that are either investment grade or below investment grade and irrespective of days to maturity are valued at evaluated mean by an independent third party pricing agent, which relies on various valuation methodologies such as matrix pricing and other analytical pricing models as well as market transactions and dealer quotations. Certain instruments such as repurchase agreements, demand notes, and money market mutual funds are traded at cost and there are no market values available for those instruments from third parties. Those instruments are priced at cost. Debt securities that are not priced by an independent third party pricing agent shall be valued (a) at the last sale price if such last sale occurred within the previous five business days, and (b) if there was no sale price during the previous five business days, at the average of the bids, or the sole bid if there is only one. Debt securities and other securities which, in the judgment of the Investment Adviser, do not properly represent the value of a security will be valued at their fair market value as determined in good faith in accordance with procedures approved by the Trust’s Board of Trustees.

Trading in foreign securities may be completed at times when the NYSE is closed. In computing the NAV of each Portfolio that trades foreign securities, the value of a foreign security is determined as of the close of trading on the foreign exchange on which it is principally traded or as of the scheduled close of trading on the NYSE, whichever is earlier, at the closing sales price as provided by the approved pricing services or other alternate sources. In the absence of sales, the last available mean price between the closing bid and asked prices will be used. Securities and assets for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of the Trust’s Board of Trustees. Values of foreign securities are translated from the local currency into U.S. dollars on the basis of the foreign currency exchange rates, as provided by an independent pricing service or reporting agency, generally prior to the close of the NYSE. Occasionally, events affecting the value of foreign securities and such exchange rates occur between the time at which they are determined and the close of the NYSE, which events would not be reflected in the computation of a Portfolio’s NAV. If events materially affecting the value of such securities or currency exchange rates occur during such time period, the securities will be valued at their fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of the Trust’s Board of Trustees.

The NAV per share of a Portfolio is computed by dividing the value of the securities held by the Portfolio plus any cash or other assets attributable to that Portfolio (including interest and dividends accrued but not yet received) minus all liabilities (including accrued expenses attributable to that Portfolio) by the total number of shares of that Portfolio outstanding at such time, as shown below:

$$\frac{(\text{Value of Assets of the Portfolio}) - (\text{Liabilities of the Portfolio})}{\text{Shares Outstanding of the Portfolio}} = \text{NAV per share}$$

Portfolio Holdings Information

The Trust, on behalf of the Portfolios, maintains policies and procedures relating to selective disclosure of portfolio holdings (“Portfolio Holdings Policies”) that govern the timing and circumstances of disclosure to shareholders and third parties of information regarding the portfolio investments held by the Portfolios. These Portfolio Holdings Policies have been approved by the Board of Trustees of the Trust on behalf of the Portfolios. Disclosure of the Portfolios’ complete holdings is required to be made quarterly within 60 days of the end of each fiscal quarter in the annual report and semi-annual report to shareholders and in the quarterly holdings report on Form N-Q. These reports are available, free of charge, on the EDGAR database on the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov. Under the Portfolio Holdings Policies, neither the Trust nor any of its representatives may solicit or accept any compensation or other consideration in connection with Portfolio Holdings.

The Adviser only discloses information concerning securities held by the Portfolios under the following circumstances:

- twenty calendar days after the end of each calendar month, the Adviser may post (a) top twenty (20) securities held by each Portfolio and their respective percentage of the Portfolio on the Company’s website, (b) top five (5) performing and the bottom five (5) performing securities held by each of the Trust’s Portfolios, and (c) for Portfolios that primarily invest in derivatives, cash and fixed income instruments, the top ten (10) derivative and top ten (10) fixed income holdings, along with their respective percentage of net assets in each Portfolio; and
- as required by the federal securities laws, the Portfolios will disclose portfolio holdings in their applicable regulatory filings, including shareholder reports, reports on Forms N-CSR and N-Q or such other filings, reports or disclosure documents as the applicable regulatory authorities may require.

Portfolio holdings information that is not filed with the SEC or posted on the Company’s website may be provided to third parties only if the third party recipients are required to keep all portfolio holdings information confidential and are prohibited from trading on the information they receive. Disclosure to such third parties must be approved in advance by the Trust’s or Adviser’s President. The Administrator is responsible for portfolio holdings disclosure to third party service providers of auditing, custody, proxy voting and other similar services for the Portfolios, as well as rating and ranking organizations, which will generally be permitted; however, information may be disclosed to other third parties (including, without limitation, individuals, institutional investors, and intermediaries that sell shares of the Funds) only upon approval by the Trust’s or Adviser’s President, who must first determine that the Portfolio has a legitimate business purpose for doing so. In general, each recipient of non-public portfolio holdings information must sign a confidentiality and non-trading agreement, although this requirement will not apply when the recipient is otherwise subject to a duty of confidentiality. In accordance with the policy, the identity of those recipients who receive non-public portfolio holdings information on an ongoing basis is as follows: the Trust’s Adviser, the Trust’s transfer agent and Administrator – U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, the Trust’s independent registered public accounting firm, the Trust’s custodian, the Trust’s legal counsel and the Trust’s proxy voting service. Such holdings are released on conditions of confidentiality, which include appropriate trading prohibitions. “Conditions of confidentiality” include confidentiality terms included in written agreements, implied by the nature of the relationship (*e.g.*, attorney-client relationship), or required by fiduciary or regulatory principles (*e.g.*, custody services provided by financial institutions). Portfolio holdings may also be provided earlier to shareholders and

their agents who receive redemptions in kind that reflect a pro rata allocation of all securities held in the portfolio. Third party providers of custodial or accounting services to the Portfolios may release non-public portfolio holdings information of the Portfolios only with the permission of the Administrator. From time to time portfolio holdings information may be provided to broker-dealers solely in connection with a Portfolio seeking portfolio securities trading suggestions. In providing this information reasonable precautions, including limitations on the scope of the portfolio holdings information disclosed, are taken to avoid any potential misuse of the disclosed information.

The Company's/Trust's Portfolio Holdings Policies set forth the third parties who receive portfolio holdings information pursuant to ongoing arrangements. Furthermore, the Portfolio Holdings Policies can only be revised by Board approval. The Board will be notified by the Adviser and the Administrator if disclosures are made concerning the Company's/Trust's portfolio holdings in contravention of the Company's/Trust's Portfolio Holdings Policies.

In determining the existence of a legitimate business purpose, and in order to ensure that the disclosure of the Company's/Trust's portfolio holdings is in the best interests of the Company's/Trust's shareholders, the following factors, and any additional relevant factors, shall be considered by the Company/Trust or its service providers when disclosing non-public portfolio holdings information to selected third parties; (1) whether the disclosure is consistent with the anti-fraud provisions of the federal securities laws; and (2) avoidance of any conflicts of interest between the interests of the Company's/Trust's shareholders and the service providers.

Purchasing Shares of Beneficial Interest in the Portfolios

Shares of beneficial interest in the Portfolios are sold without a sales load, at the NAV next determined after an order is received by the Portfolios. Investments in the Portfolios are sold solely in private placement transactions that do not involve any "public offering" within the meaning of Section 4(2) of the 1933 Act. Investments in the Portfolios may be made only by regulated investment companies, unregulated foreign investment companies, U.S. and non-U.S. institutional investors, S corporations, insurance company separate accounts, and certain qualified pension and retirement plans. The Registration Statement of which this SAI is a part does not constitute an offer to sell, or the solicitation of any offer to buy, any "security" within the meaning of the 1933 Act.

There is no minimum initial or subsequent investment in the Portfolios. The Portfolios reserve the right to cease accepting investments at any time or to reject any investment order.

Redemption of Shares of Beneficial Interest in the Portfolios

An investor in the Portfolios may withdraw all or any portion of its investment at the NAV next determined after a redemption request in good order is received by a Portfolio. The proceeds of a redemption will be paid by the Portfolios in federal funds normally on the business day that the redemption is effected, but in any event within three business days, except as extensions may be permitted by law.

The Portfolios reserve the right to pay the redemption price of shares of beneficial interest in kind, *i.e.*, in readily marketable securities. Unless requested by an investor or deemed by the Adviser to be in the best interests of the investors in a Portfolio as a group, the Portfolios will not pay a redemption in kind to an investor, except in situations where that investor may pay redemptions in kind.

The right of any investor to receive payment with respect to any redemption may be suspended, or the payment of the redemption proceeds postponed, during any period in which the NYSE is closed or trading on the NYSE is restricted or to the extent otherwise permitted by the 1940 Act.

Brokerage

Each Portfolio's assets are invested by the Adviser in a manner consistent with the Portfolio's investment objective, strategies, policies and restrictions and with any instructions the Board of Trustees may issue from time to time. Within this framework, the Adviser is responsible for making all determinations as to the purchase and sale of portfolio securities and for taking all steps necessary to implement securities transactions on behalf of each Portfolio.

Transactions on U.S. stock exchanges, commodities markets and futures markets and other agency transactions may involve the payment by the Adviser, on behalf of the Portfolios, of negotiated brokerage commissions. Such commissions vary among different brokers. A particular broker may charge different commissions according to such factors as the difficulty and size of the transaction. Transactions in foreign investments often involve the payment of fixed brokerage commissions, which may be higher than those in the United States. There is generally no stated commission in the case of securities traded in the over-the-counter markets, but the price paid by the Adviser usually includes an undisclosed dealer commission or mark-up. In underwritten offerings, the price paid by the Adviser on behalf of the Portfolios includes a disclosed, fixed commission or discount retained by the underwriter or dealer.

U.S. Government securities generally are traded in the over-the-counter market through broker-dealers. A broker-dealer is a securities firm or bank that makes a market for securities by offering to buy at one price and sell at a slightly higher price. The difference between the prices is known as a spread.

In placing orders for the purchase and sale of portfolio securities for the Portfolios, the Adviser seeks to obtain the best price and execution, taking into account such factors as price, size of order, difficulty and risk of execution and operational facilities of the firm involved. For securities traded in the over-the-counter markets, the Adviser deals directly with the dealers who make markets in these securities unless better prices and execution are available elsewhere. The Adviser negotiates commission rates with brokers based on the quality and quantity of services provided in light of generally prevailing rates, and while the Adviser generally seeks reasonably competitive commission rates, the Portfolios do not necessarily pay the lowest commissions available. The Trust's Board of Trustees periodically reviews the commission rates and allocation of orders.

When consistent with the objectives of best price and execution, business may be placed with broker-dealers who furnish investment research or services to the Adviser. Such research or services include advice, both orally and in writing, 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; as well as analyses and reports concerning issues, industries, securities, economic factors and trends, portfolio strategy and the performance of accounts. To the extent portfolio transactions are effected with broker-dealers who furnish research services to the Adviser, the Adviser receives a benefit, without providing any direct monetary benefit to the Portfolios from these transactions. The Adviser believes that most research services obtained by it generally benefit several or all of the investment companies and private accounts that it manages, as opposed to solely benefiting one specific managed fund or account.

The Trust, on behalf of a Portfolio, may also enter into arrangements, commonly referred to as "broker/service arrangements" with broker-dealers pursuant to which a broker-dealer agrees to pay the cost of certain products or services provided to the Portfolio in exchange for fund brokerage. Under a typical brokerage/service arrangement, a broker agrees to pay a portion of the Portfolio's custodian, administrative or transfer agency fees, and, in exchange, the Portfolio agrees to direct a minimum amount of brokerage to the broker. The Adviser, on behalf of the Trust, usually negotiates the terms of the contract with the service provider, which is paid directly by the broker.

The Portfolios may direct certain portfolio trades to unaffiliated brokers who pay a portion of the commissions for those trades in cash to the applicable Portfolio that generated the commission.

From time to time, the Adviser may effect transactions in portfolio securities with executing brokers that may also promote or sell shares of the Funds/Portfolios (“selling brokers”) pursuant to policies adopted by the Company’s/Trust’s Board of Directors/Trustees. These policies provide that the Adviser shall not (i) take into consideration the promotion or sale of the Funds’/Portfolios’ shares as a factor in selecting executing brokers for the Funds/Portfolios, (ii) enter into an arrangement or understanding (whether oral or written) pursuant to which the Adviser directs, or is expected to direct, portfolio securities transactions or any other remuneration (as described below) to any broker or dealer in consideration for the promotion or sale of the Funds/Portfolios, and (iii) enter into a “step out” or any other type of arrangement under which a portion of the Funds’/Portfolios’ commission is directed to the selling brokers for the purpose of compensating such brokers for promoting or selling shares of the Funds/Portfolios. This prohibition applies to all transactions whether such transaction involves a commission, mark-up, mark down, other fee or portion of another fee paid or to be paid from a transaction effected through an executing broker.

The same security may be suitable for a Portfolio, another Portfolio of the Trust or other private accounts managed by the Adviser. If and when a Portfolio and two or more accounts simultaneously purchase or sell the same security, the transactions will be allocated as to price and amount in accordance with arrangements equitable to the Portfolio and the accounts. The simultaneous purchase or sale of the same securities by the Portfolio and other accounts may have a detrimental effect on the Portfolio, as this may affect the price paid or received by the Portfolio or the size of the position obtainable or able to be sold by the Portfolio.

The following table represents the total brokerage commissions paid by the Portfolios for the three fiscal years ended December 31, 2017, 2016, and 2015:

Total Brokerage Commissions Paid	2017	2016	2015
Alternative Income Portfolio	\$1,049	\$2,348	\$6,378
The Internet Portfolio	\$27,773	\$9,937	\$28,328
The Global Portfolio	\$23,002	\$1,365	\$4,639
The Paradigm Portfolio	\$100,638	\$77,191	\$181,216
The Medical Portfolio	\$970	\$260	\$1,335
The Market Opportunities Portfolio	\$22,892	\$3,710	\$10,300
The Small Cap Opportunities Portfolio	\$56,875	\$37,013	\$99,115
The Multi-Disciplinary Income Portfolio	\$354	\$217	\$14,696

Taxes

The Portfolios will be classified for federal income tax purposes as partnerships that are not “publicly traded partnerships.” As a result, the Portfolios are not subject to federal income tax; instead, each holder of shares of beneficial interest in a Portfolio (an “Interestholder”) is required to take into account in determining its federal income tax liability its share of the particular Portfolio’s income, gains, losses, deductions, and credits, without regard to whether it has received any cash distributions from a Portfolio.

An Interestholder is deemed to own a proportionate share of that Portfolio’s assets and to earn a proportionate share of that Portfolio’s income, for, among other things, purposes of determining whether the Interestholder satisfies the requirements to qualify as a regulated investment company (a “RIC”). Accordingly, the Portfolios intend to conduct their operations so that their Interestholders that invest substantially all of their assets in a Portfolio and intend to qualify as RICs should be able to satisfy all those requirements.

The foregoing discussion relates only to federal income tax law. Income from the Portfolios also may be subject to foreign, state and local taxes, and their treatment under foreign, state and local income tax laws may differ from the federal income tax treatment. You should consult your tax advisors with respect to particular questions of federal, foreign, state and local taxation.

Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Tait, Weller & Baker LLP, 1818 Market Street, Suite 2400, Philadelphia, PA 19103, serves as the Portfolios' independent registered public accounting firm. Its services include an audit of the Portfolios' financial statements and the performance of other related audit and tax services.

Financial Statements

The audited financial statements for the Portfolios for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 are incorporated herein by reference to the Funds' annual report at December 31, 2017, as filed with the SEC on March 8, 2018.

Financial statements certified by the Portfolios' independent registered public accounting firm will be submitted to shareholders at least annually.

APPENDIX A

DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES RATINGS

Short-Term Credit Ratings

An *S&P Global Ratings* short-term issue credit rating is a forward-looking opinion about the creditworthiness of an obligor with respect to a specific financial obligation having an original maturity of no more than 365 days. The following summarizes the rating categories used by S&P Global Ratings for short-term issues:

“A-1” – A short-term obligation rated “A-1” is rated in the highest category by S&P Global Ratings. 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 commitment 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 Global Ratings 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. An obligation’s rating is lowered to “D” if it is subject to a distressed exchange offer.

Local Currency and Foreign Currency Ratings – S&P Global Ratings’ issuer credit ratings make a distinction between foreign currency ratings and local currency ratings. An issuer’s foreign currency rating will differ from its local currency rating when the obligor has a different capacity to meet its obligations denominated in its local currency, vs. obligations denominated in a foreign currency.

Moody’s Investors Service (“Moody’s”) short-term ratings are forward-looking opinions of the relative credit risks of financial obligations with an original maturity of thirteen months or less and reflect both on the likelihood of a default on contractually promised payments and the expected financial loss suffered in the event of default.

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

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

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

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

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

“NR” – Is assigned to an unrated issuer.

Fitch, Inc. / Fitch Ratings Ltd. (“Fitch”) 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 ratings are assigned to obligations whose initial maturity is viewed as “short-term” based on market convention. Typically, this means up to 13 months for corporate, sovereign, and structured obligations and up to 36 months for obligations in U.S. public finance markets. The following summarizes the rating categories used by Fitch for short-term obligations:

“F1” – Securities possess the highest short-term credit quality. This designation indicates the strongest intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments; may have an added “+” to denote any exceptionally strong credit feature.

“F2” – Securities possess good short-term credit quality. This designation indicates good intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments.

“F3” – Securities possess fair short-term credit quality. This designation indicates that the intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is adequate.

“B” – Securities possess speculative short-term credit quality. This designation indicates minimal capacity for timely payment of financial commitments, plus heightened vulnerability to near term adverse changes in financial and economic conditions.

“C” – Securities possess 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.

Plus (+) or minus (-) – The “F1” rating may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show the relative status within that major rating category.

“NR” – Is assigned to an unrated issue of a rated issuer.

The ***DBRS® Ratings Limited (“DBRS”)*** short-term debt rating scale provides an opinion on the risk that an issuer will not meet its short-term financial obligations in a timely manner. Ratings are based on quantitative and qualitative considerations relevant to the issuer and the relative ranking of claims. The R-1 and R-2 rating categories are further denoted by the sub-categories “(high)”, “(middle)”, and “(low)”.

The following summarizes the ratings used by DBRS for commercial paper and short-term debt:

“R-1 (high)” - Short-term debt rated “R-1 (high)” is of the highest credit quality. The capacity for the payment of short-term financial obligations as they fall due is exceptionally high. Unlikely to be adversely affected by future events.

“R-1 (middle)” – Short-term debt rated “R-1 (middle)” is of superior credit quality. The capacity for the payment of short-term financial obligations as they fall due is very high. Differs from “R-1 (high)” by a relatively modest degree. Unlikely to be significantly vulnerable to future events.

“R-1 (low)” – Short-term debt rated “R-1 (low)” is of good credit quality. The capacity for the payment of short-term financial obligations as they fall due is substantial. Overall strength is not as favorable as higher rating categories. May be vulnerable to future events, but qualifying negative factors are considered manageable.

“R-2 (high)” – Short-term debt rated “R-2 (high)” is considered to be at the upper end of adequate credit quality. The capacity for the payment of short-term financial obligations as they fall due is acceptable. May be vulnerable to future events.

“R-2 (middle)” – Short-term debt rated “R-2 (middle)” is considered to be of adequate credit quality. The capacity for the payment of short-term financial obligations as they fall due is acceptable. May be vulnerable to future events or may be exposed to other factors that could reduce credit quality.

“R-2 (low)” – Short-term debt rated “R-2 (low)” is considered to be at the lower end of adequate credit quality. The capacity for the payment of short-term financial obligations as they fall due is acceptable. May be vulnerable to future events. A number of challenges are present that could affect the issuer’s ability to meet such obligations.

“R-3” – Short-term debt rated “R-3” is considered to be at the lowest end of adequate credit quality. There is a capacity for the payment of short-term financial obligations as they fall due. May be vulnerable to future events and the certainty of meeting such obligations could be impacted by a variety of developments.

“R-4” – Short-term debt rated “R-4” is considered to be of speculative credit quality. The capacity for the payment of short-term financial obligations as they fall due is uncertain.

“R-5” – Short-term debt rated “R-5” is considered to be of highly speculative credit quality. There is a high level of uncertainty as to the capacity to meet short-term financial obligations as they fall due.

“D” – Short-term debt rated “D” is assigned when the issuer has filed under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or winding up statute or there is a failure to satisfy an obligation after the exhaustion of grace periods, a downgrade to “D” may occur. DBRS may also use “SD” (Selective Default) in cases where only some securities are impacted, such as the case of a “distressed exchange”.

Long-Term Credit Ratings

The following summarizes the ratings used by *S&P Global Ratings* for long-term issues:

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

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

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

“BBB” – An obligation rated “BBB” exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to weaken the obligor’s capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.

“BB,” “B,” “CCC,” “CC” and “C” – Obligations rated “BB,” “B,” “CCC,” “CC” and “C” are regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. “BB” indicates the least degree of speculation and “C” the highest.

While such obligations will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major 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 Global Ratings expects default to be a virtual certainty, regardless of the anticipated time to default.

“C” – An obligation rated “C” is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment, and the obligation is expected to have lower relative seniority or lower ultimate recovery compared with obligations that are rated higher.

“D” – An obligation rated “D” is in default or in breach of an imputed promise. For non-hybrid capital instruments, the “D” rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due, unless S&P Global Ratings believes that such payments will be made within five business days in the absence of a stated grace period or within the earlier of the stated grace period or 30 calendar days. The “D” rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of similar action and where default on an obligation is a virtual certainty, for example due to automatic stay provisions. An obligation’s rating is lowered to “D” if it is subject to a distressed exchange offer.

Plus (+) or minus (-) – The ratings from “AA” to “CCC” may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the major rating categories.

“NR” – This indicates that no rating has been requested, or that there is insufficient information on which to base a rating, or that S&P Global Ratings does not rate a particular obligation as a matter of policy.

Local Currency and Foreign Currency Risks - S&P Global Ratings’ issuer credit ratings make a distinction between foreign currency ratings and local currency ratings. An issuer’s foreign currency rating will differ from its local currency rating when the obligor has a different capacity to meet its obligations denominated in its local currency, vs. obligations denominated in a foreign currency.

Moody’s long-term ratings are forward-looking opinions of the relative credit risks of financial obligations with an original maturity of one year or more. Such ratings reflect both on the likelihood of default on contractually promised payments and the expected financial loss suffered in the event of default. The following summarizes the ratings used by Moody’s for long-term debt:

“Aaa” – Obligations rated “Aaa” are judged to be of the highest quality, subject to the lowest level of credit risk.

“Aa” – Obligations rated “Aa” are judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk.

“A” – Obligations rated “A” are judged to be upper-medium grade and are subject to low credit risk.

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

“Ba” – Obligations rated “Ba” are judged to be speculative and are subject to substantial credit risk.

“B” – Obligations rated “B” are considered speculative and are subject to high credit risk.

“Caa” – Obligations rated “Caa” are judged to be speculative of poor standing and are subject to very high credit risk.

“Ca” – Obligations rated “Ca” are highly speculative and are likely in, or very near, default, with some prospect of recovery of principal and interest.

“C” – Obligations rated “C” are the lowest rated and are typically in default, with little prospect for recovery of principal or interest.

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

“NR” – Is assigned to unrated obligations.

The following summarizes long-term ratings used by *Fitch*:

“AAA” – Securities considered to be of the highest credit quality. “AAA” ratings denote the lowest expectation of credit 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” – Securities considered to be of very high credit quality. “AA” ratings denote expectations of very low credit risk. They indicate very strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.

“A” – Securities considered to be of high credit quality. “A” ratings denote expectations of low credit 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” – Securities considered to be of good credit quality. “BBB” ratings indicate that expectations of credit 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” – Securities considered to be speculative. “BB” ratings indicate that there is an elevated vulnerability to credit 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” – Securities considered to be highly speculative. “B” ratings indicate that material credit risk is present.

“CCC” – A “CCC” rating indicates that substantial credit risk is present.

“CC” – A “CC” rating indicates very high levels of credit risk.

“C” – A “C” rating indicates exceptionally high levels of credit risk.

Defaulted obligations typically are not assigned “RD” or “D” ratings but are instead rated in the “B” to “C” rating categories, depending on their recovery prospects and other relevant characteristics. Fitch believes that this approach better aligns obligations that have comparable overall expected loss but varying vulnerability to default and loss.

Plus (+) or minus (-) may be appended to a rating to denote relative status within major rating categories. Such suffixes are not added to the “AAA” obligation rating category, or to corporate finance obligation ratings in the categories below “CCC”.

“NR” – Is assigned to an unrated issue of a rated issuer.

The *DBRS* long-term rating scale provides an opinion on the risk of default. That is, the risk that an issuer will fail to satisfy its financial obligations in accordance with the terms under which an obligation has been issued. Ratings are based on quantitative and qualitative considerations relevant to the issuer, and the relative ranking of claims. All rating categories other than AAA and D also contain subcategories “(high)” and “(low)”. The absence of either a “(high)” or “(low)” designation indicates the rating is in the middle of the category. The following summarizes the ratings used by DBRS for long-term debt:

“AAA” – Long-term debt rated “AAA” is of the highest credit quality. The capacity for the payment of financial obligations is exceptionally high and unlikely to be adversely affected by future events.

“AA” – Long-term debt rated “AA” is of superior credit quality. The capacity for the payment of financial obligations is considered high. Credit quality differs from “AAA” only to a small degree. Unlikely to be significantly vulnerable to future events.

“A” – Long-term debt rated “A” is of good credit quality. The capacity for the payment of financial obligations is substantial, but of lesser credit quality than “AA.” May be vulnerable to future events, but qualifying negative factors are considered manageable.

“BBB” – Long-term debt rated “BBB” is of adequate credit quality. The capacity for the payment of financial obligations is considered acceptable. May be vulnerable to future events.

“BB” – Long-term debt rated “BB” is of speculative, non-investment grade credit quality. The capacity for the payment of financial obligations is uncertain. Vulnerable to future events.

“B” – Long-term debt rated “B” is of highly speculative credit quality. There is a high level of uncertainty as to the capacity to meet financial obligations.

“CCC”, “CC” and “C” – Long-term debt rated in any of these categories is of very highly speculative credit quality. In danger of defaulting on financial obligations. There is little difference between these three categories, although “CC” and “C” ratings are normally applied to obligations that are seen as highly likely to default, or subordinated to obligations rated in the “CCC” to “B” range. Obligations in respect of which default has not technically taken place but is considered inevitable may be rated in the “C” category.

“D” – A security rated “D” is assigned when the issuer has filed under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or winding up statute or there is a failure to satisfy an obligation after the exhaustion of grace periods, a downgrade to “D” may occur. DBRS may also use “SD” (Selective Default) in cases where only some securities are impacted, such as the case of a “distressed exchange”.

Municipal Note Ratings

An *S&P Global Ratings* U.S. municipal note rating reflects S&P Global Ratings’ 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 Global Ratings’ 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.

Municipal Short-Term Note rating symbols are as follows:

“SP-1” – A municipal note rated “SP-1” exhibits a 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” – A municipal note rated “SP-2” exhibits a satisfactory capacity to pay principal and interest, with some vulnerability to adverse financial and economic changes over the term of the notes.

“SP-3” – A municipal note rated “SP-3” exhibits a speculative capacity to pay principal and interest.

Moody’s uses the Municipal Investment Grade (“MIG”) scale to rate U.S. municipal bond anticipation notes of up to three years maturity. Municipal notes rated on the MIG scale may be secured by either pledged revenues or proceeds of a take-out financing received prior to note maturity. MIG ratings expire at the maturity of the obligation, and the issuer’s long-term rating is only one consideration in assigning the MIG rating. MIG ratings are divided into three levels – “MIG-1” through “MIG-3” while speculative grade short-term obligations are designated “SG”. The following summarizes the ratings used by Moody’s for short-term municipal obligations:

“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.

“NR” – Is assigned to an unrated obligation.

In the case of variable rate demand obligations (“VRDOs”), a two-component rating is assigned: a long or short-term debt rating and a demand obligation rating. The first element represents Moody’s evaluation of risk associated with scheduled principal and interest payments. The second element represents Moody’s evaluation of risk associated with the ability to receive purchase price upon demand (“demand feature”). The second element uses a rating from a variation of the MIG scale called the Variable Municipal Investment Grade or “VMIG” scale. The rating transitions on the VMIG scale differ from those on the Prime scale to reflect the risk that external liquidity support generally will terminate if the issuer’s long-term rating drops below investment grade.

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

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

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

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

“NR” – Is assigned to an unrated obligation.

About Credit Ratings

An *S&P Global Ratings* 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 Global Ratings' 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.

Moody's credit ratings must be construed solely as statements of opinion and not statements of fact or recommendations to purchase, sell or hold any securities.

Fitch's credit ratings provide an opinion on the relative ability of an entity to meet financial commitments, such as interest, preferred dividends, repayment of principal, insurance claims or counterparty obligations. Fitch credit ratings are used by investors as indications of the likelihood of receiving the money owed to them in accordance with the terms on which they invested. Fitch's credit ratings cover the global spectrum of corporate, sovereign financial, bank, insurance, and public finance entities (including supranational and sub-national entities) and the securities or other obligations they issue, as well as structured finance securities backed by receivables or other financial assets.

Credit ratings provided by *DBRS* are forward-looking opinions about credit risk which reflect the creditworthiness of an issuer, rated entity, and/or security. Credit ratings are not statements of fact. While historical statistics and performance can be important considerations, credit ratings are not based solely on such; they include subjective considerations and involve expectations for future performance that cannot be guaranteed. To the extent that future events and economic conditions do not match expectations, credit ratings assigned to issuers and/or securities can change. Credit ratings are also based on approved and applicable methodologies, models and criteria ("Methodologies"), which are periodically updated and when material changes are deemed necessary, this may also lead to rating changes.

Credit ratings typically provide an opinion on the risk that investors may not be repaid in accordance with the terms under which the obligation was issued. In some cases, credit ratings may also include consideration for the relative ranking of claims and recovery, should default occur. Credit ratings are meant to provide opinions on relative measures of risk and are not based on expectations of any specific default probability, nor are they meant to predict such.

The data and information on which DBRS bases its opinions is not audited or verified by DBRS, although DBRS conducts a reasonableness review of information received and relied upon in accordance with its Methodologies and policies.

DBRS uses rating symbols as a concise method of expressing its opinion to the market, but there are a limited number of rating categories for the possible slight risk differentials that exist across the rating spectrum and DBRS does not assert that credit ratings in the same category are of "exactly" the same quality.