

**Versus Capital Multi-Manager Real Estate Income Fund LLC**  
**(the “Fund”)**

Supplement dated March 5, 2024 to the  
Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information, dated July 27, 2023, as amended

**Custodial Services**

UMB Bank, n.a. has been added as a custodian for certain of the Fund’s securities and similar investments, effective immediately, and is expected to become custodian of all the Fund’s securities and similar investments on or around May 31, 2024.

**Distribution Reinvestment Policy**

The Fund’s distribution reinvestment policy has been amended to clarify certain operational processes.

**Prospectus**

In connection with these changes, effective immediately, the Fund’s Prospectus is amended as follows.

The first paragraph in the subsection “Other Fees and Expenses” in the “Prospectus Summary” section of the Prospectus is replaced in its entirety with the following:

BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. (“BNY Mellon”) performs certain administrative, accounting, transfer agency, and custodial services for the Fund. In consideration for providing such services, the Fund pays BNY Mellon annual fees of approximately 0.04% of the Fund’s average annual NAV, assuming anticipated weighted average assets in the Fund of approximately \$2.7 billion over the fiscal year. This includes certain minimum payments for services provided. All such fees shall accrue daily and will be paid periodically. UMB Bank, n.a. (“UMB Bank”) performs certain custodial services for the Fund. In consideration for providing such services, the Fund pays UMB Bank annual fees of approximately 0.01% of the Fund’s average NAV, assuming anticipated weighted average assets in the Fund of approximately \$2.1 billion over the fiscal year.

The third paragraph in the subsection “Additional Service Providers” in the “Management of the Fund” section of the Prospectus is replaced in its entirety with the following:

Effective March 31, 2024, UMB Bank will serve as the Fund’s custodian for its investments in underlying Private Funds. The Bank of New York Mellon (“BNYM” and, together with UMB Bank, the “Custodian”) will serve as the Fund’s custodian for its investments in underlying Private Funds until March 31, 2024, and serves as the Fund’s custodian for the Fund’s publicly traded securities and other assets. UMB Bank’s principal business address is 1010 Grand Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri 64106. BNYM’s principal business address is 240 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10286.

The subsection “Distribution Policy and Dividend Reinvestment Policy” in the “Prospectus Summary” section of the Prospectus is replaced in its entirety with the following:

**Distribution Policy and Distribution Reinvestment Policy**

To qualify for treatment as a RIC, the Fund is required to distribute at least 90% of its “investment company taxable income” (as that term is defined in the Code without regard to the deduction for dividends paid—generally taxable ordinary income and the excess, if any, of net short-term capital gains over net long-term capital losses) to shareholders in accordance with the requirements of the Code each year. The Fund intends to satisfy this requirement through regular quarterly distributions to shareholders. In addition, the Fund may make distributions to shareholders of all or a portion of the Fund’s net long term capital gains realized on transactions in its investments. The Fund will establish reasonable cash reserves to meet Fund cash payment obligations prior to making distributions. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Fund’s distributions may be treated in the hands of shareholders as, among other things, ordinary income, qualified dividends, capital gains, or returns of capital. The portion of a distribution treated as a return of capital is not taxable, but reduces a shareholder’s

tax basis in its shares, thus reducing any loss or increasing any gain on a subsequent taxable disposition by the shareholder of its shares. To the extent the distribution exceeds a shareholder's basis in its Shares, such shareholder will recognize a capital gain. See "Taxes."

All distributions paid by the Fund will be reinvested in additional Shares of the Fund unless a shareholder affirmatively elects not to reinvest in Shares pursuant to the Fund's Distribution Reinvestment Policy. Shareholders may elect initially not to reinvest by indicating that choice in writing to the Fund's transfer agent. Thereafter, shareholders are free to change their election by contacting the Fund's transfer agent (or, alternatively, by contacting the selling agent that sold such shareholder its Shares, who will inform the Fund). Shares purchased by reinvestment will be issued at their NAV on the ex-dividend date. There is no "sales load" or other charge for Shares received by reinvestment. The Fund reserves the right to suspend or limit at any time the ability of shareholders to reinvest distributions. The automatic reinvestment of distributions does not relieve participants of any U.S. federal income tax that may be payable (or required to be withheld) on such distributions. See "Taxes" and "Description of Shares."

The fourth paragraph in the "Description of Shares" section of the Prospectus is replaced in its entirety with the following:

All distributions paid by the Fund will be reinvested in additional Shares of the Fund unless a shareholder affirmatively elects not to reinvest in Shares. Shareholders may elect initially not to reinvest by indicating that choice in writing to the Fund's transfer agent. Thereafter, shareholders are free to change their election by contacting the Fund's transfer agent (or, alternatively, by contacting the selling agent that sold such shareholder its Shares, who will inform the Fund). Shares purchased by reinvestment will be issued at their NAV on the ex-dividend date. There is no sales load or other charge for Shares received by reinvestment. The Fund reserves the right to suspend or limit at any time the ability of shareholders to reinvest distributions. The automatic reinvestment of distributions does not relieve participants of any U.S. federal income tax that may be payable (or required to be withheld) on such distributions.

The "Distribution Policy and Dividend Reinvestment Policy" section of the Prospectus is replaced in its entirety with the following:

#### **DISTRIBUTION POLICY AND DISTRIBUTION REINVESTMENT POLICY**

In accordance with requirements applicable to regulated investment companies, the Fund intends to distribute to shareholders at least 90% of its investment income and net short-term capital gains realized on investments, each year, through regular quarterly distributions. In addition, the Fund may make periodic distributions to shareholders of all or a portion of the long-term capital gains realized on transactions in its investments, in accordance with the requirements of the Investment Company Act and the Code.

All distributions paid by the Fund will be reinvested in additional Shares of the Fund unless a shareholder affirmatively elects not to reinvest in additional Shares pursuant to the Fund's Distribution Reinvestment Policy. Shareholders may elect initially not to reinvest by indicating that choice in writing to the Fund's transfer agent. Thereafter, shareholders are free to change their election. Shareholders may change their election or receive additional information regarding the Fund's Distribution Reinvestment Policy by contacting the Fund's transfer agent, the Fund's Distribution Reinvestment Policy agent (the "Plan Agent"), at (855) 653-7173 or 118 Flanders Road, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581 (or, alternatively, by contacting the selling agent that sold such shareholder its Shares, who will inform the Fund). Whenever the Fund declares a distribution, participating shareholders will receive such distribution entirely in Shares to be issued by the Fund, including fractions. The number of Shares received by a shareholder in respect of the distribution will be based on the current NAV of the Fund on the ex-dividend date, as determined by or on behalf of the Fund. There is no sales load or other charge for Shares received pursuant to the Dividend Distribution Policy. The Fund reserves the right to suspend or limit at any time the ability of shareholders to reinvest distributions. Distributions are taxable as described herein whether shareholders receive them in cash or reinvest them in additional shares. See "Taxes."

### **Statement of Additional Information**

The paragraph in the “Custodian” section of the Statement of Additional Information is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Effective March 31, 2024, UMB Bank, n.a. (“UMB Bank”) will serve as the Fund’s custodian for its investments in underlying Private Funds. The Bank of New York Mellon (“BNYM”) will serve as the Fund’s custodian for its investments in underlying Private Funds until March 31, 2024, and serves as the Fund’s custodian for the Fund’s publicly traded securities and other assets. Each of UMB Bank and BNYM may maintain custody of the Fund’s assets with domestic and foreign sub-custodians (which may be banks, trust companies, securities depositories and clearing agencies) approved by the Board. UMB Bank’s principal business address is 1010 Grand Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri 64106. BNYM’s principal business address is 240 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10286.

The first paragraph in the subsection “Fund Distributions” in the “Tax Aspects” section of the Statement of Additional Information is replaced in its entirety with the following:

The Fund intends to make distributions to shareholders quarterly. All distributions paid by the Fund will be reinvested in additional Shares of the Fund unless a shareholder affirmatively elects not to reinvest in additional Shares pursuant to the Fund’s Distribution Reinvestment Policy (as described in the Prospectus). Shareholder whose distributions are so reinvested in Shares will be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as having received an amount in distribution equal to the fair market value of the Shares issued to the shareholder, which amount will also be equal to the net asset value of such shares. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, all distributions are generally taxable in the manner described herein, whether a shareholder takes them in cash or they are reinvested pursuant to the Distribution Reinvestment Policy in additional shares of the Fund.

**Shareholders should retain this Supplement for future reference.**

**Versus Capital Multi-Manager Real Estate Income Fund LLC  
(the “Fund”)**

Supplement dated February 2, 2024 to the  
Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) dated July 27, 2023

**Change in Sub-Adviser Portfolio Managers**

Laura Rank has been added as a portfolio manager for the portion of the Fund’s portfolio sub-advised by Principal Real Estate Investors, LLC (“PrinREI”) and Scott Carson no longer serves as a portfolio manager for such portion. The other existing portfolio managers for the portion of the Fund’s portfolio sub-advised by PrinREI will remain as portfolio managers for such portion. In connection with these changes, effective immediately, all references to the portfolio managers for the portion of the Fund’s portfolio sub-advised by PrinREI are amended to include Ms. Rank and remove Mr. Carson, as described below.

The first paragraph and accompanying table under the subsection “Principal Real Estate Investors (“PrinREI”)” in the section “Portfolio Managers” in the SAI are deleted in their entirety and replaced with the following:

As of December 31, 2023 for Laura Rank and as of March 31, 2023 for all other PrinREI portfolio managers, in addition to the Fund, PrinREI’s portfolio managers were responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

Portfolio Manager	Other Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number	Total Assets of Other Registered Investment Companies	Number	Total Assets	Number	Total Assets of Other Accounts
Anthony Kenkel	12	\$9.3 billion	5	\$2.3 billion	79	\$8.5 billion
Kelly Rush	12	\$9.3 billion	5	\$2.5 billion	80	\$8.6 billion
Simon Hedger	7	\$3.1 billion	4	\$1.3 billion	36	\$5.4 billion
Marc Peterson	5	\$363 million	3	\$204 million	13	\$2.9 billion
Laura Rank	5	\$187 million	2	\$203 million	14	\$2.8 billion
<b>Performance Fee-Based Accounts</b> (The number of accounts and the total assets in the accounts managed by each portfolio manager with respect to which the advisory fee is based on the performance of the account.)						

Anthony Kenkel	0	\$0	0	\$0	5	\$438 million
Kelly Rush	0	\$0	0	\$0	5	\$438 million
Simon Hedger	0	\$0	0	\$0	4	\$337 million
Marc Peterson	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Laura Rank	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0

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STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DATED July 27, 2023

# VERSUS CAPITAL MULTI-MANAGER REAL ESTATE INCOME FUND LLC

**Shares of Beneficial Interest: (VCMIX)**

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Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code: (877) 200-1878

This Statement of Additional Information ("SAI") is not a prospectus. This SAI relates to and should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus of Versus Capital Multi-Manager Real Estate Income Fund LLC (the "Fund"), dated July 27, 2023 (the "Prospectus"). Defined terms used herein, and not otherwise defined herein, have the same meanings as in the Prospectus. The financial statements, along with the accompanying notes and report of independent registered public accounting firm, which appear in the Fund's most recent [annual report](#) to shareholders, are incorporated by reference into this SAI. You can request a copy of the Prospectus, this SAI and the Fund's annual and semi-annual reports without charge by writing to the Fund at the address above or by calling (877) 200-1878 or by visiting [www.versuscapital.com](http://www.versuscapital.com). This SAI, material incorporated by reference and other information about the Fund are also available on the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>).

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## THE FUND

The Fund is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company that continuously offers its shares and operates as an “interval fund” (as defined below). The Fund offers one class of shares. The Fund initially offered its Shares on December 19, 2011. As of July 12, 2012, the Fund simultaneously redesignated its then issued and outstanding Shares as Class F Shares and created Class I Shares. A registration statement filed on January 29, 2018 eliminated the Fund’s Class F Shares (VCMRX) and simultaneously redesignated its issued and outstanding Class I Shares (VCMIX) as Common Shares (VCMIX). Any issued and outstanding Class F Shares were converted to Common Shares (VCMIX). The Class F Shares have been eliminated and will no longer be offered.

### ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT POLICIES

The investment objectives and principal investment strategies of the Fund, as well as the principal risks associated with the Fund’s investment strategies, are set forth in the Prospectus. See “Investment Objectives, Strategies and Investment Features” in the Prospectus. Certain additional investment information is set forth below.

#### Fundamental Policies

The Fund’s fundamental policies may be changed only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of beneficial interest of the Fund (collectively, the “Shares”). Fundamental policies of the Fund are listed below. For the purposes of this SAI, “majority of the outstanding Shares of the Fund” means the vote, at an annual or special meeting of shareholders duly called, of (a) 67% or more of the Shares present at such meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding Shares of the Fund are present or represented by proxy; or (b) more than 50% of the outstanding Shares of the Fund, whichever is less. As fundamental policies, the Fund may not:

- The Fund is focused on investing in Real Estate-Related Investments (as defined below) and will not invest in any industries other than the group of real estate investment and management industries.
- Borrow money, except to the extent permitted by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “Investment Company Act”), which currently limits borrowing to no more than 33-1/3% of the value of the Fund’s total assets. The interest on borrowings will be at prevailing market rates, to the extent the Fund borrows. The Fund’s use of leverage involves risk of loss.
- Engage in short sales, purchases on margin or the writing of put and call options.
- Issue senior securities (including preferred shares of beneficial interest), except to the extent permitted under the Investment Company Act (which currently limits the issuance of a class of senior securities that is indebtedness to no more than 33-1/3% of the value of the Fund’s total assets or, if the class of senior security is stock, to no more than 50% of the value of the Fund’s total assets).
- Underwrite securities of other issuers, except insofar as the Fund may be deemed an underwriter under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), in connection with the disposition of its portfolio securities.



- Make loans, except through purchasing fixed-income securities, lending portfolio securities or entering into repurchase agreements in a manner consistent with the Fund's investment policies or as otherwise permitted under the Investment Company Act. To the extent the Fund engages in loan activity, it exposes its assets to a risk of loss.
- Purchase, hold or deal in real estate, except that the Fund may invest in securities that are secured by real estate, or securities issued by companies that invest or deal in real estate, real estate mortgage loans or real estate investment trusts ("REITs"). This exposes the Fund to the general risks of investing in real estate and the risks of investing in real estate debt and real estate-related debt securities.
- Invest in physical commodities or commodity contracts, except that the Fund may purchase and sell commodity index-linked derivative instruments, such as commodity swap agreements, commodity options, futures and options on futures and structured notes, that provide exposure to the investment returns of the commodities markets, including foreign currency markets. This exposes the Fund to the risks associated with hedging strategies and currency and exchange rates.
- Invest more than 25% of the value of its total assets in the securities of any single issuer or of any group of issuers, controlled by the Fund, that are engaged in the same, similar or related trades or businesses, except that U.S. Government securities may be purchased without limitation. For purposes of this investment restriction, the Private Funds (as defined below) in which the Fund will seek to invest are not considered part of an industry. The Fund may invest in Private Funds that may concentrate their assets in one or more industries and the Fund may invest at least 80% of its assets in Real Estate-Related Investments.
- Invest in securities of other investment companies, except to the extent permitted by the Investment Company Act.

The Fund's investment objectives are fundamental and may not be changed without the vote of a majority (as defined by the Investment Company Act) of the Fund's outstanding voting securities. The Fund has also adopted a fundamental policy that it will make quarterly repurchase offers for no less than 5% of its shares outstanding at NAV (as defined below), unless suspended or postponed in accordance with regulatory requirements, and that each quarterly repurchase pricing shall occur on the Repurchase Pricing Date (as defined below). This amount may be adjusted by the Board at any time to an amount no less than 5% nor more than 25% of the outstanding Shares.

As part of the Fund's fundamental policies, under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in Real Estate-Related Investments.

#### **Certain Portfolio Securities and Other Operating Policies**

The Fund's primary investment objective is to seek consistent current income, while the Fund's secondary objectives are capital preservation and long-term capital appreciation. The Fund's ability to achieve current income and/or long-term capital appreciation will be tempered by the investment objective of capital preservation.

The Fund pursues its investment objectives primarily by investing in (i) investments in third party private funds that themselves invest in real estate and in debt investments secured by real estate (collectively, the "Private Funds"); and (ii) domestic and international publicly traded real estate securities,

such as common and preferred stock of publicly listed REITs and publicly traded real estate debt securities (“Real Estate Securities” and together with the Private Funds, “Real Estate-Related Investments”). Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in Real Estate-Related Investments.

### **Private Funds**

The Private Funds take in funds on a continuous basis, typically undertake quarterly repurchases and typically do not have a defined termination date. A Private Fund’s portfolio may be structured to invest in the equity or debt of core, core-plus or value added real estate assets. This may include investment properties in various geographic markets (domestic and foreign) and property types (retail, office, multi-family, industrial, and other). With respect to equity real estate investments, the Private Funds will generally hold investments in fee-simple, directly or through one or more special purpose title-holding entities. They may also utilize other ownership structures, such as leasehold interests and joint ventures. With respect to real estate debt investments, the Private Funds may acquire commercial real estate loans both by directly originating the loans and by purchasing them from third party sellers. When investing in such securities, the Managers of the Private Funds may evaluate credit quality, collateralization levels, duration, property type, property class and location among numerous other aspects of the securities features to determine its investment qualities.

In addition to diversification across property type and geographic markets, Private Funds may diversify by differing underlying economic drivers, including anticipated job growth, population growth or inflation. No specific limits have been established within the Fund’s investment guidelines for property type and geographic investments; however, some of the Private Funds have net asset value (“NAV”) limitations for any one individual property held by such Private Fund relative to the NAV of the Private Fund’s overall portfolio. While some Private Fund managers will seek diversification across property types, certain Private Funds may have a more specific focus and may not seek such diversification, but instead use an investment strategy based on expertise within specific or multiple property categories.

The Private Funds may use leverage as a way to seek or enhance returns. Dependent upon the investment strategy, geographic focus, and/or other economic or property specific factors, each Private Fund will have differing leverage limitations. Such limitations are specific to each Private Fund and may apply to an overall portfolio limitation as well as a property specific limitation. The Private Funds that focus on debt investments may utilize managing match-funded, flexible term debt facilities and securitization vehicles or other financing alternatives available through capital markets.

To the extent the Fund holds non-voting securities of, or contractually foregoes the right to vote in respect of, a Private Fund (which it intends to do in certain circumstances in order to avoid being considered an “affiliated person” of a Private Fund within the meaning of the Investment Company Act), it will not be able to vote on matters that require the approval of the investors of the Private Fund, including matters that could adversely affect the Fund’s investment, such as changes to the Private Fund’s investment objective or policies or the termination of the Private Fund. If the Fund’s ability to vote is limited, its ability to influence matters being voted on will be reduced relative to other investors (which may include other investment funds or accounts managed by the Adviser). See “*Risk Factors – Private Funds Risk*” in the Prospectus. Where a separate non-voting security class is not available, the Fund would seek to create by contract the same result as owning a non-voting security class through a written agreement between the Fund and the Private Fund in which the Fund irrevocably foregoes the right to vote. The absence of voting rights potentially could have an adverse impact on the Fund.

### ***Real Estate Debt Securities***

The Fund will invest in real estate debt securities directly and indirectly through Private Funds. These real estate debt investments may include a variety of commercial real estate loans, including senior mortgage loans, subordinated or junior mortgage loans, mezzanine loans, and participations in such loans, as well as commercial real estate-related debt securities, such as commercial mortgage-backed securities ("CMBS") and REIT senior unsecured debt. The Fund may be exposed to a variety of security types, property types, and geographic locations, and maturity dates.

Private Funds may acquire commercial real estate loans both by directly originating the loans and by purchasing them from third party sellers. They may also invest in commercial real estate-related debt securities such as CMBS, unsecured debt issued by REITs, and interests in other securitized vehicles that own real estate-related debt. When investing in such securities, the Managers of the Private Funds may evaluate credit quality, collateralization levels, duration, property type, property class and location among numerous other aspects of the securities features to determine its investment qualities. The Private Funds may utilize leverage as a way to seek to enhance their returns. The Private Funds may utilize managing match-funded, flexible term debt facilities and securitization vehicles or other financing alternatives available through capital markets.

### ***Real Estate Equity Securities***

The Fund's investment portfolio may include long positions in real estate-related common stocks and preferred stocks, including REIT common and REIT preferred shares. The Fund may focus on companies that target investments within specific property types, countries or regions. The Fund also may invest in depositary receipts relating to foreign securities. See "– Foreign Securities" below. Equity securities fluctuate in value in response to many factors, including the activities and financial condition of individual companies, the business market in which individual companies compete and general market and economic conditions.

The Fund generally may invest in equity securities without restriction as to market capitalization, such as those issued by smaller capitalization companies, including micro-cap companies. The prices of the securities of some of these smaller companies may be subject to more abrupt or erratic market movements than larger, more established companies, because they typically are traded in lower volume and the issuers typically are more subject to changes in earnings and prospects. The Fund may purchase securities in all available securities trading markets, including initial public offerings and the aftermarket.

The Fund's investments in equity securities may include securities that are listed on securities exchanges as well as unlisted securities that are traded over-the-counter. Equity securities of companies traded over-the-counter may not be traded in the volumes typically found on a national securities exchange. Consequently, the Fund may be required to dispose of such securities over a longer (and potentially less favorable) period of time than is required to dispose of the securities of listed companies.

### ***Foreign Securities***

The Fund may invest in securities of foreign issuers and in depositary receipts, such as American Depositary Receipts and American Depositary Shares (collectively, "ADRs"), Global Depositary Receipts and Global Depositary Shares ("GDRs") and other forms of depositary receipts. ADRs are receipts typically issued by a United States bank or trust company which evidence ownership of underlying securities issued by a foreign corporation. GDRs are receipts issued outside the United States typically by non-United States banks and trust companies that evidence ownership of either foreign or domestic securities. Generally,

ADRs in registered form are designed for use in the United States securities markets and GDRs in bearer form are designed for use outside the United States.

These securities may be purchased through “sponsored” or “unsponsored” facilities. A sponsored facility is established jointly by the issuer of the underlying security and a depository. A depository may establish an unsponsored facility without participation by the issuer of the deposited security. Holders of unsponsored depository receipts generally bear all the costs of such facilities, and the depository of an unsponsored facility frequently is under no obligation to distribute shareholder communications received from the issuer of the deposited security or to pass through voting rights to the holders of such receipts in respect of the deposited securities.

Securities of some foreign issuers are less liquid and more volatile than securities of comparable U.S. issuers. Similarly, volume and liquidity in most foreign securities markets are less than in the United States and, at times, volatility of price can be greater than in the United States. Transaction costs of investing in foreign securities markets are generally higher than in the United States.

Because evidences of ownership of such securities usually are held outside the United States, the Fund will be subject to additional risks which include possible adverse political and economic developments, seizure or nationalization of foreign deposits or adoption of governmental restrictions which might adversely affect or restrict the payment of principal and interest on the foreign securities to investors located outside the country of the issuer, whether from currency blockage or otherwise.

Since foreign securities often are purchased with and payable in currencies of foreign countries, the value of these assets as measured in U.S. dollars may be affected favorably or unfavorably by changes in currency rates and exchange control regulations.

ADRs are receipts typically issued by a United States bank or trust company which evidence ownership of underlying securities issued by a foreign corporation.

Foreign securities in which the Fund may invest may be listed on foreign securities exchanges or traded in foreign over-the-counter markets or may be purchased in private placements and not be publicly-traded. Investments in foreign securities are affected by risk factors generally not thought to be present in the United States. Some of these factors are listed in the Prospectus under “Risk Factors –Foreign Investing Risk.”

The Fund may hedge against foreign currency risks, including the risk of changing currency exchange rates, which could reduce the value of certain of the Fund’s foreign currency denominated portfolio securities irrespective of the underlying investment. The Private Funds may enter into forward currency exchange contracts (“forward contracts”) for hedging purposes and non-hedging purposes to pursue its investment objective. Forward contracts are transactions involving a Private Fund’s obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency at a future date at a specified price. Forward contracts may be used by the Fund for hedging purposes to protect against uncertainty in the level of future foreign currency exchange rates, such as when the Fund anticipates purchasing or selling a foreign security. This technique would allow the Fund to “lock in” the U.S. dollar price of the security. Forward contracts also may be used to attempt to protect the value of a Private Fund’s existing holdings of foreign securities. There may be, however, imperfect correlation between a Private Fund’s foreign securities holdings and the forward contracts entered into with respect to such holdings.

### ***Foreign Currency Transactions***

A Manager may engage in foreign currency transactions to hedge the U.S. dollar value of the investments and distributions of the Private Funds or other investments, particularly if it expects a decrease in the value of the currency in which the foreign investment is denominated.

Foreign currency transactions may involve, for example, the Manager's purchase of foreign currencies for U.S. dollars or the maintenance of short positions in foreign currencies, which would involve the Fund agreeing to exchange an amount of a currency it did not currently own for another currency at a future date in anticipation of a decline in the value of the currency sold relative to the currency the Fund contracted to receive in the exchange. The Fund's success in these transactions will depend principally on its ability to predict accurately the future exchange rates between foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar.

### ***Other Investment Companies***

The Fund may invest in securities of other open-end, closed-end or unit investment trust investment companies, including exchange-traded funds (ETFs), to the extent that such investments are consistent with the Fund's investment objective and policies and permissible under the Investment Company Act and related rules or interpretations of the SEC. Investing in investment companies involves substantially the same risks as investing directly in the underlying instruments, but also involves expenses at the investment company-level, such as portfolio management fees and operating expenses. These expenses are in addition to the fees and expenses of the Fund itself, which may lead to duplication of expenses while the Fund owns another investment company's shares. In addition, investing in investment companies involves the risk that they will not perform in exactly the same manner, or in response to the same factors, as the underlying instruments or index. Recent regulatory changes could reduce the Fund's flexibility to make investments in other investment companies.

### ***Money Market Instruments***

The Fund may invest, for defensive purposes or otherwise, some or all of its assets in high quality fixed-income securities, money market instruments, and money market mutual funds, or hold cash or cash equivalents in such amounts as the Fund or the Sub-Adviser deems appropriate under the circumstances. Money market instruments are high quality, short-term fixed-income obligations, which generally have remaining maturities of one year or less, and may include U.S. Government securities, commercial paper, certificates of deposit and bankers' acceptances issued by domestic branches of U.S. banks that are members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and repurchase agreements.

## **DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

### **Directors**

The Board has overall responsibility to manage and control the business affairs of the Fund, including the complete and exclusive authority to oversee and to establish policies regarding the management, conduct and operation of the Fund's business. The Board exercises the same powers, authority and responsibilities on behalf of the Fund as are customarily exercised by the board of directors of a registered investment company.

### **Board's Oversight Role in Management**

The Board's role in management of the Fund is oversight. The Adviser has primary responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Fund, which includes responsibility for risk management (including

management of investment performance and investment risk, valuation risk, issuer and counterparty credit risk, compliance risk and operational risk). As part of its oversight, the Board, acting at its scheduled meetings, or the Chairman of the Board, acting between Board meetings, regularly interacts with, and receives risk management reports from, senior personnel of the Adviser, including senior managerial and financial officers of the Adviser, the Fund's and the Adviser's Chief Compliance Officer, and portfolio management personnel. The Board's Audit Committee (which consists of all of the Independent Directors) holds regularly scheduled meetings, and between meetings the Audit Committee chair maintains contact with the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm and the Adviser's senior personnel. The Board receives periodic presentations from senior personnel of the Adviser regarding risk management, as well as periodic presentations regarding specific operational, compliance or investment risk areas such as business continuity, anti-money laundering, personal trading, valuation and investment research. The Board also receives reports from counsel to the Fund or counsel to the Adviser regarding regulatory compliance and governance matters. The Board will also review any proposals associated with the Adviser entering into sub-advisory relationships with Sub-Advisers. Such relationships may only be entered into upon Board approval and upon the approval of a majority (as defined under the Investment Company Act) of the Fund's outstanding voting securities pursuant to the Investment Company Act. The Board's oversight role does not make the Board a guarantor of the Fund's investments or activities.

### **Board Composition and Leadership Structure**

The Investment Company Act requires that at least 40% of the Fund's directors not be "interested persons," as defined in the Investment Company Act, of the Fund, the Adviser, the Sub-Advisers, Foreside Funds Distributors LLC (the "Distributor"), or any affiliate of the foregoing (such directors, the "Independent Directors"). For certain matters, such as the approval of investment advisory agreements or permitted transactions with affiliates, the Investment Company Act and/or the rules thereunder require the approval of a majority of the Independent Directors. As of the date of this SAI, five (5) of the Fund's six (6) directors are Independent Directors. Independent Directors have been designated to chair the Audit Committee, Valuation Committee and the Nominating and Governance Committee. The Board has designated a Lead Independent Director to take the lead in addressing with management matters or issues of concern to the Board. In light of the Board's size and structure, and the cooperative working relationship among the Directors, the Board has determined that it is appropriate to have an Interested Director serve as Chairman of the Board.

The address, year of birth, and descriptions of their principal occupations during the past five years are listed below for each director of the Fund. The Fund has divided the directors into two groups: Independent Directors and directors who are "interested persons," as defined in the Investment Company Act (the "Interested Directors"):

<b>Name, Address and Year of Birth (1)</b>	<b>Position(s) Held with Fund</b>	<b>Term of Office and Length of Time Served<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years</b>	<b>Number of Funds in Fund Complex<sup>(3)</sup> Overseen by Director</b>	<b>Other Public Company Directorships Held by Director</b>
<i>Independent Directors</i>					
Robert F. Doherty; 1964	Independent Director	Since March 2019	Chief Financial Officer of Sustainable Living Partners (2018 – present); Partner of Renova Capital Partners (2010 – present); and Chief Financial Officer of Ensyn Corporation (2013 – 2018).	2	None
Jeffry A. Jones; 1959	Independent Director	Since inception	Principal of SmithJones (Real Estate) (2008 – present).	2	None
Richard J. McCready; 1958	Lead Independent Director	Lead Independent Director (since March 2020); Independent Director since inception	President of The Davis Companies (2014 – 2022).	2	None
Paul E. Sveen; 1961	Independent Director	Since inception	Chief Financial Officer of Beam Technologies (February 2020 – present); Chief Financial Officer of Paypal's merchant lending platform (2018 – 2020); and Chief Financial Officer of Swift Financial (2016 – 2018).	2	None
Susan K. Wold; 1960	Independent Director	Since August 2022	Senior Vice President, Global Ombudsman and Head of North American Compliance of Janus Henderson Investors (2017-2020); Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer and Anti Money Laundering	2	None

			Officer for Janus Investment Fund, Janus Aspen Series, Janus Detroit Street Trust, and Clayton Street Trust (2017-2020).		
<i>Interested Director</i>					
Casey Frazier; 1977	Chair of the Board; Director; Chief Investment Officer	Chair of the Board (since August 2022); Director and Chief Investment Officer since inception	Chief Investment Officer of the Adviser (2011 – present); and Chief Investment Officer of Versus Capital Real Assets Fund LLC (2017 – present).	2	None

- (1) The address of each member of the Board is: c/o Versus Capital Multi-Manager Real Estate Income Fund LLC, 5050 S. Syracuse Street, Suite 1100, Denver, Colorado 80237.
- (2) Each Director will serve for the duration of the Fund, or until his death, resignation, termination, removal or retirement.
- (3) The term “Fund Complex” as used herein includes the Fund and Versus Capital Real Assets Fund LLC.

Additional information about each director follows (supplementing the information provided in the table above) that describes certain specific experiences, qualifications, attributes or skills that each director possesses and that the Board believes has prepared them to be effective directors.

#### **Independent Directors**

**Robert F. Doherty** co-founded Renova Capital Partners, a private equity company focusing on renewable and sustainable investments, in 2010 and has served as the Chief Financial Officer of Sustainable Living Partners since 2018. Prior to founding Renova, Mr. Doherty held the post of Managing Director and Deputy Head of Municipal and Infrastructure Finance at JP Morgan, where he directed the investment banking services to state and local government, water, energy, transport, housing, healthcare, and higher education clients. He also served as the co-head of UBS/Paine’s Webber National Infrastructure Group. He was a Managing Director in Merrill Lynch’s alternative investment, private equity and municipal finance groups. From 2013-2018, Mr. Doherty served as Chief Financial Officer for Ensyn Corporation, one of Renova’s joint venture partners. One of Renova’s initial investments was Main Street Power Company, Inc., a commercial solar developer and owner/operator of solar assets in the U.S. Mr. Doherty served on the Board of Directors of Main Street Power prior to its sale to AES Corporation in 2015. He also serves on the management committee for Sustainable Living Partners. Mr. Doherty has a Bachelor of Science degree in Foreign Services from Georgetown University Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business Chicago.

**Jeffry A. Jones** has over thirty-five years of real estate investment experience in multiple real estate product types in markets throughout the U.S. Mr. Jones is currently a Principal at SmithJones Partners. Mr. Jones was President and Executive Director of Ameriton Properties Inc. (“Ameriton”), as well as Executive Vice President of Archstone-Smith in Denver, Colorado from 2000 to November of 2007, where he had overall investment, management and asset management responsibility for more than \$2.3 billion of apartment investments. Prior to joining Ameriton, Mr. Jones was Senior Vice President with Archstone-Smith in Austin, Texas where he was responsible for Archstone’s multifamily acquisition and development activities throughout the central U.S. From 1995 to 1999, Mr. Jones was Senior Vice President of



Homestead Village Inc. ("Homestead"), where he directed acquisition and development activities for its limited service extended-stay hotel product throughout the central part of the U.S. Prior to Homestead, Mr. Jones held development or investment positions with Sentre Partners, Stark Companies International, Maclachlan Investment Company and Trammell Crow Company. Mr. Jones received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Stanford University.

**Richard J. McCready** has been involved in commercial real estate investment and finance for over 30 years, gaining experience in capital markets, raising debt and equity capital, innovative transaction structuring, organization building, asset/risk management and value creation in a variety of real estate-related businesses. Mr. McCready recently retired in December 2022 from his full-time role as President of The Davis Companies, a Boston-based commercial real estate investment, development and management company, where he was responsible for firm-wide strategy and oversaw day-to-day management of all aspects of the firm's investment and asset management functions and operations. Prior to joining The Davis Companies, Mr. McCready was the Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President of NorthStar Realty Finance Corp (NYSE: NRF), formerly a publicly-traded commercial real estate finance company with over \$10 billion in assets under management, prior to the company's merger with Colony Capital. He served as the President, Chief Operating Officer and Director of NRF's predecessor company, NorthStar Capital Investment Corp., a private equity fund business specializing in opportunistic investments in real estate assets and operating companies, where he spearheaded and managed the IPO spin-off of NRF. Prior to NorthStar, Mr. McCready served as the President, Chief Operating Officer and Director of Winthrop Financial Associates. From 1984 to 1990, he practiced law at Mintz Levin in Boston. In addition, Mr. McCready has served on numerous real estate company boards and has a broad knowledge of multiple real estate property types and strategies. Mr. McCready is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of The University of New Hampshire and received his law degree, magna cum laude, from Boston College Law School.

**Paul E. Sveen** has over 35 years of experience in financial services across investment banking, structured finance, real estate investments, mortgage lending/servicing and small business lending. Since February 2020, Mr. Sveen has served as CFO of Beam Technologies Inc., a Columbus-based insurtech company that is seeking to blend innovative technology with traditional insurance policies to bring a differentiated value proposition to the employee benefits market and disrupt the traditional dental insurance market. He also was engaged in the fintech lending arena as CFO of Swift Financial, a leading alternative technology-enabled small business lender, which was acquired by PayPal in September 2017. After the merger, he was CFO of PayPal's merchant lending platform, where he focused on developing strategies to drive growth through strategic partnerships and a broader use of financial capital markets. Prior to Swift, Mr. Sveen spent a decade focused in the real estate investment sector, leading several businesses providing mortgage lending, default services and rental home investment opportunities. From 2013-2016, he served as Managing Partner of Pantelan Real Estate Services LLC. Pantelan, whose clients included institutional investors such as private equity firms and hedge funds, invested in single family residential portfolios and provided a suite of services to support the residential asset class across all phases of the investment life cycle. For two years prior, Mr. Sveen served as CEO and Chief Restructuring Officer for Integrated Asset Services, a mortgage default services provider. Since 2007, Mr. Sveen had been engaged by several private equity firms to advise on existing portfolio investments, and to lead the evaluation of investments in several new business ventures in the mortgage, structured finance and real estate industries. He has also worked extensively with banks on capital and liquidity enhancement initiatives, negotiating facility terminations, assignments, restructurings and sales. Mr. Sveen is a 19-year veteran of Lehman Brothers, where he was integral in building the structured finance business into one of Wall Street's leading securitization franchises. While a Managing Director at Lehman, he led several groups including asset-backed finance, principal finance, asset-backed commercial paper and structured finance client solutions. In 2004, Mr. Sveen was appointed CAO of Aurora Loan Services, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lehman Brothers and one of the leading Alt-A mortgage originators and servicers in the US at that time. Mr. Sveen holds a BA in Economics from St. Lawrence University and attended The University of Oslo, Norway.

**Susan K. Wold** has over 30 years of experience in financial services with broad expertise in global securities regulations, corporate governance and ethics, third party oversight, and mutual funds, exchange traded funds and private fund formation and oversight. Ms. Wold leverages her years in the asset management industry to navigate governance, regulation and risk, set strategic direction and enhance revenue growth. She was formerly the Senior Vice President, Global Ombudsman, Head of North American Compliance and interim Head of Risk for Janus Henderson Investors (2017-2020). She was also Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer and Anti Money Laundering Officer for Janus Investment Fund, Janus Aspen Series, Janus Detroit Street Trust and Clayton Street Trust (2017-2020). Prior to that, Ms. Wold was Vice President and Head of Global Corporate Compliance and Chief Compliance Officer of Janus Capital Management LLC and Vice President of Compliance for Janus Capital Group and Janus Capital Management LLC (2005-2017). Prior to Janus Capital Group, Ms. Wold held a variety of positions in the asset management industry including Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer for National Planning Holdings (2003-2005). Ms. Wold was also Vice President and Group Counsel for American Express and American Express Financial Advisers (1993-2003). Ms. Wold started her career in private practice with a Minneapolis/St. Paul law firm and focused on advising both private and public businesses and business litigation. Ms. Wold holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Minnesota Sturm College of Law, a Business Administration degree from Colorado College and a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Workplace certificate from the University of South Florida MUMA College of Business. Ms. Wold's key board skills include strategic planning; corporate governance and regulatory issues; risk management; senior leadership experience; and mergers and acquisitions.

#### **Interested Director**

**Casey Frazier** joined the Adviser as the Chief Investment Officer in 2011. Previously, Mr. Frazier was a Senior Vice President of NRF Capital Markets LLC from 2010 to 2011, where he was responsible for product development and due diligence for the firm including helping to develop products to be sold in the retail broker-dealer channel, managing the due diligence process for existing products and overseeing the marketing efforts of the firm. Prior to that Mr. Frazier acted as the Chief Investment Officer for Welton Street Investments, LLC and Welton Street Advisors LLC from 2005 to 2010. In this capacity he reviewed and monitored all prospective securities offerings and investments. This included the review of over \$7 billion in private real estate transactions. From 2004 to 2005 he was an Assistant Vice President, Asset Management of Curian Capital LLC ("Curian"), a registered investment adviser. In this capacity, Mr. Frazier helped supervise the asset allocation and money manager selection for Curian's turnkey asset management program. Mr. Frazier helped develop over 300 multi-disciplinary account portfolios. During his tenure he helped the firm grow assets from \$200 million to over \$1 billion. Previously, Mr. Frazier managed the due diligence process for the National Planning Holdings' ("NPH") broker/dealer network from 2003 to 2004. NPH is an organization with four separate broker dealers and over 3,000 registered representatives. This process included analyzing all potential investments to be sold within the broker dealer network including; mutual funds, variable annuities, private placements, REITs, hedge funds and derivative products. Mr. Frazier received a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Political Economy from The Colorado College, and has earned the CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) designation. The Board is aided by Mr. Frazier's strong investment management skills.

#### **Board Participation and Committees**

The Board believes that each director's experience, qualifications, attributes and skills give each director the ability to critically review, evaluate, question and discuss information provided to them, and to interact effectively with Fund management, service providers and counsel, in order to exercise effective business judgment in the performance of their duties. The charter for the Board's Nominating and Governance Committee contains factors considered by the Nominating and Governance Committee in

identifying and evaluating potential Board member nominees. To assist them in evaluating matters under federal and state law, the directors may benefit from information provided by counsel to the Independent Directors or counsel to the Fund; both Board and Fund counsel have significant experience advising funds and fund board members. The Board and its committees have the ability to engage other experts as appropriate. The Board evaluates its performance on an annual basis.

Each director serves on the Board for the duration of the Fund, or until his death, resignation, termination, removal or retirement. A director's position in that capacity will terminate if such director is removed, resigns or is subject to various disabling events such as death or incapacity. A director may resign upon 90 days' prior written notice to the other directors, subject to waiver of notice, and may be removed either by vote of two-thirds of the directors not subject to the removal vote or vote of the shareholders holding not less than two-thirds of the total number of votes eligible to be cast by all shareholders. In the event of any vacancy in the position of a director, the remaining directors may appoint an individual to serve as a director, so long as immediately after such appointment at least two-thirds of the directors then serving would have been elected by the shareholders. The directors may call a meeting of shareholders to fill any vacancy in the position of a director, and must do so within 60 days after any date on which directors who were elected by the shareholders cease to constitute a majority of the directors then serving. If no director remains to manage the business of the Fund, the Adviser may manage and control the Fund, but must convene a meeting of shareholders within 60 days for the purpose of either electing new directors or dissolving the Fund.

The Chairman of the Board is Mr. Frazier. The standing committees of the Board include the Audit Committee, Nominating and Governance Committee, Investment Committee, and Valuation Committee.

The current members of the Audit Committee are Mr. Doherty, Mr. McCready, Mr. Jones, Mr. Sveen and Ms. Wold, each of whom is an Independent Director. The current Chairman of the Audit Committee is Mr. Doherty. The purpose of the Audit Committee, pursuant to its adopted written charter, is to (1) oversee the Fund's accounting and financial reporting processes, the audits of the Fund's financial statements and the Fund's internal controls over, among other things, financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures, (2) oversee or assist in Board oversight of the integrity of the Fund's financial statements and the Fund's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and (3) approve prior to appointment the engagement of the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm and review the independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications and independence and the performance of the independent registered public accounting firm. During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, the Audit Committee met two times.

The current members of the Nominating and Governance Committee are Mr. Doherty, Mr. McCready, Mr. Jones, Mr. Sveen and Ms. Wold, each of whom is an Independent Director. The current Chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee is Mr. Sveen. The purpose of the Nominating and Governance Committee, pursuant to its adopted written charter, is to (1) evaluate the suitability of potential candidates for election or appointment to the Board and recommend candidates for nomination; (2) recommend the appointment of members and chairs of each Board committee; (3) develop and recommend to the Board a set of corporate nominating principles applicable to the Fund and monitor corporate nominating matters; and (4) oversee periodic evaluations of the Board and its committees. The Nominating and Governance Committee reviews nominations of potential Directors made by Fund management and by Fund shareholders, which includes all information relating to the recommended nominees that is required to be disclosed in solicitations or proxy statements for the election of directors, including without limitation the biographical information and the qualifications of the proposed nominees. The Nominating and Governance Committee will consider nominations as it deems appropriate after taking into account, among other things, the factors listed in the charter. Information must be provided regarding the recommended nominee as reasonably requested by the Nominating and Governance Committee. The Nominating and

Governance Committee meets as is necessary or appropriate. During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, the Nominating and Governance Committee met four times.

The Investment Committee is comprised of all of the Directors, the majority of which are Independent Directors. The current Chairman of the Investment Committee is Mr. Frazier. The purpose of the Investment Committee, pursuant to its adopted written charter, is to (1) oversee the Adviser's determination of, implementation of, and ongoing monitoring of investment strategies and objectives of the Fund, which include the Adviser's process for the selection and ongoing due diligence of Private Funds, Sub-Advisers, and other direct investments of the Fund; and (2) review and make recommendations to the Board regarding the initial approval and periodic renewal of advisory contracts between the Fund, the Adviser and the Sub-Advisers, as required by Section 15 of the Investment Company Act. During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, the Investment Committee met five times.

The Valuation Committee is comprised of all of the Directors, the majority of which are Independent Directors. The current Chairman of the Valuation Committee is Mr. Jones. The purpose of the Valuation Committee, pursuant to its adopted written charter, is to oversee the development of Fund policies and procedures and the Adviser's implementation of those policies and procedures, for the calculation of the Fund's NAV. The Valuation Committee reviews and oversees the policies and reporting of the underlying asset values of the Private Funds, as well as the portion of the Fund's assets that are sub-advised by Sub-Advisers and invested directly by the Adviser, including through the Private Funds. During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, the Valuation Committee met four times.

#### Officers

The address, year of birth, and a description of principal occupations during the past five years are listed below for each officer of the Fund.

Name, Address and Year of Birth <sup>(1)</sup>	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served <sup>(2)</sup>	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years
Mark D. Quam; 1970	Chief Executive Officer	Since inception	Chief Executive Officer of the Adviser (2010 to present); and Chief Executive Officer of Versus Capital Real Assets Fund LLC (2017 to present).
William R. Fuhs, Jr.; 1968	President	Since inception	President of the Adviser (2010 to present); and President of Versus Capital Real Assets Fund LLC (2017 to present).
Casey Frazier; 1977	Chief Investment Officer	Since inception	Chief Investment Officer of the Adviser (2011 to present); and Chief Investment Officer of Versus Capital Real Assets Fund LLC (2017 to present).
Dave Truex; 1983	Deputy Chief Investment Officer	Since November 2021	Deputy Chief Investment Officer of Versus Capital Real Assets Fund LLC (November 2021 to Present); Deputy Chief Investment Officer of the Adviser (2017 to Present).
Brian Petersen; 1970	Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer	Since August 2019	Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of the Adviser (January 2022 to present); Managing Director, Fund Financial Operations of the Adviser (July 2019 to December 2021); Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Versus Capital Real Assets Fund LLC (August 2019 to present); Senior Vice President of OFI Global Asset Management, Inc. (January 2017 to May 2019).

Name, Address and Year of Birth <sup>(1)</sup>	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served <sup>(2)</sup>	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years
Dustin C. Rose; 1983	Assistant Treasurer	Since November 2021	Assistant Treasurer of Versus Capital Real Assets Fund LLC (November 2021 to Present), Director of Fund Financial Operations of the Adviser (2020 to present); Assistant Vice President of OFI Global Asset Management, Inc. (2016 to 2020).
Kelly McEwen; 1984	Assistant Treasurer	Since November 2022	Director, Fund Financial Operations of the Adviser (January 2022 to Present); Assistant Treasurer of Versus Capital Real Assets Fund LLC (November 2022 to Present), Vice President of SS&C ALPS and Treasurer/Principal Financial Officer of various investment companies (April 2020 to May 2021); Fund Controller of SS&C ALPS (August 2019 to May 2021); Assistant Vice President of OFI Global Asset Management, Inc. (2015 to August 2019).
Jillian Varner; 1990	Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary	Since July 2023	Chief Compliance Officer of Versus Capital Real Assets Fund LLC and the Adviser (July 2023 to present); Secretary of Versus Capital Real Assets Fund LLC (July 2023 to present); Deputy Chief Compliance Officer of the Adviser (February 2022 to July 2023); Assistant Secretary of Versus Capital Real Assets Fund LLC (August 2020 to July 2023); Director of Compliance and Operations of the Adviser (August 2019 to February 2022); Compliance Manager at Janus Henderson Investors (January 2019 to July 2019); and Senior Compliance Analyst at Janus Henderson Investors (June 2017 to December 2018).

(1) The address of each Officer of the Fund is: c/o Versus Capital Multi-Manager Real Estate Income Fund LLC, 5050 S. Syracuse Street, Suite 1100, Denver, Colorado 80237.

(2) Each Officer will serve for the duration of the Fund, or until his or her death, resignation, termination, removal or retirement.

#### Director Ownership of Securities

The following table shows the dollar range of equity securities owned by the Directors in the Fund and in other investment companies overseen by the Director within the same family of investment companies as of December 31, 2022. Investment companies are considered to be in the same family if they share the same investment adviser or principal underwriter and hold themselves out to investors as related companies for purposes of investment and investor services.

Name of Director	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in All Registered Investment Companies Overseen by Director in Family of Investment Companies
<i>Independent Directors</i>		
Robert F. Doherty	\$50,001 to \$100,000	Over \$100,000
Jeffry A. Jones	\$50,001 to \$100,000	\$50,001 to \$100,000

Richard J. McCready	\$10,001 to \$50,000	Over \$100,000
Paul E. Sveen	\$50,001 to \$100,000	\$50,001 to \$100,000
Susan K. Wold	\$0	\$0
<i>Interested Director</i>		
Casey Frazier	Over \$500,000	Over \$1,000,000

As of July 1, 2023, the Fund's directors and officers as a group owned less than 1% of the Fund's outstanding securities.

To the best of their knowledge, none of the Independent Directors (nor any of their immediate family members) have or hold any securities of the Adviser, Security Capital, PrinREI or the Distributor, nor any entities controlling or controlled by or under common control with the Adviser, Security Capital, PrinREI or the Distributor as of December 31, 2022.

### Compensation

The Fund pays each Independent Director a fee of \$65,000 per annum. In addition, the Fund reimburses each of the Independent Directors for travel and other expenses incurred in connection with attendance at meetings. The Chairman of the Audit Committee receives an additional amount of \$10,000 per annum. Other members of the Board and executive officers of the Fund receive no compensation, other than as noted in the table below. The Nominating and Governance Committee of the Board evaluates the compensation of the Board members on an ongoing basis and may increase or decrease such compensation based upon market factors and the ongoing responsibilities and commitment of the members, all of which will be subject to Board approval, including a majority of the Independent Directors.

The following table summarizes the compensation paid to the Independent Directors, including Committee fees, and certain executive officers of the Fund for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023. The Interested Directors and executive officers of the Fund receive no compensation, other than as noted in the table below. This compensation will continue to be evaluated by the Board on an ongoing basis.

Name of Person, Position	Aggregate Compensation from the Fund	Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued as Part of Fund Expenses	Estimated Annual Benefits Upon Retirement	Total Compensation from Fund and Fund Complex Paid to Director/Officer
<i>Independent Directors</i>				
Robert F. Doherty	\$71,250 <sup>(1)</sup>	N/A	N/A	\$142,500
Jeffry A. Jones	\$61,250	N/A	N/A	\$122,500
Richard T. McCready	\$61,250	N/A	N/A	\$122,500
Paul E. Sveen	\$61,250	N/A	N/A	\$122,500
Susan K. Wold	\$41,250	N/A	N/A	\$82,500
<i>Officers</i>				
Jillian Varner as Chief Compliance Officer <sup>(3)</sup>	\$45,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	N/A	N/A	\$90,000

(1) As Chairman of the Audit Committee, Mr. Doherty receives an additional amount of \$10,000 per annum.

(2) Represents amounts being charged to the Fund for compliance services.

(3) Ms. Varner was appointed Chief Compliance Officer in July 2023 and, therefore, did not receive compensation from the Fund for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023. Amounts shown reflect payments to the Fund's prior Chief Compliance Officer.

### CONTROL PERSONS AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS

A principal shareholder is any person who owns (either of record or beneficially) 5% or more of the outstanding shares of a fund. A control person is one who owns, directly or indirectly, more than 25% of the voting securities of a company or acknowledges the existence of control. A control person may be able to determine the outcome of a matter put to a shareholder vote.

As of June 30, 2023, to the best knowledge of the Fund, no person owned beneficially or of-record 5% or more of the outstanding shares of any class of the Fund or 5% or more of the outstanding shares of the Fund addressed herein, except as set forth in the table below.

RECORD SHAREHOLDER	PERCENTAGE OF SHARES
Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. <sup>(1)</sup> 211 Main St. San Francisco, CA 94105	56.67%
National Financial Services LLC Newport Office Center III 499 Washington Blvd. 5 <sup>th</sup> Fl. Jersey City, NJ 07310	27.44%
TD Ameritrade Inc. P.O. Box 2226 Omaha, NE 68103	8.15%
MSCS Financial Services LLC 717 17 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1300 Denver, CO 80202	5.91%

(1) The Fund has no knowledge as to whether all or a portion of the shares owned of record are also owned beneficially.

### INVESTMENT ADVISORY AND OTHER SERVICES

#### The Adviser

The Fund's investment adviser is Versus Capital Advisors LLC, a registered adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "Advisers Act"). The Adviser's offices are located at 5050 S. Syracuse Street, Suite 1100, Denver, Colorado 80237. The Adviser is a Delaware limited liability company originally formed in March of 2007 Colliers VS Holdings, Inc., a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Colliers International Group Inc. (together, "Colliers"), owns, directly and indirectly, approximately 75% of the outstanding securities of the Adviser. The Adviser's co-founders, Mark D. Quam, William R. Fuhs, and Casey R. Frazier, along with certain other employees, own the remaining balance. Mr. Frazier also serves as Interested Director to the Fund.

The Fund has engaged the Adviser to provide investment advice to, and manage the day-to-day business and affairs of, the Fund, in each case under the ultimate supervision of and subject to any policies established by the Board, pursuant to an investment management agreement entered into between the Fund and the Adviser. The Adviser has been delegated the responsibility of selecting the Private Funds and

selecting and overseeing the Sub-Advisers (subject to the ultimate oversight of the Board). In selecting Private Funds and Sub-Advisers, the Adviser evaluates each Private Fund and Sub-Adviser to determine whether their respective investment programs are consistent with the Fund's investment objective and strategies. The Adviser monitors the Private Funds and Sub-Advisers on an ongoing basis and may, at its discretion, subject to the repurchase policies of the Private Funds, reallocate the Fund's assets among the Private Funds and Sub-Advisers, terminate or redeem investments from existing Private Funds or Sub-Advisers, and select additional Private Funds or Sub-Advisers subject to review and approval of the Board. The Adviser also provides certain administrative services to the Fund, including: providing office space, handling shareholder inquiries regarding the Fund, providing shareholders with information concerning their investment in the Fund, coordinating and organizing meetings of the Board, and providing other support services. The Adviser will perform its duties subject to any policies established by the Board.

The Adviser has claimed the relief provided to fund-of-funds operators pursuant to U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") No-Action Letter 12-38 and is therefore not subject to registration or regulation as a pool operator under the Commodity Exchange Act with respect to the Fund. For the Adviser to remain eligible for the relief, the Fund must comply with certain limitations, including limitations on its ability to gain exposure to certain financial instruments such as futures, options on futures, and certain swaps ("commodity interests"). These limitations may restrict the Fund's ability to pursue its investment objectives and strategies, increase the costs of implementing its strategies, result in higher expenses, and/or adversely affect its total return. In the event the Adviser believes that the Fund may no longer be able to comply with, or that it may no longer be desirable for it to comply with, these limitations, the Adviser may register as a commodity pool operator with the CFTC with respect to the Fund. Any such registration could adversely affect the Fund's total return by subjecting it to increased costs and expenses. If the Adviser registers as a commodity pool operator with the CFTC with respect to the Fund, the commodity pool operators of any shareholders that are pooled investment vehicles may be unable to rely on certain commodity pool operator registration exemptions.

In consideration for all such services, the Fund pays the Adviser a quarterly fee (the "Investment Management Fee") at an annual rate of 0.95% of the Fund's NAV, which will accrue daily on the basis of the NAV of the Fund. The Investment Management Fee is paid to the Adviser out of the Fund's assets. The Adviser was paid \$24,753,874, \$25,935,739, and \$28,858,878 in advisory fees for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2021, March 31, 2022, and March 31, 2023, respectively.

#### **Sub-Adviser – Security Capital**

The Adviser has engaged Security Capital Research & Management Incorporated ("Security Capital") a registered investment adviser under the Advisers Act, to act as an independent sub-adviser to the Fund. Security Capital is located at 10 South Dearborn Street, 38<sup>th</sup> Floor Chicago, Illinois 60603. Security Capital typically seeks to provide exposure to publicly traded Real Estate Securities on behalf of the Fund. Security Capital is paid a management fee by the Fund based on assets under management that decreases as assets increase. The Investment Management Fee will be paid to Security Capital out of the Fund's assets. The fees are assessed on a sliding scale and ranging from 1.0% down to 0.45% based on assets under management. Security Capital was paid \$1,059,417, \$1,508,603, and \$1,262,599 in Sub-Advisory fees for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2021, 2022, and 2023, respectively.



## Sub-Adviser – Principal Real Estate Investors

The Adviser has engaged Principal Real Estate Investors, LLC (“PrinREI”) a registered investment adviser under the Advisers Act, to act as an independent sub-adviser to the Fund. PrinREI is located at 711 High Street, Des Moines, IA 50392. PrinREI typically seeks to provide exposure to publicly traded Real Estate Securities on behalf of the Fund. PrinREI is paid a management fee by the Fund based on assets under management that decreases as assets increase. The Investment Management Fee will be paid to PrinREI out of the Fund’s assets. The fees are assessed on a sliding scale and range from 0.60% when assets are under \$150 million down to 0.49% when assets are over \$600 million. PrinREI was paid \$1,661,108 \$2,136,902, and \$1,601,905 in Sub-Advisory fees for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2021, 2022, and 2023, respectively.

## INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Grant Thornton LLP, located at principal business address 171 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601, serves as the Fund’s independent registered public accounting firm, providing audit and tax services.

## CUSTODIAN

The Bank of New York Mellon (the “Custodian”) serves as the primary custodian of the assets of the Fund, and may maintain custody of such assets with domestic and foreign sub-custodians (which may be banks, trust companies, securities depositories and clearing agencies) approved by the Board. The Custodian’s principal business address is 240 Greenwich Street, New York, NY 10286.

## LEGAL COUNSEL

Ropes & Gray LLP, Prudential Tower, 800 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02199, acts as legal counsel to the Fund.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The following tables identify, as of March 31, 2023: (i) the number of other registered investment companies, other pooled investment vehicles and other accounts managed by the Fund’s portfolio managers (collectively, “Other Accounts”); (ii) the total assets of such Other Accounts; and (iii) the number and total assets of Other Accounts with respect to which the management fee charged is based on performance.

### Versus Capital Advisors LLC

Portfolio Manager	Other Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number	Total Assets of Other Registered Investment Companies	Number	Total Assets	Number	Total Assets of Other Accounts
Casey Frazier, CFA	1	\$3.02 billion	3	\$1.4 million	0	N/A
Dave Truex, CFA	1	\$3.02 billion	3	\$1.4 million	0	N/A

<b>Performance Fee Based Accounts</b> (The number of accounts and the total assets in the accounts managed by each portfolio manager with respect to which the advisory fee is based on the performance of the account.)						
Casey Frazier, CFA	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A
Dave Truex, CFA	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A

### Conflicts of Interest

In addition to the Fund, the Adviser provides investment advisory services to the Versus Capital Real Assets Fund LLC, a continuously offered registered closed-end management investment company that has elected to be treated as an interval fund, as well as three charitable pooled income funds, as defined under section 642(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and may provide investment advisory services to other funds and accounts in the future (collectively with the Fund, "Client Accounts"). Because there are different fee structures for each Client Account and because the Adviser's portfolio managers may have investments in one Client Account but not another (or they may invest different amounts in each Client Account), the Adviser's portfolio managers may have an incentive to dedicate more time and resources or to otherwise favor one Client Account over another. The Adviser anticipates that the Fund and another Client Account could have overlapping portfolio holdings or that an investment opportunity would be appropriate for both portfolios. As such, the Adviser has policies and procedures designed to allocate investment opportunities among the Client Accounts on a fair and equitable basis over time. Additional controls are in place to monitor the investment decisions and performance of Client Accounts and to address these and other conflicts of interest. See "Conflicts of Interest – The Adviser, the Sub-Advisers, and the Private Fund Managers" below for an additional discussion of the Adviser's conflicts of interest.

### Compensation

A team approach is used by the Adviser to manage the Fund. The Investment Committee of the Adviser is chaired by Casey Frazier and includes David Truex, among others. Mr. Frazier and Mr. Truex are each paid a base salary, a discretionary bonus, and a share of the profits, if any, earned in their ownership of the Adviser.

### Ownership of Securities

The following table discloses the dollar range of equity securities beneficially owned by the portfolio managers of the Fund as of March 31, 2023.

<b>Name of Portfolio Manager</b>	<b>Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund</b>
Casey Frazier	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000
David Truex	\$10,001 - \$50,000

### Security Capital Research & Management Incorporated ("Security Capital")

As of March 31, 2023, in addition to the Versus Capital Multi-Manager Real Estate Income Fund LLC (the "Fund"), Security Capital's portfolio managers were responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

Portfolio Manager	Other Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number	Assets Managed	Number	Assets Managed	Number	Assets Managed
Anthony R. Manno Jr.	1	\$300 million	2	\$700 million	91	\$2.5 billion
Kevin W. Bedell	1	\$300 million	2	\$700 million	91	\$2.5 billion
Nathan J. Gear	1	\$300 million	2	\$700 million	91	\$2.5 billion
<b>Performance Fee Based Accounts</b> (The number of accounts and the total assets in the accounts managed by each portfolio manager with respect to which the advisory fee is based on the performance of the account.)						
Anthony R. Manno Jr.	0	\$0	0	\$0	4	\$500 million
Kevin W. Bedell	0	\$0	0	\$0	4	\$500 million
Nathan J. Gear	0	\$0	0	\$0	4	\$500 million

### Conflicts of Interest

The Security Capital portfolio managers' management of other accounts may give rise to potential conflicts of interest in connection with their management of the Fund's investments, on the one hand, and the investments of the other accounts, on the other. The other accounts managed by Security Capital's portfolio managers include other registered mutual funds and separately managed accounts. The other accounts might have similar investment objectives as the Fund or hold, purchase, or sell securities that are eligible to be held, purchased, or sold by the Fund. While the portfolio managers' management of other accounts may give rise to the following potential conflicts of interest, Security Capital does not believe that the conflicts, if any, are material or, to the extent any such conflicts are material, Security Capital believes that it has designed policies and procedures to manage those conflicts in an appropriate way.

A potential conflict of interest may arise as a result of the portfolio managers' day-to-day management of the Fund. Because of their positions with the Fund, the portfolio managers know the size, timing, and possible market impact of Fund trades. It is theoretically possible that the portfolio managers could use this information to the advantage of other accounts they manage and to the possible detriment of the Fund. However, Security Capital has adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to allocate investment opportunities on a fair and equitable basis over time.

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

### Compensation

The Fund pays Security Capital a sub-advisory fee based on the net assets of the Fund managed by Security Capital, as set forth in an investment sub-advisory agreement between Security Capital and Versus Capital. Security Capital pays its investment professionals out of its total revenues and other resources,

including the sub-advisory fees earned with respect to the Fund. The following information relates to the period ended March 31, 2023.

The principal form of compensation of Security Capital's professionals is a base salary and annual bonus. Base salaries are fixed for each portfolio manager. Each professional is paid a cash salary and, in addition, a year-end bonus based on achievement of specific objectives that the professional's manager and the professional agree upon at the commencement of the year. The annual bonus is paid partially in cash and partially in either: (i) restricted stock of Security Capital's parent company, JPMorgan Chase & Co., and/or (ii) in self-directed parent company mutual funds, all vesting over a three-year period (50% each after the second and third years). The annual bonus is a function of Security Capital achieving its financial, operating and investment performance goals, as well as the individual achieving measurable objectives specific to that professional's role within the firm. The annual incentive program is linked directly to the profitability of each business unit, to JPMorgan Asset Management as a whole, and to the performance of the firm generally. None of the portfolio managers' compensation is based on the performance of, or the value of assets held in, the Fund.

#### Ownership of Securities

As of March 31, 2023, Security Capital's portfolio managers did not beneficially own any shares of the Fund.

#### Principal Real Estate Investors ("PrinREI")

As of March 31, 2023, in addition to the Fund, PrinREI's portfolio managers were responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

Portfolio Manager	Other Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number	Total Assets of Other Registered Investment Companies	Number	Total Assets	Number	Total Assets of Other Accounts
Anthony Kenkel	12	\$9.3 billion	5	\$2.3 billion	79	\$8.5 billion
Kelly Rush	12	\$9.3 billion	5	\$2.5 billion	80	\$8.6 billion
Simon Hedger	7	\$3.1 billion	4	\$1.3 billion	36	\$5.4 billion
Scott Carson	5	\$363 million	3	\$204 million	13	\$2.9 billion
Marc Peterson	5	\$363 million	3	\$204 million	13	\$2.9 billion
<b>Performance Fee-Based Accounts</b> (The number of accounts and the total assets in the accounts managed by each portfolio manager with respect to which the advisory fee is based on the performance of the account.)						
Anthony Kenkel	0	\$0	0	\$0	5	\$438 million
Kelly Rush	0	\$0	0	\$0	5	\$438 million
Simon Hedger	0	\$0	0	\$0	4	\$337 million
Scott Carson	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Marc Peterson	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0

#### Conflicts of Interest

In addition to sub-advising the Fund, PrinREI provides investment advisory services to numerous other client accounts. The investment objectives and policies of these accounts may differ from those of the Fund. Based on these differing circumstances, potential conflicts of interest may arise because PrinREI may

be required to pursue different investment strategies on behalf of the Fund and other client accounts. For example, where PrinREI is managing an account for an individual, it may be required to consider the individual client's existing positions, personal tax situation, suitability, personal biases, and investment time horizon, considerations that do not necessarily impact its investment decisions on behalf of the Fund. This means that research on securities to determine the merits of including them in the Fund's portfolio are similar, but not identical, to those employed in building private client portfolios. As a result, there may be instances in which PrinREI purchases or sells an investment for one or more private accounts and not for the Fund, or vice versa. To the extent the Fund and other clients seek to acquire the same security at about the same time, the Fund may not be able to acquire as large a position in such security as it desires or it may have to pay a higher price for the security. Similarly, the Fund may not be able to obtain as large an execution of an order to sell or as high a price for any particular security if the portfolio managers desire to sell the same portfolio security at the same time on behalf of other clients. On the other hand, if the same securities are bought or sold at the same time by more than one client, the resulting participation in volume transactions could produce better executions for the Fund.

## **Compensation**

The Fund pays PrinREI a sub-advisory fee based on the net assets of the Fund managed by PrinREI, as set forth in an investment sub-advisory agreement between PrinREI and Versus Capital. PrinREI pays its investment professionals out of its total revenues and other resources, including the sub-advisory fees earned with respect to the Fund. The following information relates to the period ended March 31, 2023.

PrinREI offers investment professionals a competitive compensation structure that is evaluated annually relative to other global asset management firms to help ensure its continued competitiveness and alignment with industry best practices. The objective of the structure is to align individual and team contributions with client performance objectives in a manner that is consistent with industry standards and business results. To help ensure PrinREI is aligned with the external market and are competitive in comparison to other leading global asset management firms with which they compete for talent, compensation programming and positioning are reviewed on an annual basis. To accomplish this, internal compensation professionals partner closely with a leading third-party asset management compensation consulting firm to assist in the evaluation and design of PrinREI's programming and to obtain and understand the underlying market data used to benchmark PrinREI's team's roles.

Compensation for all team members is comprised of fixed pay (base salary) and variable incentive components. As team members advance in their careers, the variable incentive opportunity increases in its proportion commensurate with responsibility levels. Variable incentive takes the form of a profit-based incentive plan with funding based on pre-tax, pre-bonus operating earnings generated by the team. The plan is designed to provide line-of-sight to team members, enabling them to share in current and future business growth (profits of the team) while reinforcing delivery of investment performance, long-term business growth, team collaboration, regulatory compliance, operational excellence, client retention and client satisfaction. Investment performance is measured against relative client benchmarks and peer groups over one-year and three-year periods, calculated quarterly, reinforcing a longer-term orientation.

Awards from the profit share plan are delivered in the form of cash or a combination of cash, Principal Financial Group ("PFG") restricted stock units ("RSUs") and fund deferrals (money is aligned with funds managed by the team). The amount of incentive delivered in the form of RSUs and fund deferral awards depends on the size of an individual's incentive award as it relates to a tiered deferral schedule. . RSU and fund deferral awards are subject to a three-year cliff vesting schedule. The overall measurement framework and deferred components are well aligned with PrinREI's desired focus on clients' objectives (e.g., long-term investment performance; fund deferrals), alignment with Principal shareholders (e.g., RSUs), and talent retention.

Promotions are based on need for a higher-level role and individual readiness. Readiness for a promotion involves an evaluation of the individual's demonstrated competencies, performance, proficiencies, and behavior.

### **Ownership of Securities**

As of March 31, 2023, PrinREI's portfolio managers did not beneficially own any shares of the Fund.

## **REPURCHASES AND TRANSFERS OF SHARES**

### **Involuntary Repurchases**

Subject to limitations in the LLC Agreement, the Investment Company Act and the rules thereunder, the Fund's Board, in its sole discretion, may cause a mandatory repurchase by the Fund of a shareholder's Shares if (i) such Shares have been transferred in violation of the Fund's Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement (the "LLC Agreement"), or such Shares have vested in any person by operation of law as the result of the death, dissolution, bankruptcy or incompetency of a shareholder; (ii) ownership of Shares by a shareholder or other person will cause the Fund to be in violation of, or require registration of any Shares under, or subject the Fund to additional registration or regulation under, the securities, commodities or other laws of the United States or any other relevant jurisdiction; (iii) continued ownership of such Shares may be harmful or injurious to the business or reputation of the Fund, or may subject the Fund or any shareholders to an undue risk of adverse tax or other fiscal consequences; (iv) such shareholder owns Shares having an aggregate NAV less than an amount determined from time to time by the Board; (v) any of the representations and warranties made by a shareholder in connection with the acquisition of Shares thereof was not true when made or has ceased to be true; or (vi) it would be in the best interests of the Fund, as determined by the Board, for the Fund to repurchase such Shares.

### **Transfers of Shares**

Except under limited circumstances as set forth in the LLC Agreement, no person may become a substituted shareholder without the written consent of the Board, which consent may be withheld for any reason in the Board's sole and absolute discretion. Shares may be transferred only (i) by operation of law pursuant to the death, disability, bankruptcy, insolvency, incompetence or dissolution of a shareholder or (ii) with the written consent of the Board or any officer of the Fund to which the Board delegates its authority under the LLC Agreement (such consent to be granted or withheld in the sole and absolute discretion of the Board or the officer, as applicable).

Each shareholder and transferee is required to pay all expenses, including attorneys' and accountants' fees, incurred by the Fund in connection with such transfer.

## **CODE OF ETHICS**

The Fund and the Adviser have each adopted a Joint Code of Ethics, and each Sub-Adviser has adopted a code of ethics, pursuant to Rule 17j-1 under the Investment Company Act, that permits its personnel, subject to the codes, to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by the Fund. Foreside Funds Distributors LLC, acting as Distributor, is exempt from Rule 17j-1. These codes of ethics are available on the Electronic Data-Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval system (EDGAR) on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>, and also may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following e-mail address: [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov).

## PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Fund invests in Private Funds, which have investors other than the Fund. The Fund may invest some of its assets in non-voting securities of Private Funds.

The Fund has delegated voting of proxies in respect of portfolio holdings to the Adviser, to vote the Fund's proxies in accordance with the Adviser's proxy voting guidelines and procedures. For assets sub-advised by Sub-Advisers, the Adviser has delegated its authority to vote proxies to those Sub-Advisers. The proxy voting policies and procedures of the Adviser and Sub-Advisers are set forth on Appendix A to this SAI. Private Funds typically do not submit matters to investors for vote; however, if a Private Fund submits a matter to the Fund for vote (and the Fund holds voting interests in the Private Fund), the Adviser will vote on the matter in a way that it believes is in the best interest of the Fund and in accordance with the following proxy voting guidelines (the "Voting Guidelines"):

- In voting proxies, the Adviser is guided by general fiduciary principles. The Adviser's goal is to act prudently, solely in the best interest of the Fund.
- The Adviser attempts to consider all factors of its vote that could affect the value of the investment and will vote proxies in the manner that it believes will be consistent with efforts to maximize shareholder value.
- The Adviser, absent a particular reason to the contrary, generally will vote with management's recommendations on routine matters. Other matters will be voted on a case-by-case basis.

The Adviser applies its Voting Guidelines in a manner designed to identify and address material conflicts that may arise between the Adviser's interests and those of its clients before voting proxies on behalf of such clients. The Adviser relies on the following to seek to identify conflicts of interest with respect to proxy voting and assess their materiality:

- The Adviser's employees are under an obligation (i) to be aware of the potential for conflicts of interest on the part of the Adviser with respect to voting proxies on behalf of client accounts both as a result of an employee's personal relationships and due to special circumstances that may arise during the conduct of the Adviser's business, and (ii) to bring conflicts of interest of which they become aware to the attention of certain designated persons.
- Such designated persons work with appropriate personnel of the Adviser to determine whether an identified conflict of interest is material. A conflict of interest will be considered material to the extent that it is determined that such conflict has the potential to influence the Adviser's decision-making in voting the proxy. All materiality determinations will be based on an assessment of the particular facts and circumstances. The Adviser shall maintain a written record of all materiality determinations.
- If it is determined that a conflict of interest is not material, the Adviser may vote proxies notwithstanding the existence of the conflict.
- If it is determined that a conflict of interest is material, the Adviser may seek legal assistance from appropriate counsel for the Adviser to determine a method to resolve such conflict of interest before voting proxies affected by the conflict of interest. Such methods may include:
  - disclosing the conflict to the Board and obtaining the consent of the Board before voting;
  - engaging another party on behalf of the Fund to vote the proxy on its behalf;
  - engaging a third party to recommend a vote with respect to the proxy based on application of the policies set forth herein; or

- such other method as is deemed appropriate under the circumstances given the nature of the conflict.

The Adviser shall maintain a written record of the method used to resolve a material conflict of interest. Information regarding how the Adviser and Sub-Advisers voted the Fund's proxies related to the Fund's portfolio holdings during the most recent 12-month period is available without charge, upon request, by calling (877) 200-1878 and is available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

## CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

### The Adviser, the Sub-Advisers, and the Private Fund Managers

The Adviser, the Sub-Advisers, and the managers of the Private Funds (collectively referred to herein as "Managers") and their respective affiliates are actively engaged in transactions and in rendering discretionary or non-discretionary investment advice on behalf of the Fund, the Private Funds, and other registered investment companies, private investment funds, and individual accounts (collectively, "Adviser Clients"). Each Manager will evaluate a variety of factors that may be relevant in determining whether a particular investment opportunity or strategy is appropriate and feasible for the Fund and other Adviser Clients at a particular time. Because these considerations may differ, the investment activities of the Fund, on the one hand, and other Adviser Clients, on the other hand, may differ considerably from time to time. In addition, the fees and expenses of the Fund may differ from those of the other Adviser Clients.

Other Adviser Clients may have investment objectives and strategies that are similar to those of the Fund and may involve the same types of investments as the Fund and/or the Private Funds. As a result, a Manager's other Adviser Clients may compete with the Fund and/or the Private Funds for appropriate investment opportunities and conflicts of interest may arise with respect to the allocation of the investment opportunities, particularly with respect to capacity constrained opportunities. It is the policy of each of the Adviser and Sub-Advisers, to the extent possible, to allocate investment opportunities to the Fund over a period of time on a fair and equitable basis relative to other Adviser Clients. Investment decisions for the Fund are made independently from those of other Adviser Clients. Neither the Adviser nor any Sub-Adviser has any obligation to invest on behalf of the Fund in any investment opportunity that the Adviser or Sub-Adviser invests in on behalf of other Adviser Clients if, in its opinion, such investment appears to be unsuitable, impractical, or undesirable for the Fund.

Conversely, certain portfolio strategies of the Managers and/or their respective affiliates used for other Adviser Clients could conflict with the strategies employed by the Managers in managing the Fund or the Private Funds, as applicable, particularly where a Manager has limited the capacity for a particular strategy or the number of accounts it will manage. As a result, the Fund may invest in a manner opposite to that of a Manager's other Adviser Clients – *i.e.*, the Fund buying an investment when other Adviser Clients are selling, and vice-versa. The Managers and/or their respective affiliates may give advice or take action with respect to any of their Adviser Clients that may differ in the nature or timing of any advice or action taken with respect to the Fund or the Private Funds. The Adviser may have relationships with certain Managers described herein for certain of its other Adviser Clients and the Adviser will have discretion in determining the Fund's level of participation with such Managers. In some cases, such relationships for other Adviser Clients may be on terms different from, and sometimes more favorable than, the terms for the Fund. The Adviser, the Managers, and/or their respective affiliates may have investments or other business relationships with each other or with the Private Funds, including acting as broker, prime broker, lender, counterparty, shareholder or financial adviser. These other relationships could be more valuable than the Adviser's or Manager's relationships with the Fund, either due to compensation arrangements or otherwise. In addition, the Adviser, the Sub-Advisers and/or their respective affiliates may receive research



products and services in connection with the brokerage services that the Adviser, the Sub-Advisers, and/or their respective affiliates may provide from time to time. For these reasons, the Managers may have financial incentives to favor certain Adviser Clients over the Fund may be conflicted in providing services to the Fund relative to its other Adviser Clients, and the Adviser will face a conflict in evaluating such Managers. Due to the prohibitions contained in the Investment Company Act regarding certain transactions between a registered investment company and its affiliated persons, or affiliated persons of those affiliated persons, the Fund may not be able to invest in Private Funds and other Adviser Clients managed by certain Managers, even if the investment would be appropriate for the Fund.

The Adviser and the Sub-Advisers may have an incentive to favor certain accounts over the Fund to the extent they have proprietary investments in those accounts or receive greater compensation for managing them than they do for managing the Fund. The proprietary activities or portfolio strategies of the Adviser, the Sub-Advisers and their respective affiliates, and the activities or strategies used for accounts managed by the Adviser, the Sub-Advisers, and/or their respective affiliates for themselves or other Adviser Clients, could conflict with the transactions and strategies employed by the Fund, and could affect the prices and availability of the securities and instruments in which the Fund invests. Issuers of securities held by the Fund or a Private Fund may have publicly or privately traded securities in which the Adviser, the Managers, and/or their respective affiliates are investors or market makers. The trading activities of the Adviser, the Managers and their respective affiliates generally are carried out without reference to positions held directly or indirectly by the Fund or the Private Funds and may have an effect on the value of the positions so held. Any of their proprietary accounts and other customer accounts may compete with the Fund for specific trades, or may hold positions opposite to positions maintained on behalf of the Fund. The Sub-Advisers may give advice and recommend securities to, or buy or sell securities for the Fund, which advice or securities may differ from advice given to, or securities recommended or bought or sold for, other accounts and customers even though their investment objectives may be the same as, or similar to, those of the Fund. The managers of the Private Funds may have conflicts of interest with respect to the Private Funds that are similar to the conflicts of interest that the Sub-Advisers have with the Fund, which therefore indirectly impact the Fund.

As a diversified global real estate and investment management firm, Colliers, the parent company of the Adviser, engages in a broad spectrum of real estate and investment activities. In the ordinary course of its business, Colliers engages in activities where Colliers's interests or the interests of its clients may conflict with the interests of the Fund. Colliers holds ownership interests in, and is otherwise affiliated with, certain other investment managers ("Affiliated Managers"). Colliers and the Affiliated Managers advise clients with a wide variety of investment objectives that in some instances may overlap or conflict with the Fund's investment objectives and present conflicts of interest. The conflicts of interest described above apply to Colliers and the Affiliated Managers as "Managers." In addition, Colliers's financial interests in the Affiliated Managers may create an affiliation between the Adviser and the Affiliated Managers and will give rise to conflicts of interest between the Fund and other investment vehicles managed by other asset managers. For example, such financial interests create an incentive for the Adviser to invest in funds managed by an Affiliated Manager or hire an Affiliated Manager as a sub-adviser to the Fund or other funds sponsored by the Adviser. Further, if the Fund is invested in funds managed by an Affiliated Manager, there is a conflict between the Adviser's obligations to the Fund, on the one hand, and the Adviser's (or Colliers's) interest in the success of the Affiliated Manager, on the other hand.

The nature of the Adviser's and Colliers's relationship with the Affiliated Managers means that, due to the prohibitions contained in the Investment Company Act on certain transactions between a registered investment company and affiliated persons of it, or affiliated persons of those affiliated persons, the Fund may not be able to invest in Private Funds or other vehicles managed by Affiliated Managers, even if the investment would be appropriate for the Fund. These prohibitions are designed to prevent affiliates and insiders from using a registered investment company (such as the Fund) to benefit themselves

to the detriment of the registered investment company and its shareholders. For investments in Private Funds managed by Affiliated Managers that predate Colliers's acquisition of the Adviser, or to the extent the Fund is invested in a Private Fund sponsored or managed by an entity that subsequently becomes a Affiliated Manager (e.g., due to Colliers' acquisition of such entity), the Fund may not be able to make further investments in such Private Funds or redeem existing interests back to such Private Funds, even if the additional investment or redemption would be beneficial to the Fund. The Adviser and its affiliates will endeavor to manage these potential conflicts in a fair and equitable manner, subject to legal, regulatory, contractual, or other applicable considerations. There is no assurance that conflicts of interest will be resolved in favor of the Fund's shareholders, and, in fact, they may not be. Conflicts of interest not described herein may also exist.

### **The Distributor and Intermediaries**

Foreside Funds Distributors LLC serves as the Fund's "statutory underwriter," within the meaning of the Securities Act, and "principal underwriter," within the meaning of the Investment Company Act, and facilitates the distribution of the Shares. The Fund, the Adviser and/or the Distributor may authorize one or more financial intermediaries (e.g., banks, broker/dealers, investment advisers, trusts, financial industry professionals, etc. collectively referred to as "Intermediaries" and individually as "Intermediary") to receive orders and provide certain related services on behalf of the Fund. Additionally, the Adviser may enter into distribution and/or servicing agreements to compensate Intermediaries for distribution-related activities and/or for providing ongoing services in respect of clients to whom they have distributed Shares of the Fund. Such compensation to the Intermediaries is paid by the Adviser out of the Adviser's own resources and is not an expense of the Fund or Fund shareholders. These payments may create a conflict of interest for the Intermediaries by providing an incentive to recommend the Fund's Shares over other potential investments that may also be appropriate for the clients of such Intermediaries. Such professionals and Intermediaries may provide varying investment products, programs, platforms and accounts through which investors may purchase or participate in a repurchase of Shares of the Fund. Platform fees, administration fees, shareholder services fees and sub-transfer agent fees paid to Intermediaries are not paid by the Fund.

Any Intermediaries or their respective affiliates may provide distribution, shareholder servicing, brokerage, placement, investment banking, or other financial or advisory services from time to time to one or more other funds, accounts or entities managed by the Managers or their affiliates, including the Private Funds, and receive compensation for providing these services.

### **TAX ASPECTS**

The following discussion of U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in Shares of the Fund is based on the Code, U.S. Treasury regulations, and other applicable authority, as of the date of this SAI. These authorities are subject to change by legislative or administrative action, possibly with retroactive effect. The following discussion is only a summary of some of the important U.S. federal income tax considerations generally applicable to investments in Shares of the Fund. This summary does not purport to be a complete description of the U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to an investment in Shares of the Fund. There may be other tax considerations applicable to particular shareholders. For example, except as otherwise specifically noted herein, this summary has not described certain tax considerations that may be relevant to certain types of persons subject to special treatment under the U.S. federal income tax laws, including shareholders subject to the U.S. federal alternative minimum tax, insurance companies, tax-exempt organizations, pension plans and trusts, regulated investment companies, dealers in securities, shareholders holding Shares through tax-advantaged accounts (such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts ("IRAs")), financial institutions, shareholders holding Shares as part of a hedge, straddle, or conversion transaction, entities that are not organized under the laws of the United States or a political subdivision thereof, and persons who are neither citizens nor residents of

the United States. This summary assumes that investors hold Shares as capital assets (within the meaning of the Code). Shareholders should consult their own tax advisors regarding their particular situation and the possible application of U.S. federal, state, local, non-U.S. or other tax laws, and any proposed tax law changes.

## **Taxation of the Fund**

The Fund has elected and intends to qualify and be eligible to be treated each year as a regulated investment company ("RIC") under Subchapter M of the Code. In order to qualify for the special tax treatment accorded regulated investment companies and their shareholders, the Fund must, among other things: (a) derive at least 90% of its gross income for each taxable year from (i) dividends, interest, payments with respect to certain securities loans, and gains from the sale or other disposition of stock, securities or foreign currencies, or other income (including but not limited to gains from options, futures, or forward contracts) derived with respect to its business of investing in such stock, securities, or currencies and (ii) net income derived from interests in "qualified publicly traded partnerships" (as defined below); (b) diversify its holdings so that, at the end of each quarter of the Fund's taxable year, (i) at least 50% of the value of the Fund's total assets consists of cash and cash items, U.S. government securities, securities of other regulated investment companies, and other securities limited in respect of any one issuer to a value not greater than 5% of the value of the Fund's total assets and not more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer, and (ii) not more than 25% of the value of the Fund's total assets is invested, including through corporations in which the Fund owns a 20% or more voting stock interest, (x) in the securities (other than those of the U.S. government or other regulated investment companies) of any one issuer or of two or more issuers that the Fund controls and that are engaged in the same, similar, or related trades or businesses, or (y) in the securities of one or more qualified publicly traded partnerships (as defined below); and (c) distribute with respect to each taxable year at least 90% of the sum of its investment company taxable income (as that term is defined in the Code without regard to the deduction for dividends paid—generally, taxable ordinary income and the excess, if any, of net short-term capital gains over net long-term capital losses) and any net tax-exempt interest income for such year.

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

For purposes of the diversification test in (b) above, the term "outstanding voting securities of such issuer" will include the equity securities of a qualified publicly traded partnership. Also, for purposes of the diversification test in (b) above, the identification of the issuer (or, in some cases, issuers) of a particular Fund investment can depend on the terms and conditions of that investment. In some cases, identification of the issuer (or issuers) is uncertain under current law, and an adverse determination or future guidance by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") with respect to issuer identification for a particular type of investment may adversely affect the Fund's ability to meet the diversification test in (b) above.

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

The Fund intends to distribute to its shareholders, at least annually, all or substantially all of its investment company taxable income (computed without regard to the dividends-paid deduction), its net tax-exempt income (if any) and its net capital gain (that is, the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss, in each case determined with reference to any loss carryforwards). Any taxable income including any net capital gain retained by the Fund will be subject to tax at the Fund level at regular corporate rates. In the case of net capital gain, the Fund is permitted to designate the retained amount as undistributed capital gain in a timely notice to its shareholders who would then, in turn, (i) be required to include in income for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as long-term capital gain, their share of such undistributed amount, and (ii) be entitled to credit their proportionate shares of the tax paid by the Fund on such undistributed amount against their U.S. federal income tax liabilities, if any, and to claim refunds on a properly filed U.S. tax return to the extent the credit exceeds such liabilities. If the Fund makes this designation, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the tax basis of Shares owned by a shareholder of the Fund will be increased by an amount equal to the difference between the amount of undistributed capital gains included in the shareholder's gross income under clause (i) of the preceding sentence and the tax deemed paid by the shareholder under clause (ii) of the preceding sentence. The Fund is not required to, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will, make this designation if it retains all or a portion of its net capital gain in a taxable year.

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

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

If the Fund were to fail to distribute in a calendar year at least an amount equal to the sum of 98% of its ordinary income for such year and 98.2% of its capital gain net income recognized for the one-year period ending on October 31 of such year (or November 30 or December 31 of that year if the Fund is permitted to elect and so elects), plus any such amounts retained from the prior year, the Fund would be subject to a nondeductible 4% excise tax on the undistributed amounts. For purposes of the required excise tax distribution, a RIC's ordinary gains and losses from the sale, exchange, or other taxable disposition of property that would otherwise be taken into account after October 31 (or November 30 of that year if the RIC makes the election described above) generally are treated as arising on January 1 of the following calendar year; in the case of a RIC with a December 31 year end that makes the election described above, no such gains or losses will be so treated. Also, for these purposes, the Fund will be treated as having distributed any amount on which it is subject to corporate income tax for the taxable year ending within the calendar year. The Fund intends generally to make distributions sufficient to avoid imposition of the 4% excise tax, although there can be no assurance that it will be able to or will do so.

## **Fund Distributions**

The Fund intends to distribute dividends to Shareholders quarterly. All distributions paid by the Fund will be reinvested in additional Shares of the Fund unless a shareholder "opts out" (elects not to reinvest in additional Shares), pursuant to the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Policy (as described in the Prospectus). A shareholder whose distributions are so reinvested in Shares will be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as having received an amount in distribution equal to the fair market value of the Shares issued to the shareholder, which amount will also be equal to the net asset value of such shares. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, all distributions are generally taxable in the manner described herein, whether a shareholder takes them in cash or they are reinvested pursuant to the Dividend Reinvestment Policy in additional shares of the Fund.

Fund distributions generally will be taxable to shareholders in the calendar year in which the distributions are declared, rather than the calendar year in which the distributions are received. See the discussion below regarding distributions declared in October, November or December for further information. Distributions received by tax-exempt shareholders generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax to the extent permitted under applicable tax law.

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, distributions of investment income are generally taxable as ordinary income. Taxes on distributions of capital gains are determined by how long the Fund owned (or is deemed to have owned) the investments that generated the gains, rather than how long a shareholder has owned his or her Shares. In general, the Fund will recognize long-term capital gain or loss on investments it has owned (or is deemed to have owned) for more than one year, and short-term capital gain or loss on investments it has owned (or is deemed to have owned) for one year or less. Tax rules can alter the Fund's holding period in investments and thereby affect the tax treatment of gain or loss in respect of such investments. Distributions of net capital gain that are properly reported by the Fund as capital gain dividends ("Capital Gain Dividends") will be taxable to shareholders as long-term capital gains includible in net capital gain and taxed to individuals at reduced rates relative to ordinary income. The IRS and the Department of the Treasury have issued regulations that impose special rules in respect of Capital Gain Dividends received through partnership interests constituting "applicable partnership interests" under Section 1061 of the Code. Distributions of net short-term capital gain (as reduced by any net long-term capital loss for the taxable year) will be taxable to shareholders as ordinary income. Distributions of investment income reported by the Fund as derived from "qualified dividend income" will be taxed in the hands of individuals at the rates applicable to net capital gain, provided holding period and other requirements are met at both the shareholder and Fund levels. The Fund does not expect a significant portion of distributions to be derived from qualified dividend income.

In general, dividends of net investment income received by corporate shareholders of the Fund will qualify for the dividends-received deduction generally available to corporations only to the extent of the amount of eligible dividends received by the Fund from domestic corporations for the taxable year if certain holding period and other requirements are met at both the shareholder and Fund levels. The Fund does not expect a significant portion of distributions to be eligible for the dividends-received deduction.

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

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

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

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

A distribution by the Fund will be treated as paid on December 31 of any calendar year if it is declared by the Fund in October, November or December with a record date in such a month and paid by the Fund during January of the following calendar year. Such distributions will be taxable to shareholders in the calendar year in which the distributions are declared, rather than the calendar year in which the distributions are received.

Dividends and distributions on Shares are generally subject to U.S. federal income tax as described herein to the extent they do not exceed the Fund's realized income and gains, even though such dividends and distributions may economically represent a return of a particular shareholder's investment. Such distributions are likely to occur in respect of Shares purchased at a time when the Fund's net asset value reflects unrealized gains or income or gains that are realized but not yet distributed. Such realized income

and gains may be required to be distributed even when the Fund's net asset value also reflects unrealized losses.

### **Sales, Exchanges or Repurchases of Shares**

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

A repurchase by the Fund of a shareholder's shares pursuant to a Repurchase Offer (as described in the Prospectus) generally will be treated as a sale or exchange of the shares by a shareholder provided that either (i) the shareholder tenders, and the Fund repurchases, all of such shareholder's shares, thereby reducing the shareholder's percentage ownership of the Fund, whether directly or by attribution under Section 318 of the Code, to 0%, (ii) the shareholder meets numerical safe harbors under the Code with respect to percentage voting interest and reduction in ownership of the Fund following completion of the Repurchase Offer, or (iii) the Repurchase Offer otherwise results in a "meaningful reduction" of the shareholder's ownership percentage interest in the Fund, which determination depends on a particular shareholder's facts and circumstances.

If a tendering shareholder's proportionate ownership of the Fund (determined after applying the ownership attribution rules under Section 318 of the Code) is not reduced to the extent required under the tests described above, such shareholder will be deemed to receive a distribution from the Fund under Section 301 of the Code with respect to the shares held (or deemed held under Section 318 of the Code) by the shareholder after the Repurchase Offer (a "Section 301 distribution"). The amount of this distribution will equal the price paid by the Fund to such shareholder for the shares sold, and will be taxable as a dividend, *i.e.*, as ordinary income, to the extent of the Fund's current or accumulated earnings and profits allocable to such distribution, with the excess treated as a return of capital reducing the shareholder's tax basis in the shares held after the Repurchase Offer, and thereafter as capital gain. Any Fund shares held by a shareholder after a Repurchase Offer will be subject to basis adjustments in accordance with the provisions of the Code.

Provided that no tendering shareholder is treated as receiving a Section 301 distribution as a result of selling shares pursuant to a particular Repurchase Offer, shareholders who do not sell shares pursuant to that Repurchase Offer will not realize constructive distributions on their shares as a result of other shareholders selling shares in the Repurchase Offer. In the event that any tendering shareholder is deemed to receive a Section 301 distribution, it is possible that shareholders whose proportionate ownership of the Fund increases as a result of that Repurchase Offer, including shareholders who do not tender any shares, will be deemed to receive a constructive distribution under Section 305(c) of the Code in an amount equal to the increase in their percentage ownership of the Fund as a result of the Repurchase Offer. Such constructive distribution will be treated as a dividend to the extent of current or accumulated earnings and profits allocable to it.

Use of the Fund's cash to repurchase shares may adversely affect the Fund's ability to satisfy the distribution requirements for treatment as a RIC described above. The Fund may also recognize income in connection with the sale of portfolio securities to fund share purchases, in which case the Fund would take any such income into account in determining whether such distribution requirements have been satisfied.

The foregoing discussion does not address the tax treatment of tendering shareholders who do not hold their shares as a capital asset. Such shareholders should consult their own tax advisors on the specific tax consequences to them of participating or not participating in the Repurchase Offer.

### **Issuer Deductibility of Interest**

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

### **OID, Payment-in-Kind Securities, Market Discount, Preferred Securities and Commodity-Linked Notes**

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

Some debt obligations with a fixed maturity date of more than one year from the date of issuance that are acquired by the Fund in the secondary market may be treated as having "market discount." Very generally, market discount is the excess of the stated redemption price of a debt obligation (or in the case of an obligation issued with OID, its "revised issue price") over the purchase price of such obligation. Generally, any gain recognized on the disposition of, and any partial payment of principal on, a debt obligation having market discount is treated as ordinary income to the extent the gain, or principal payment, does not exceed the "accrued market discount" on such debt obligation. Alternatively, the Fund may elect to accrue market discount currently, in which case the Fund will be required to include the accrued market discount on such debt obligation in the Fund's income (as ordinary income) and thus distribute it over the term of the debt obligation, even though payment of that amount is not received until a later time, upon partial or full repayment or disposition of the debt obligation. The rate at which the market discount accrues, and thus is included in the Fund's income, will depend upon which of the permitted accrual methods the Fund elects. The Fund reserves the right to revoke such an election at any time pursuant to applicable IRS procedures. In the case of higher-risk securities, the amount of market discount may be unclear. See "Higher-Risk Securities."

From time to time, a substantial portion of the Fund's investments in loans and other debt obligations could be treated as having OID and/or market discount, which, in some cases could be significant. To generate sufficient cash to make the requisite distributions, the Fund may be required to sell



securities in its portfolio (including when it is not advantageous to do so) that it otherwise would have continued to hold.

A portion of the OID accrued on certain high yield discount obligations may not be deductible to the issuer and will instead be treated as a dividend paid by the issuer for purposes of the dividends-received deduction. In such cases, if the issuer of the high yield discount obligations is a domestic corporation, dividend payments by the Fund may be eligible for the dividends-received deduction to the extent attributable to the deemed dividend portion of such OID.

Some debt obligations with a fixed maturity date of one year or less from the date of issuance may be treated as having OID or, in certain cases, "acquisition discount" (very generally, the excess of the stated redemption price over the purchase price). The Fund will be required to include the OID or acquisition discount in income (as ordinary income) and thus distribute it over the term of the debt obligation, even though payment of that amount is not received until a later time, upon partial or full repayment or disposition of the debt obligation. The rate at which OID or acquisition discount accrues, and thus is included in the Fund's income, will depend upon which of the permitted accrual methods the Fund elects.

Some preferred securities may include provisions that permit the issuer, at its discretion, to defer the payment of distributions for a stated period without any adverse consequences to the issuer. If the Fund owns a preferred security that is deferring the payment of its distributions, the Fund may be required to report income for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent of any such deferred distributions even though the Fund has not yet actually received the cash distribution.

In addition, pay-in-kind obligations will, and commodity-linked notes may, give rise to income that is required to be distributed and is taxable even though the Fund receives no interest payment in cash on the security during the year.

If the Fund holds the foregoing kinds of obligations, or other obligations subject to special rules under the Code, the Fund may be required to pay out as an income distribution each year an amount which is greater than the total amount of cash interest the Fund actually received. Such distributions may be made from the cash assets of the Fund or by disposition of portfolio securities, if necessary (including when it is not advantageous to do so). The Fund may realize gains or losses from such dispositions, including short-term capital gains taxable as ordinary income. In the event the Fund realizes net capital gains from such transactions, its shareholders may receive a larger capital gain distribution than they might otherwise receive in the absence of such transactions.

### **Higher-Risk Securities**

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

### **Securities Purchased at a Premium**

Very generally, where the Fund purchases a bond at a price that exceeds the redemption price at maturity (*i.e.*, at a premium), the premium is amortizable over the remaining term of the bond. In the case

of a taxable bond, if the Fund makes an election applicable to all such bonds it purchases, which election is irrevocable without consent of the IRS, the Fund reduces the current taxable income from the bond by the amortized premium and reduces its tax basis in the bond by the amount of such offset; upon the disposition or maturity of such bonds acquired on or after January 4, 2013, the Fund is permitted to deduct any remaining premium allocable to a prior period. In the case of a tax-exempt bond, tax rules require the Fund to reduce its tax basis by the amount of amortized premium.

### **Passive Foreign Investment Companies**

If the Fund were to make an equity investment in certain “passive foreign investment companies” (“PFICs”) such investment could subject the Fund to a U.S. federal income tax (including interest charges) on distributions received from the PFIC or on proceeds received from the disposition of shares in the PFIC. This tax cannot be eliminated by making distributions to Fund shareholders. However, the Fund may elect to avoid imposition of that tax. For example, the Fund may elect to treat the PFIC as a “qualified electing fund” (*i.e.*, make a “QEF election”), in which case the Fund would be required to include its share of the company’s income and net capital gains annually, regardless of whether it receives any distribution from the company. The Fund also may make an election to mark the gains (and to a limited extent losses) in such holdings “to the market” as though it had sold (and, solely for purposes of this mark-to-market election, repurchased) its holdings in those PFICs on the last day of the Fund’s taxable year. Such gains and losses are treated as ordinary income and loss. The QEF and mark-to-market elections may accelerate the recognition of income (without the receipt of cash) and increase the amount required to be distributed by the Fund to avoid taxation. Making either of these elections therefore may require the Fund to liquidate other investments (including when it is not advantageous to do so) to meet its distribution requirement, which also may accelerate the recognition of gain and affect the Fund’s total return. Because it is not always possible to identify a foreign corporation as a PFIC or to obtain the information necessary to make a QEF or mark-to-market election, the Fund may incur the tax and interest charges described above in some instances.

### **Controlled Foreign Corporations**

If the Fund were to invest in a controlled foreign corporation (“CFC”) in which it is a “U.S. Shareholder” under the Code, the Fund would be required to include in gross income for United States federal income tax purposes the Fund’s share of the CFC’s “subpart F income” whether or not such income is distributed by the CFC. “Subpart F income” generally includes interest, original issue discount, dividends, net gains from the disposition of stocks or securities, receipts with respect to securities loans and net payments received with respect to equity swaps and similar derivatives. “Subpart F income” is generally treated as ordinary income, regardless of the character of the CFC’s underlying income. Under final Treasury Regulations, such subpart F inclusions by the Fund would constitute “qualifying income” for the purposes of the 90% gross income requirement to the extent such income is either (i) timely and currently repatriated or (ii) derived with respect to the Fund’s business of investing in stock, securities or currencies.

### **Municipal Bonds**

The interest on municipal bonds is generally exempt from U.S. federal income tax. The Fund does not expect to invest 50% or more of its assets in municipal bonds on which the interest is exempt from U.S. federal income tax, or in interests in other regulated investment companies. As a result, it does not expect to be eligible to pay “exempt-interest dividends” to its shareholders under the applicable tax rules. As a result, interest on municipal bonds is taxable to shareholders of the Fund when received as a distribution from the Fund. In addition, gains realized by the Fund on the sale or exchange of municipal bonds are taxable to shareholders of the Fund when distributed to shareholders.

## **Certain Investments in REITs**

Any investment by the Fund in equity securities of REITs may result in the Fund's receipt of cash in excess of the REIT's earnings; if the Fund distributes these amounts, these distributions could constitute a return of capital to Fund shareholders for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Investments in REIT equity securities also may require the Fund to accrue and to distribute income not yet received. To generate sufficient cash to make the requisite distributions, the Fund may be required to sell securities in its portfolio (including when it is not advantageous to do so) that it otherwise would have continued to hold. Dividends received by the Fund from a REIT generally will not constitute qualified dividend income.

## **Foreign Currency Transactions**

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

## **Forward Contracts**

The tax treatment of certain positions entered into by the Fund, including regulated futures contracts and certain foreign currency positions, will be governed by section 1256 of the Code ("section 1256 contracts"). Gains or losses on section 1256 contracts generally are considered 60% long-term and 40% short-term capital gains or losses ("60/40"), although certain foreign currency gains and losses from such contracts may be treated as ordinary in character. Also, section 1256 contracts held by the Fund at the end of each taxable year (and, for purposes of the 4% excise tax, on certain other dates as prescribed under the Code) are "marked-to-market" with the result that unrealized gains or losses are treated as though they were realized and the resulting gain or loss is treated as ordinary or 60/40 gain or loss, as applicable.

## **Private Funds**

The Fund may invest in Private Funds that are classified as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

An entity that is properly classified as a partnership, rather than an association or publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation, is not itself subject to federal income tax. Instead, each partner of the partnership must take into account its distributive share of the partnership's income, gains, losses, deductions and credits (including all such items allocable to that partnership from investments in other partnerships) for each taxable year of the partnership ending with or within the partner's taxable year, without regard to whether such partner has received or will receive corresponding cash distributions from the partnership. As such, the Fund may be required to recognize items of taxable income and gain prior to the time that the Fund receives corresponding cash distributions from the Private Fund. In such case, the Fund might have to borrow money or dispose of investments, including interests in other Private Funds, including when it is disadvantageous to do so, in order to make the distributions required to maintain its status as a RIC and to avoid the imposition of a federal income or excise tax.

In addition, the character of a partner's distributive share of items of partnership income, gain and loss generally will be determined as if the partner had realized such items directly. Private Funds classified

as partnerships for federal income tax purposes may therefore generate income allocable to the Fund that is not qualifying income for purposes of the 90% gross income test described above. In order to meet the 90% gross income test, the Fund may structure its investments in a way potentially increasing the taxes imposed thereon or in respect thereof.

Because the Fund may not have timely or complete information concerning the amount and sources of such a Private Fund's income until such income has been earned by the Private Fund or until a substantial amount of time thereafter, it may be difficult for the Fund to satisfy the 90% gross income test.

Furthermore, it may not always be clear how the asset diversification rules for RIC qualification will apply to the Fund's investments in Private Funds that are classified as partnerships for federal income tax purposes. In the event that the Fund believes that it is possible that it will fail the asset diversification requirement at the end of any quarter of a taxable year, it may seek to take certain actions to avert such failure, including by acquiring additional investments to come into compliance with the asset diversification test or by disposing of non-diversified assets. Although the Code affords the Fund the opportunity, in certain circumstances, to cure a failure to meet the asset diversification test, including by disposing of non-diversified assets within six months, there may be constraints on the Fund's ability to dispose of its interest in a Private Fund that limit utilization of this cure period.

As a result of the considerations described in the preceding paragraphs, the Fund's intention to qualify and be eligible for treatment as a RIC can limit its ability to acquire or continue to hold positions in Private Funds that would otherwise be consistent with its investment strategy or can require it to engage in transactions in which it would otherwise not engage, resulting in additional transaction costs and reducing the Fund's return to shareholders. The Fund's investment in Private Funds may also adversely bear on the Fund's ability to qualify as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code.

Unless otherwise indicated, references in this discussion to the Fund's investments, activities, income, gain, and loss include, as applicable, the investments, activities, income, gain, and loss attributable to the Fund as result of the Fund's investment in any Private Fund or other entity that is properly classified as a partnership or disregarded entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes (and not an association or publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation).

#### **Investments in Other RICs**

The Fund's investment in shares of other mutual funds, ETFs or other companies that qualify as regulated investment companies (each, an "underlying RIC"), can cause the Fund to be required to distribute greater amounts of net investment income or net capital gain than the Fund would have distributed had it invested directly in the securities held by the underlying RIC, rather than in shares of the underlying RIC. Further, the amount or timing of distributions from the Fund qualifying for treatment as a particular character (*e.g.*, long-term capital gain, exempt interest, eligible for dividends-received deduction, etc.) will not necessarily be the same as it would have been had the Fund invested directly in the securities held by the underlying RIC.

#### **Derivatives, Hedging, and Other Transactions**

In addition to the special rules described above in respect of futures transactions, the Fund's transactions in other derivatives instruments (*e.g.*, forward contracts), as well as any of its hedging transactions, may be subject to one or more special tax rules. These rules may affect whether gains and losses recognized by the Fund are treated as ordinary or capital, accelerate the recognition of income or gains to the Fund, defer losses to the Fund, and cause adjustments in the holding periods of the Fund's securities, thereby affecting, among other things, whether capital gains and losses are treated as short-term

or long-term. These rules could, therefore, affect the amount, timing and/or character of distributions to shareholders. Because these and other tax rules applicable to these types of transactions are in some cases uncertain under current law, an adverse determination or future guidance by the IRS with respect to these rules (which determination or guidance could be retroactive) may affect whether the Fund has made sufficient distributions, and otherwise satisfied the relevant requirements, to maintain its qualification as a RIC and avoid a fund-level tax.

### **Book-Tax Differences**

Certain of the Fund's investments in derivative instruments and foreign currency-denominated instruments, and any of the Fund's transactions in foreign currencies and hedging activities, are likely to produce a difference between its book income and the sum of its taxable income and net tax-exempt income (if any). If such a difference arises, and the Fund's book income is less than the sum of its taxable income and net tax-exempt income (if any), the Fund could be required to make distributions exceeding book income to qualify as a RIC that is accorded special tax treatment and to avoid an entity-level tax. In the alternative, if the Fund's book income exceeds the sum of its taxable income (including realized capital gains) and net tax-exempt income (if any), the distribution (if any) of such excess generally will be treated as (i) a dividend to the extent of the Fund's remaining earnings and profits, (ii) thereafter, as a return of capital to the extent of the recipient's basis in its shares, and (iii) thereafter as gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset.

### **Mortgage-Related Securities**

The Fund may invest directly or indirectly in real estate mortgage investment conduits ("REMICs") (including by investing in residual interests in collateralized mortgage obligations ("CMOs") with respect to which an election to be treated as a REMIC is in effect) or equity interests in taxable mortgage pools ("TMPs"). Under a notice issued by the IRS in October 2006 and Treasury regulations that have yet to be issued but may apply retroactively, a portion of the Fund's income (including income allocated to the Fund from a REIT or other pass-through entity) that is attributable to a residual interest in a REMIC or an equity interest in a TMP — referred to in the Code as an "excess inclusion" — will be subject to U.S. federal income tax in all events. This notice also provides, and the regulations are expected to provide, that excess inclusion income of a RIC, such as the Fund, will be allocated to shareholders of the RIC in proportion to the dividends received by such shareholders, with the same consequences as if the shareholders held the related interest directly. As a result, the Fund may not be a suitable investment for charitable remainder trusts ("CRTs"), as noted below.

In general, excess inclusion income allocated to shareholders (i) cannot be offset by net operating losses (subject to a limited exception for certain thrift institutions), (ii) will constitute unrelated business taxable income ("UBTI") to entities (including a qualified pension plan, an IRA, a 401(k) plan, a Keogh plan or other tax-exempt entity) subject to tax on UBTI, thereby potentially requiring such an entity that is allocated excess inclusion income and otherwise might not be required to file a U.S. federal income tax return, to file such a tax return and pay tax on such income, and (iii) in the case of a non-U.S. shareholder, will not qualify for any reduction in U.S. federal withholding tax. A shareholder will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on such inclusions notwithstanding any exemption from such income tax otherwise available under the Code.

### **Foreign (Non-U.S.) Taxation**

Income, proceeds and gains received by the Fund from sources within foreign countries may be subject to withholding and other taxes imposed by such countries, which will reduce the return on those

investments. Tax treaties between certain countries and the United States may reduce or eliminate such taxes.

The Fund does not expect that shareholders will be entitled to claim a credit or deduction for U.S. federal income tax purposes with respect to foreign taxes paid by the Fund; in that case the foreign tax will nonetheless reduce the Fund's taxable income. Even if the Fund were eligible to and did elect to pass through to its shareholders foreign tax credits or deductions, tax-exempt shareholders and those who invest in the Fund through tax-advantaged accounts such as IRAs would not benefit from any such tax credit or deduction.

### **Tax-exempt Shareholders**

Income of a RIC that would be UBTI if earned directly by a tax-exempt entity will not generally be attributed as UBTI to a tax-exempt shareholder of the RIC. Notwithstanding this "blocking" effect, a tax-exempt shareholder could realize UBTI by virtue of its investment in the Fund if shares in the Fund constitute debt-financed property in the hands of the tax-exempt shareholder within the meaning of Code Section 514(b). A tax-exempt shareholder may also recognize UBTI if the Fund recognizes "excess inclusion income" derived from direct or indirect investments in residual interests in REMICs or equity interests in TMPs as described above, if the amount of such income recognized by the Fund exceeds the Fund's investment company taxable income (after taking into account deductions for dividends paid by the Fund).

In addition, special tax consequences apply to CRTs that invest in regulated investment companies that invest directly or indirectly in residual interests in REMICs or equity interests in TMPs. Under legislation enacted in December 2006, if a CRT, as defined in Section 664 of the Code, realizes any UBTI for a taxable year, a 100% excise tax is imposed on such UBTI. Under IRS guidance issued in October 2006, a CRT will not recognize UBTI solely as a result of investing in a RIC that recognizes "excess inclusion income." Rather, if at any time during any taxable year a CRT (or one of certain other tax-exempt shareholders, such as the United States, a state or political subdivision, or an agency or instrumentality thereof, and certain energy cooperatives) is a record holder of a share in a RIC that recognizes "excess inclusion income," then the RIC will be subject to a tax on that portion of its "excess inclusion income" for the taxable year that is allocable to such shareholders at the highest federal corporate income tax rate. The extent to which this IRS guidance remains applicable in light of the December 2006 legislation is unclear. To the extent permitted under the Investment Company Act, the Fund may elect to specially allocate any such tax to the applicable CRT, or other shareholder, and thus reduce such shareholder's distributions for the year by the amount of the tax that relates to such shareholder's interest in the Fund. CRTs and other tax-exempt shareholders are urged to consult their tax advisors concerning the consequences of investing in the Fund.

### **Non-U.S. Shareholders**

Distributions by the Fund to shareholders that are not "United States persons" within the meaning of the Code ("foreign shareholders") properly reported by the Fund as (1) Capital Gain Dividends, (2) short-term capital gain dividends, or (3) interest-related dividends, each as defined and subject to certain conditions described below generally are not subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax.

In general, the Code defines (1) "short-term capital gain dividends" as distributions of net short-term capital gains in excess of net long-term capital losses and (2) "interest-related dividends" as distributions from U.S. source interest income of types similar to those not subject to U.S. federal income tax if earned directly by an individual foreign shareholder, in each case to the extent such distributions are properly reported as such by the Fund in a written notice to shareholders. The exceptions to withholding

for Capital Gain Dividends and short-term capital gain dividends do not apply to (A) distributions to an individual foreign shareholder who is present in the United States for a period or periods aggregating 183 days or more during the year of the distribution and (B) distributions attributable to gain that is effectively connected with the conduct by the foreign shareholder of a trade or business within the United States under special rules regarding the disposition of U.S. real property interests as described below. The exception to withholding for interest-related dividends does not apply to distributions to a foreign shareholder (A) that has not provided a satisfactory statement that the beneficial owner is not a United States person, (B) to the extent that the dividend is attributable to certain interest on an obligation if the foreign shareholder is the issuer or is a 10% shareholder of the issuer, (C) that is within certain foreign countries that have inadequate information exchange with the United States, or (D) to the extent the dividend is attributable to interest paid by a person that is a related person of the foreign shareholder and the foreign shareholder is a controlled foreign corporation.

If the Fund invests in a RIC that pays such distributions to the Fund, such distributions retain their character as not subject to withholding if properly reported when paid by the Fund to foreign shareholders. The Fund is permitted to report such part of its dividends as interest-related or short-term capital gain dividends as are eligible, but is not required to do so. In the case of shares held through an intermediary, the intermediary may withhold even if the Fund reports all or a portion of a payment as an interest-related or short-term capital gain dividend to shareholders.

Foreign shareholders should contact their intermediaries regarding the application of withholding rules to their accounts.

Distributions by the Fund to foreign shareholders other than Capital Gain Dividends, short-term capital gain dividends, and interest-related dividends (e.g., dividends attributable to dividend and foreign-source interest income or to short-term capital gains or U.S. source interest income to which the exception from withholding described above does not apply) are generally subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% (or lower applicable treaty rate).

A foreign shareholder is not, in general, subject to U.S. federal income tax on gains (and is not allowed a deduction for losses) realized on the sale of shares of the Fund unless (i) such gain is effectively connected with the conduct by the foreign shareholder of a trade or business within the United States, (ii) in the case of a foreign shareholder that is an individual, the shareholder is present in the United States for a period or periods aggregating 183 days or more during the year of the sale and certain other conditions are met, or (iii) the special rules relating to gain attributable to the sale or exchange of "U.S. real property interests" ("USRPIs") apply to the foreign shareholder's sale of shares of the Fund (as described below).

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

Special rules would apply if the Fund were a qualified investment entity ("QIE") because it is either a "U.S. real property holding corporation" ("USRPHC") or would be a USRPHC but for the operation of certain exceptions to the definition thereof. Very generally, a USRPHC is a domestic corporation that holds

USRPIs the fair market value of which equals or exceeds 50% of the sum of the fair market values of the corporation's USRPIs, interests in real property located outside the United States, and other trade or business assets. USRPIs are generally defined as any interest in U.S. real property and any interest (other than solely as a creditor) in a USRPHC or, very generally, an entity that has been a USRPHC in the last five years. A RIC that holds, directly or indirectly, significant interests in REITs may be a USRPHC. Interests in domestically controlled QIEs, including REITs and regulated investment companies that are QIEs, not-greater-than-10% interests in publicly traded classes of stock in REITs and not-greater-than-5% interests in publicly traded classes of stock in regulated investment companies generally are not USRPIs, but these exceptions do not apply for purposes of determining whether the Fund is a QIE.

If an interest in the Fund were a USRPI, the Fund would be required to withhold U.S. tax on the proceeds of a share redemption by a greater-than-5% foreign shareholder or any foreign shareholder if shares of the Fund are not considered regularly traded on an established securities market, in which case such foreign shareholder generally would also be required to file a U.S. tax return and pay any additional taxes due in connection with the redemption.

If the Fund were a QIE, under a special "look-through" rule, any distributions by the Fund to a foreign shareholder (including, in certain cases, distributions made by the Fund in redemption of its shares) attributable directly or indirectly to (i) distributions received by the Fund from a lower-tier RIC or REIT that the Fund is required to treat as USRPI gain in its hands, or (ii) gains realized by the Fund on the disposition of USRPIs would retain their character as gains realized from USRPIs in the hands of the Fund's foreign shareholders, and would be subject to U.S. withholding tax. In addition, such distributions could result in the foreign shareholder being required to file a U.S. tax return and pay tax on the distributions at regular U.S. federal income tax rates. The consequences to a foreign shareholder, including the rate of such withholding and character of such distributions (e.g., as ordinary income or USRPI gain), would vary depending upon the extent of the foreign shareholder's current and past ownership of the Fund.

Foreign shareholders should consult their tax advisers and, if holding shares through intermediaries, their intermediaries, concerning the application of these rules to their investment in the Fund.

Foreign shareholders also may be subject to "wash sale" rules to prevent the avoidance of the tax-filing and -payment obligations discussed above through the sale and repurchase of Fund shares.

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

Special rules (including withholding and reporting requirements) apply to foreign partnerships and those holding Fund shares through foreign partnerships. Additional considerations may apply to foreign trusts and estates. Investors holding Fund shares through foreign entities should consult their tax advisers about their particular situation.

A foreign shareholder may be subject to state and local tax and to the U.S. federal estate tax in addition to the U.S. federal income tax referred to above.

A beneficial holder of shares who is a non-U.S. person may be subject to state and local tax and to the U.S. federal estate tax in addition to the U.S. federal tax on income referred to above.



## **Backup Withholding**

The Fund is generally required to withhold and remit to the U.S. Treasury a percentage of taxable distributions and redemption proceeds paid to any individual shareholder who fails to properly furnish the Fund with a correct taxpayer identification number, who has under-reported dividend or interest income, or who fails to certify to the Fund that he or she is not subject to such withholding. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld may be credited against the shareholder's U.S. federal income tax liability provided the appropriate information is furnished to the IRS.

## **Tax Shelter Reporting Regulations**

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

## **Other Reporting and Withholding Requirements**

Sections 1471-1474 of the Code and the U.S. Treasury and IRS guidance issued thereunder (collectively, "FATCA") generally require the Fund to obtain information sufficient to identify the status of each of its shareholders under FATCA or under an applicable intergovernmental agreement (an "IGA") between the United States and a foreign government. If a shareholder fails to provide the requested information or otherwise fails to comply with FATCA or an IGA, the Fund may be required to withhold under FATCA at a rate of 30% with respect to that shareholder on ordinary dividends it pays. The IRS and Department of Treasury have issued proposed regulations providing that these withholding rules will not be applicable to the gross proceeds of share redemptions or Capital Gain Dividends the Fund pays. If a payment by the Fund is subject to FATCA withholding, the Fund is required to withhold even if such payment would otherwise be exempt from withholding under the rules applicable to foreign shareholders described above (e.g., short-term capital gain dividends and interest-related dividends).

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

Each prospective investor is urged to consult its tax adviser regarding the applicability of FATCA and any other reporting requirements with respect to the prospective investor's own situation, including investments through an intermediary.

## **Shares Purchased Through Tax-Qualified Plans**

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

## BROKERAGE

When effecting portfolio transactions on behalf of the Fund, the Adviser seeks to obtain the best overall terms available for the Fund. While the Adviser generally seeks reasonably competitive spreads or commissions, the Fund will not necessarily be paying the lowest spread or commission available. In assessing the best overall terms available for any transaction, the Adviser considers factors deemed relevant, including: (i) the nature, size and type of the security being traded and the character of the markets for which the security will be purchased or sold; (ii) the activity, existing and expected, in the market for the particular security and the desired timing of the trade; (iii) the proposed transaction price as compared to the current carrying cost of the investment; (iv) the speed and likelihood of execution; (v) the liquidity profile of the investment; (vi) the ability of a broker-dealer to maintain confidentiality, including trade anonymity; (vii) the quality of the execution, clearance, and settlement services of a broker-dealer; (viii) the liquidity needs, allocation requirements and investment guidelines of the broader Fund portfolio; and (ix) the ability to redeem or purchase shares directly from the issuer.

Each Sub-Adviser is directly responsible for the execution of its portfolio investment transactions on behalf of the Fund and the allocation of brokerage. Transactions on U.S. stock exchanges and on some foreign stock exchanges involve the payment of negotiated brokerage commissions. On the great majority of foreign stock exchanges, commissions are fixed. No stated commission is generally applicable to securities traded in over-the-counter markets, but the prices of those securities include undisclosed commissions or mark-ups.

In executing transactions, each Sub-Adviser will seek to obtain the best execution for the transactions, and may take into account factors such as price, size of order, difficulty of execution and operational facilities of a brokerage firm, and in the case of transactions effected by the Sub-Adviser with unaffiliated brokers, the firm's risk in positioning a block of securities. Although each Sub-Adviser generally will seek reasonably competitive commission rates, a Sub-Adviser will not necessarily pay the lowest commission available on each transaction. The Sub-Advisers will have no obligation to deal with any broker or group of brokers in executing transactions in portfolio securities.

Following the principle of seeking best execution, a Sub-Adviser may place brokerage business on behalf of the Fund with brokers that provide the Sub-Adviser and its affiliates with supplemental research, market and statistical information ("soft dollars"), including advice as to the value of securities, the advisability of investing in, purchasing or selling securities, and the availability of securities or purchasers or sellers of securities, and furnishing analyses and reports concerning issuers, industries, securities, economic factors and trends, portfolio strategy and the performance of accounts. The expenses of the Sub-Adviser are not necessarily reduced as a result of the receipt of this supplemental information, which may be useful to the Sub-Adviser or its affiliates in providing services to clients other than the Fund. In addition, not all of the supplemental information is used by the Sub-Adviser in connection with the Fund. Conversely, the information provided to the Sub-Adviser by brokers and dealers through which other clients of the Sub-Adviser and its affiliates effect securities transactions may be useful to the Sub-Adviser in providing services to the Fund.

Each Sub-Adviser may execute portfolio brokerage transactions through its affiliates and affiliates of the Adviser, in each case subject to compliance with the Investment Company Act.

### Regular Broker Dealers

The Fund is required to identify the securities of its regular brokers or dealers (as defined in Rule 10b-1 under the Investment Company Act) or their parent companies held by the Fund as of the close

of its most recent fiscal year and state the value of such holdings. As of the date of this SAI, the Fund did not hold any securities of its regular brokers or dealers or their parent companies.

### Brokerage Commissions

The table below sets forth information concerning the payment of brokerage commissions (which do not include dealer “spreads” (markups or markdowns) on principal trades) in connection with portfolio transactions executed by the Fund’s Adviser and Sub-Advisers for the indicated fiscal years. None of these amounts were paid to any broker affiliated with the Adviser or relevant Sub-Adviser.

Total Brokerage Commissions Paid*	2023	2022	2021
Portion of Fund managed by the Adviser	\$0	\$276,901	\$0
Portion of the Fund managed by Security Capital	\$106,915	\$198,341	\$169,607
Portion of the Fund managed by PrinREI	\$170,177	\$240,940	\$201,719

\*Fiscal year ending 3/31

### The Adviser

The Adviser does not enter into soft dollar arrangements.

### Security Capital

Security Capital’s overall objective in effecting client transactions is to seek to obtain best execution. Brokers utilized to execute a client trade must be on the list of approved counterparties that is prepared and maintained by the JPMorgan Asset Management Counterparty Risk Group. Security Capital’s trading processes are designed to reduce the cost of transactions and capitalize on market opportunities. To achieve these objectives, Security Capital’s in-house trader communicates with the market makers in real estate securities, focuses on liquidity trends and identifies trading opportunities. Best execution determinations may include the following: research provided, price, brokerage commission rates, promptness of execution, ability of the broker to execute, clear and settle, confidentiality provided by broker, market coverage provided by broker including access to public offerings, financial responsibility and responsiveness, and consistent quality of service from broker.

Security Capital does not enter into soft dollar arrangements. However, Security Capital does receive or have access to research generally made available by a broker to its trading clients. In addition, Security Capital does consider the value-added quality of proprietary research received from brokers in allocating trades to brokers that may result in its clients paying higher rates of commissions than might be available from other broker-dealers or through the use of alternative trading systems. During the last fiscal year, Security Capital, through an internal allocation procedure, directed the Fund’s brokerage transactions to brokers providing research services in the amount of \$180.0 million in transactions and \$0.1 million in related commissions.

**PrinREI**

PrinREI pays for some services with soft dollars however it generally limits its participation in these arrangements annually to an amount that, in its judgment, ensures best execution of client transactions. It is their policy to use all soft dollar credits generated by brokerage commissions attributable to client accounts in a manner consistent with the "safe harbor" established by Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act. During the last fiscal year, PrinREI, through an internal allocation procedure, directed the Fund's brokerage through multiple brokers in the amount of approximately \$181.9 million in transactions and \$170,177 in related commissions, of which \$81,207 in commissions went towards research services.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Fund's audited financial statements appearing in the Fund's [Annual Report](#) on Form N-CSR for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023 are incorporated by reference in this Statement of Additional Information and have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of Grant Thornton LLP, independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund, whose report is included in such Annual Report.

## APPENDIX A - PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

### VERSUS CAPITAL ADVISORS - PROXY VOTING POLICY

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#### ***Background***

Rules 206(4)-6 and 204-2 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the "Adviser's Act") help regulate proxy voting by investment advisers with authority to vote their clients' proxies. Under the Advisers Act, an adviser is a fiduciary that owes each of its clients the duties of care and loyalty with respect to all services undertaken on the client's behalf. To satisfy its duty of loyalty, the adviser should cast proxy votes in a way that will advance the best interest of its client. The adviser should not put its own interests ahead of the client's. Under Rule 206(4)-6, it is a fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative act, practice or course of business for investment advisers to exercise voting authority over client proxies unless they:

- Adopt and implement written policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to ensure that the adviser votes proxies in the client's best interest;
- Disclose to clients how they may obtain information regarding how their proxies were voted; and
- Describe proxy voting policies and procedures and furnish a copy of the policies and procedures to the client when requested to do so.

#### ***Policies and Procedures***

#### **Voting Guidelines**

Versus Capital (the "Company") may be delegated the authority to vote proxies on behalf of its clients, which as of the date of this policy include private charitable trusts established as pooled income funds ("PIFs") under Section 642(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and closed-end interval funds registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Registered Funds", and collectively with the PIFs referred herein as "Clients"). The PIFs are managed for the benefit of a single non-profit entity (the "Non-Profit"), and the Non-Profit votes all proxies of the underlying mutual funds held by each PIF. For the Registered Funds, the Company is delegated the authority to vote proxies and in turn delegates its authority to vote proxies of publicly traded securities managed by sub-advisers to each respective sub-adviser, subject to Board approval and ongoing oversight of the proxy voting policies and procedures of each Sub-Adviser. If an issuer of a direct investment or a private institutional investment fund held by a Registered Fund submits a matter for a vote, the Company will vote on the matter in a way that it believes is in the best interest of the Registered Fund and in accordance with the following proxy voting guidelines (the "Voting Guidelines"):

- In voting proxies, the Company is guided by general fiduciary principles. The Company's goal is to act prudently, solely in the best interest of its Clients.
- The Company attempts to consider all factors of its vote that could affect the value of the investment and will vote proxies in the manner that it believes will be consistent with efforts to maximize shareholder value.
- The Company, absent particular reason, will generally vote with management's recommendations on routine matters. Other matters will be voted on a case-by-case basis.

The Company applies its Voting Guidelines in a manner designed to identify and address material conflicts that may arise between the Company's interests and those of its Clients before voting proxies on behalf of such Clients. Versus Capital relies on the following to seek to identify conflicts of interest with respect to proxy voting and assess their materiality:

- The Company's employees are under an obligation (i) to be aware of the potential for conflicts of interest on the part of the Company with respect to voting proxies on behalf of Clients, both as a result of an employee's personal relationships and due to special circumstances that may arise during the conduct of the Company's business, and (ii) to bring conflicts of interest of which they become aware to the attention of certain designated persons.
- Such designated persons work with appropriate personnel of the Company to determine whether an identified conflict of interest is material. A conflict of interest will be considered material to the extent that it is determined that such conflict has the potential to influence the Company's decision making in voting the proxy. All materiality determinations will be based on an assessment of the particular facts and circumstances. The Company shall maintain a written record of all materiality determinations.
- If it is determined that a conflict of interest is not material, the Company may vote proxies notwithstanding the existence of the conflict.
- If it is determined that a conflict of interest is material, the Company may seek legal assistance from appropriate counsel for the Company to determine a method to resolve such conflict of interest before voting proxies affected by the conflict of interest. Such methods may include:
  - disclosing the conflict to a Client's Board and obtaining the consent from a Client's Board before voting;
  - engaging another party on behalf of a Client to vote the proxy on its behalf;
  - engaging a third-party to recommend a vote with respect to the proxy based on application of the policies set forth herein; or
  - such other method as is deemed appropriate under the circumstances given the nature of the conflict.

## **Books and Records**

The Company's Chief Compliance Officer is responsible for ensuring the appropriate books and records are maintained for each proxy voted on behalf of a client when the Company has proxy voting authority. As the Registered Funds' investments in publicly traded securities are generally the responsibility of each Fund's sub-advisers, all sub-advisers will be contractually required to maintain the necessary books and records and will be asked to certify to this fact on a periodic basis. In the event the Company directly votes a proxy, appropriate records will be maintained in accordance with Rule 204-2, including:

- Copies of all policies and procedures required by Rule 206(4)-6.
- A copy of each proxy statement that the investment adviser receives regarding a Client's securities. (An adviser may satisfy this requirement by relying on a third-party, such as a proxy voting service, or the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval (EDGAR) system.)
- A record of each vote cast by the Company on behalf of a Client. (The Company may satisfy this requirement by relying on a third-party service to provide these records. The third party should be capable of providing documents promptly upon request.)
- A copy of any document created by the Company that was material in making a decision on how to vote proxies on a Client's behalf or that articulates the basis for that decision.
- A copy of each written Client request for information on how the Company voted proxies on the Client's behalf, as well as a copy of any written response by the Company to any written or oral client request for information.

## Principal Global Investors

### Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures

#### Introduction

Principal Global Investors<sup>1</sup> (“PGI”) is an investment adviser registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) pursuant to the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the “Advisers Act”). As a registered investment adviser, PGI has a fiduciary duty to act in the best interests of its clients. PGI recognizes that this duty requires it to vote client securities, for which it has voting power on the applicable record date, in a timely manner and make voting decisions that are in the best interests of its clients. This document, Principal Global Investors’ Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures (the “Policy”) is intended to comply with the requirements of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940 and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 applicable to the voting of the proxies of both US and non-US issuers on behalf of PGI’s clients who have delegated such authority and discretion.

Effective January 1, 2021, Finisterre Investment Teams adopted the policies and procedures in the Adviser’s compliance manual except for the following proxy policies and procedures. Finisterre Investment Teams will continue to follow the previously adopted proxy policies and procedures until amended. Please see the Appendix to the compliance manual for Finisterre specific proxy policies and procedures.

#### Relationship between Investment Strategy, ESG and Proxy Voting

PGI has a fiduciary duty to make investment decisions that are in its clients’ best interests by maximizing the value of their shares. Proxy voting is an important part of this process through which PGI can support strong corporate governance structures, shareholder rights and transparency. PGI also believes a company’s positive environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) practices may influence the value of the company, leading to long-term shareholder value. PGI may take these factors into considerations when voting proxies in its effort to seek the best outcome for its clients. PGI believes that the integration of consideration of ESG practices in PGI’s investment process helps identify sources of risk that could erode the long-term investment results it seeks on behalf of its clients. From time to time, PGI may work with various ESG-related organizations to engage issuers or advocate for greater levels of disclosure.

#### Roles and Responsibilities

##### Role of the Proxy Voting Committee

PGI’s Proxy Voting Committee (the “Proxy Voting Committee”) shall (i) oversee the voting of proxies and the Proxy Advisory Firm, (ii) where necessary, make determinations as to how to instruct the vote on certain specific proxies, (iii) verify ongoing compliance with the Policy, (iv) review the business practices of the Proxy Advisory Firm and (v) evaluate, maintain, and review

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<sup>1</sup> These policies and procedures apply to Principal Global Investors, LLC, Principal Real Estate Investors, LLC, Principal Global Investors (Hong Kong) Limited and any affiliates which have entered into participating affiliate agreements with the aforementioned managers.



the Policy on an annual basis. The Proxy Voting Committee is comprised of representatives of each investment team and a representative from PGI Risk, Legal, Operations, and Compliance will be available to advise the Proxy Voting Committee but are non-voting members. The Proxy Voting Committee may designate one or more of its members to oversee specific, ongoing compliance with respect to the Policy and may designate personnel to instruct the vote on proxies on behalf the PGI's clients (collectively, "Authorized Persons").

The Proxy Voting Committee shall meet at least four times per year, and as necessary to address special situations.

### **Role of Portfolio Management**

While the Proxy Voting Committee establishes the Guidelines and Procedures, the Proxy Voting Committee does not direct votes for any client except in certain cases where a conflict of interest exists. Each investment team is responsible for determining how to vote proxies for those securities held in the portfolios their team manages. While investment teams generally vote consistently with the Guidelines, there may be instances where their vote deviates from the Guidelines. In those circumstances, the investment team will work within the Exception Process. In some instances, the same security may be held by more than one investment team. In these cases, PGI may vote differently on the same matter for different accounts as determined by each investment team.

### **Proxy Voting Guidelines**

The Proxy Voting Committee, on an annual basis, or more frequently as needed, will direct each investment team to review draft proxy voting guidelines recommended by the Committee ("Draft Guidelines"). The Proxy Voting Committee will collect the reviews of the Draft Guidelines to determine whether any investment teams have positions on issues that deviate from the Draft Guidelines. Based on this review, PGI will adopt proxy voting guidelines. Where an investment team has a position which deviates from the Draft Guidelines, an alternative set of guidelines for that investment team may be created. Collectively, these guidelines will constitute PGI's current Proxy Voting Guidelines and may change from time to time (the "Guidelines"). The Proxy Voting Committee has the obligation to determine that, in general, voting proxies pursuant to the Guidelines is in the best interests of clients. Exhibit A (Base) and Exhibit B (Sustainable) to the Policy sets forth the current Guidelines.

There may be instances where proxy votes will not be in accordance with the Guidelines. Clients may instruct PGI to utilize a different set of guidelines, request specific deviations, or directly assume responsibility for the voting of proxies. In addition, PGI may deviate from the Guidelines on an exception basis if the investment team or PGI has determined that it is the best interest of clients in a particular strategy to do so, or where the Guidelines do not direct a particular response and instead list relevant factors. Any such a deviation will comply with the Exception Process which shall include a written record setting out the rationale for the deviation.

The subject of the proxy vote may not be covered in the Guidelines. In situations where the Guidelines do not provide a position, PGI will consider the relevant facts and circumstances of a particular vote and then vote in a manner PGI believes to be in the clients' best interests. In such circumstance, the analysis will be documented in writing and periodically presented to the Proxy

Voting Committee. To the extent that the Guidelines do not cover potential voting issues, PGI may consider the spirit of the Guidelines and instruct the vote on such issues in a manner that PGI believes would be in the best interests of the client.

### **Use of Proxy Advisory Firms**

PGI has retained one or more third-party proxy service provider(s) (the "Proxy Advisory Firm") to provide recommendations for proxy voting guidelines, information on shareholder meeting dates and proxy materials, translate proxy materials printed in a foreign language, provide research on proxy proposals, operationally process votes in accordance with the Guidelines on behalf of the clients for whom PGI has proxy voting responsibility, and provide reports concerning the proxies voted ("Proxy Voting Services"). Although PGI has retained the Proxy Advisory Firm for Proxy Voting Services, PGI remains responsible for proxy voting decisions. PGI has designed the Policy to oversee and evaluate the Proxy Advisory Firm, including with respect to the matters described below, to support the PGI's voting in accordance with this Policy.

### **Oversight of Proxy Advisory Firms**

Prior to the selection of any new Proxy Advisory Firm and annually thereafter or more frequently if deemed necessary by PGI, the Proxy Voting Committee will consider whether the Proxy Advisory Firm: (a) has the capacity and competency to adequately analyze proxy issues and provide the Proxy Voting Services the Proxy Advisory Firm has been engaged to provide and (b) can make its recommendations in an impartial manner, in consideration of the best interests of PGI's clients, and consistent with the PGI's voting policies. Such considerations may include, depending on the Proxy Voting Services provided, the following: (i) periodic sampling of votes pre-populated by the Proxy Advisory Firm's systems as well as votes cast by the Proxy Advisory Firm to review that the Guidelines adopted by PGI are being followed; (ii) onsite visits to the Proxy Advisory Firm office and/or discussions with the Proxy Advisory Firm to determine whether the Proxy Advisory Firm continues to have the capacity and competency to carry out its proxy obligations to PGI; (iii) a review of those aspects of the Proxy Advisory Firm's policies, procedures, and methodologies for formulating voting recommendations that PGI consider material to Proxy Voting Services provided to PGI, including factors considered, with a particular focus on those relating to identifying, addressing and disclosing potential conflicts of interest (including potential conflicts related to the provision of Proxy Voting Services, activities other than Proxy Voting Services, and those presented by affiliation such as a controlling shareholder of the Proxy Advisory Firm) and monitoring that materially current, accurate, and complete information is used in creating recommendations and research; (iv) requiring the Proxy Advisory Firm to notify PGI if there is a substantive change in the Proxy Advisory Firm's policies and procedures or otherwise to business practices, including with respect to conflicts, information gathering and creating voting recommendations and research, and reviewing any such change(s); (v) a review of how and when the Proxy Advisory Firm engages with, and receives and incorporates input from, issuers, the Proxy Advisory Firm's clients and other third-party information sources; (vi) assessing how the Proxy Advisory Firm considers factors unique to a specific issuer or proposal when evaluating a matter subject to a shareholder vote; (vii) in case of an error made by the Proxy Advisory Firm, discussing the error with the Proxy Advisory Firm and determining whether appropriate corrective and preventive action is being taken; and (viii) assessing whether the Proxy Advisory Firm appropriately updates its methodologies, guidelines,

and voting recommendations on an ongoing basis and incorporates input from issuers and Proxy Advisory Firm clients in the update process. In evaluating the Proxy Advisory Firm, PGI may also consider the adequacy and quality of the Proxy Advisory Firm's staffing, personnel, and/or technology.

### **Procedures for Voting Proxies**

To increase the efficiency of the voting process, PGI utilizes the Proxy Advisory Firm to act as its voting agent for its clients' holdings. Issuers initially send proxy information to the clients' custodians. PGI instructs these custodians to direct proxy related materials to the Proxy Advisory Firm. The Proxy Advisory Firm provides PGI with research related to each resolution.

PGI analyzes relevant proxy materials on behalf of their clients and seek to instruct the vote (or refrain from voting) proxies in accordance with the Guidelines. A client may direct PGI to vote for such client's account differently than what would occur in applying the Policy and the Guidelines. PGI may also agree to follow a client's individualized proxy voting guidelines or otherwise agree with a client on particular voting considerations.

PGI seeks to vote (or refrain from voting) proxies for its clients in a manner that PGI determines is in the best interests of its clients, which may include both considering both the effect on the value of the client's investments and ESG factors. In some cases, PGI may determine that it is in the best interests of clients to refrain from exercising the clients' proxy voting rights. PGI may determine that voting is not in the best interests of a client and refrain from voting if the costs, including the opportunity costs, of voting would, in the view of PGI, exceed the expected benefits of voting to the client.

### **Procedures for Proxy Issues within the Guidelines**

Where the Guidelines address the proxy matter being voted on, the Proxy Advisor Firm will generally process all proxy votes in accordance with the Guidelines. The applicable investment team may provide instructions to vote contrary to the Guidelines in their discretion and with sufficient rationale documented in writing to seek to maximize the value of the client's investments or is otherwise in the client's best interest. This rationale will be submitted to PGI Compliance to approve and once approved administered by PGI Operations. This process will follow the Exception Process. The Proxy Voting Committee will receive and review a quarterly report summarizing all proxy votes for securities for which PGI exercises voting authority. In certain cases, a client may have elected to have PGI administer a custom policy which is unique to the Client. If PGI is also responsible for the administration of such a policy, in general, except for the specific policy differences, the procedures documented here will also be applicable, excluding reporting and disclosure procedures.

### **Procedures for Proxy Issues Outside the Guidelines**

To the extent that the Guidelines do not cover potential voting issues, the Proxy Advisory Firm will seek direction from PGI. PGI may consider the spirit of the Guidelines and instruct the vote on such issues in a manner that PGI believes would be in the best interests of the client. Although this not an exception to the Guidelines, this process will also follow the Exception Process. The Proxy Voting Committee will receive and review a quarterly report summarizing all proxy votes

for securities for which PGI exercises voting discretion, which shall include instances where issues fall outside the Guidelines.

### **Securities Lending**

Some clients may have entered into securities lending arrangements with agent lenders to generate additional revenue. If a client participates in such lending, the client will need to inform PGI as part of their contract with PGI if they require PGI to take actions in regard to voting securities that have been lent. If not commemorated in such agreement, PGI will not recall securities and as such, they will not have an obligation to direct the proxy voting of lent securities.

In the case of lending, PGI maintains one share for each company security out on loan by the client. PGI will vote the remaining share in these circumstances.

In cases where PGI does not receive a solicitation or enough information within a sufficient time (as reasonably determined by PGI) prior to the proxy-voting deadline, PGI or the Proxy Advisory Firm may be unable to vote.

### **Regional Variances in Proxy Voting**

PGI utilizes the Policy and Guidelines for both US and non-US clients, and there are some significant differences between voting U.S. company proxies and voting non-U.S. company proxies. For U.S. companies, it is usually relatively easy to vote proxies, as the proxies are typically received automatically and may be voted by mail or electronically. In most cases, the officers of a U.S. company soliciting a proxy act as proxies for the company's shareholders.

With respect to non-U.S. companies, we make reasonable efforts to vote most proxies and follow a similar process to those in the U.S. However, in some cases it may be both difficult and costly to vote proxies due to local regulations, customs or other requirements or restrictions, and such circumstances and expected costs may outweigh any anticipated economic benefit of voting. The major difficulties and costs may include: (i) appointing a proxy; (ii) obtaining reliable information about the time and location of a meeting; (iii) obtaining relevant information about voting procedures for foreign shareholders; (iv) restrictions on trading securities that are subject to proxy votes (share-blocking periods); (v) arranging for a proxy to vote locally in person; (vi) fees charged by custody banks for providing certain services with regard to voting proxies; and (vii) foregone income from securities lending programs. In certain instances, it may be determined by PGI that the anticipated economic benefit outweighs the expected cost of voting. PGI intends to make their determination on whether to vote proxies of non-U.S. companies on a case-by-case basis. In doing so, PGI shall evaluate market requirements and impediments, including the difficulties set forth above, for voting proxies of companies in each country. PGI periodically reviews voting logistics, including costs and other voting difficulties, on a client by client and country by country basis, in order to determine if there have been any material changes that would affect PGI's determinations and procedures.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

PGI recognizes that, from time to time, potential conflicts of interest may exist. In order to avoid any perceived or actual conflict of interest, the procedures set forth below have been established

for use when PGI encounters a potential conflict to ensure that PGI's voting decisions are based on maximizing shareholder value and are not the product of a conflict.

### **Addressing Conflicts of Interest – Exception Process**

Prior to voting contrary to the Guidelines, the relevant investment team must complete and submit a report to PGI Compliance setting out the name of the security, the issue up for vote, a summary of the Guidelines' recommendation, the vote changes requested and the rationale for voting against the Guidelines' recommendation. The member of the investment team requesting the exception must attest to compliance with Principal's Code of Conduct and the has an affirmative obligation to disclose any known personal or business relationship that could affect the voting of the applicable proxy. PGI Compliance will approve or deny the exception in consultation, if deemed necessary, with the Legal.

If PGI Compliance determines that there is no potential material conflict exists, the Guidelines may be overridden. If PGI Compliance determines that there exists or may exist a material conflict, it will refer the issue to the Proxy Voting Committee. The Proxy Voting Committee will consider the facts and circumstances of the pending proxy vote and the potential or actual material conflict and decide by a majority vote as to how to vote the proxy – i.e., whether to permit or deny the exception.

In considering the proxy vote and potential material conflict of interest, the Proxy Voting Committee may review the following factors:

- The percentage of outstanding securities of the issuer held on behalf of clients by PGI;
- The nature of the relationship of the issuer with the PGI, its affiliates or its executive officers;
- Whether there has been any attempt to directly or indirectly influence the investment team's decision;
- Whether the direction of the proposed vote would appear to benefit PGI or a related party; and/or
- Whether an objective decision to vote in a certain way will still create a strong appearance of a conflict.

In the event that the Proxy Advisor Firm itself has a conflict and thus is unable to provide a recommendation, the investment team may vote in accordance with the recommendation of another independent service provider, if available. If a recommendation from an independent service provider other than the Proxy Advisor Firm is not available, the investment team will follow the Exception Process. PGI Compliance will review the form and if it determines that there is no potential material conflict mandating a voting recommendation from the Proxy Voting Committee, the investment team may instruct the Proxy Advisory Firm to vote the proxy issue as it determines is in the best interest of clients. If PGI Compliance determines that there exists or may exist a material conflict, it will refer the issue to the Proxy Voting Committee for consideration as outlined above.

## **Availability of Proxy Voting Information and Recordkeeping**

### **Disclosure**

On a quarterly basis, PGI publicly discloses on our website <https://www.principalglobal.com/eu/about-us/responsible-investing> a voting report setting forth the manner in which votes were cast, including details related to (i) votes against management, and (ii) abstentions. For more information, Clients may contact PGI for more information related to how PGI has voted with respect to securities held in the Client's account. On request, PGI will provide clients with a summary of PGI's proxy voting guidelines, process and policies and will inform the clients how they can obtain a copy of the complete Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures upon request. PGI will also include such information described in the preceding two sentences in Part 2A of its Form ADV.

### **Recordkeeping**

PGI will keep records of the following items: (i) the Guidelines, (ii) the Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures; (iii) proxy statements received regarding client securities (unless such statements are available on the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval (EDGAR) system); (iv) records of votes they cast on behalf of clients, which may be maintained by a Proxy Advisory Firm if it undertakes to provide copies of those records promptly upon request; (v) records of written client requests for proxy voting information and PGI's responses (whether a client's request was oral or in writing); (vi) any documents prepared by PGI that were material to making a decision how to vote, or that memorialized the basis for the decision; (vii) a record of any testing conducted on any Proxy Advisory Firm's votes; (viii) materials collected and reviewed by PGI as part of its due diligence of the Proxy Advisory Firm; (ix) a copy of each version of the Proxy Advisory Firm's policies and procedures provided to PGI; and (x) the minutes of the Proxy Voting Committee meetings. All of the records referenced above will be kept in an easily accessible place for at least the length of time required by local regulation and custom, and, if such local regulation requires that records are kept for less than six years from the end of the fiscal year during which the last entry was made on such record, we will follow the US rule of six years. If the local regulation requires that records are kept for more than six years, we will comply with the local regulation. We maintain the vast majority of these records electronically.

**Security Capital Research & Management Incorporated (“SC-R&M”)  
Compliance Policy**

**Regulatory Category: Proxy Voting**

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**Overview:**

- Advisers are fiduciaries and must act in the best interest of the client with respect to functions undertaken on behalf of the client, including proxy voting activities.
  - Advisers must have written policies and procedures regarding how proxies are voted. The policies and procedures must include procedures intended to prevent material conflicts of interest from affecting the manner in which proxies are voted.
  - SC-R&M has adopted written policies and procedures that address how proxies are voted and how this information can be obtained by clients.
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**Applicable Regulation:**

- Investment Advisers Act of 1940: Rule 206(4)-6
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**Summary of Regulatory Requirements:**

1. An adviser must adopt and implement written policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure that:
    - a. proxies are voted in the best interest of the client;
    - b. conflicts are identified and handled appropriately; and
    - c. fiduciary obligations are fulfilled.
  2. An adviser must disclose to its clients how they may obtain information on how proxies were voted for securities held for their accounts.
  3. An adviser must disclose to clients information about its proxy voting policies and procedures and how clients may obtain them.
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**Activities Conducted by SC-R&M to Satisfy Regulatory Requirements:**

1. SC-R&M seeks to have each investment management agreement set forth whether SC-R&M or the client is responsible for voting proxies. If SC-R&M is responsible, it is SC-R&M's obligation to vote proxies in the best interests of the client and in accordance with SC-R&M's Proxy Voting Procedures and Guidelines.
2. Investment personnel are principally responsible for determining how to vote individual proxies in accordance with the SC-R&M Proxy Voting Procedures and Guidelines.
3. It is SC-R&M's policy to vote all proxies received on securities held in portfolios, over which SC-R&M has discretionary management and proxy voting authority, unless SC-R&M determines that it should not vote the security in accordance with SEC or other applicable regulatory guidance. These instances include but are not limited to: (a) if the

security is on loan and the negative consequences to the client of recalling the loaned securities outweighs the benefits of voting in the particular instance; (b) if the proxy involves foreign securities and the expense and administrative inconvenience or other costs outweigh the benefits to the clients of voting the securities; and (c) where SC-R&M determines it cannot vote certain securities held in accounts it manages.

4. To assist SC-R&M's investment personnel with proxy voting proposals, SC-R&M has retained the services of independent proxy voting vendors. The vendors may assist with such items as: (a) coordinating with client custodians to ensure that all proxy materials are processed in a timely fashion; (b) voting all proposals that are clearly covered in the SC-R&M Proxy Voting Procedures and Guidelines; (c) providing SC-R&M with a comprehensive analysis of each proxy proposal; and (d) providing SC-R&M with recommendations on how to vote each proxy proposal based on the SC-R&M Proxy Voting Procedures and Guidelines.
5. To oversee and monitor the proxy voting process on an on-going basis, SC-R&M has established a Proxy Committee that meets annually or more frequently as circumstances dictate. The Proxy Committee is comprised of the Proxy Administrator and senior officers from the Investment, Legal, Compliance, Operations and Risk Management Departments.
6. The primary functions of the Proxy Committee are: to periodically review general proxy voting matters, to review and approve the SC-R&M Proxy Voting Procedures and Guidelines annually, and to provide advice and recommendations on general proxy voting matters, as well as on specific voting issues to be implemented. The Proxy Committee will also oversee any third party vendors to which it has delegated proxy voting responsibilities and the level of services they provide, as well as determining that there are no conflicts of interest that would prevent the vendor from providing such services prior to delegating proxy responsibilities. The JPMC Third Party Oversight group supports the Proxy Committee in its oversight of vendors.
7. SC-R&M has established the role of a Proxy Administrator to oversee the proxy voting process. The Proxy Administrator is charged with:
  - Oversight of the SC-R&M Proxy Voting Procedures and Guidelines and the entire proxy voting process;
  - evaluating the quality of services provided by the third party proxy vendor, if retained;
  - escalating proposals identified by the third party proxy vendor as non-routine, but for which a Guideline exists, to the attention of the appropriate investment professionals and confirming the third party proxy vendor's recommendation with the appropriate SC-R&M investment professional;
  - escalating proposals identified by the third party proxy vendor as not being covered by the Guidelines, to the appropriate investment professional and obtaining a recommendation with respect thereto;
  - reviewing recommendations of SC-R&M investment professionals with respect to proposals not covered by the Guidelines or to override the Guidelines;



- referring investment considerations regarding overrides to the Proxy Committee, if necessary;
  - determining, in the case of overrides, whether a material conflict exists;
  - escalating material conflicts to the Proxy Committee; and
  - maintaining the required records. The Proxy Administrator utilizes an automated system to communicate, track and store the relevant data regarding the proxy voting process.
8. Investment personnel analyze issues to determine if any conflict regarding proxy voting exists, and if any material conflict is identified, the matter is referred to the Proxy Administrator or its designee.
  9. Generally, when a material conflict of interest is identified by the Proxy Administrator or investment professional responsible for the particular proxy vote, a third party proxy voting vendor will be directed to vote the proxy in accordance with the SC-R&M Proxy Voting Procedures and Guidelines or by using its own guidelines. In addition, it is the responsibility of the Proxy Administrator to raise the matter to Legal and Compliance, where appropriate, and to the Proxy Committee, to review the conflict of interest votes. Examples of such material conflicts of interest that could arise include circumstances in which: (i) management of a SC-R&M client or prospective client, distributor or prospective distributor of its investment management products, or critical vendor, is soliciting proxies and failure to vote in favor of management may harm SC-R&M's relationship with such company and materially impact SC-R&M's business; or (ii) a personal relationship between a SC-R&M officer and the management of a company or other proponent of a proxy proposal could impact SC-R&M's voting decision.
  10. An investment professional may override the recommendation of the proxy service and/or the SC-R&M policy position in situations in which no conflict of interest has been identified. If such override occurs, certification by the investment professional is required and must include: a written analysis supporting their recommendation, confirmation that the Information Safeguarding and Barriers Policy was not violated, and a statement that they are not aware of any personal or other relationship that could present an actual or potential conflict of interest.
  11. SC-R&M Operations, along with the Compliance Department, verifies that SC-R&M's ADV contains appropriate client disclosure on how to obtain the SC-R&M Proxy Voting Procedures and Guidelines and voting records.
  12. SC-R&M clients can obtain voting records for their portfolio(s) as well as a copy of the SC-R&M Proxy Voting Procedures and Guidelines by contacting their Client Account Manager.
  13. SC-R&M maintains all proxy voting records in an easily accessible place for seven (7) years, with the first two years at an on-site location.

### ***Areas of Responsibility***

- Portfolio Management

- Client Service
  - Operations
  - Compliance Department
  - Legal Department
  - Risk Management
  - Proxy Administrator
  - Proxy Committee
  - Third Party Oversight Group
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***Applicable Policies***

- ERISA Fiduciary Policy
  - Information Safeguarding and Barriers Policy – Firmwide
  - SC-R&M Conflicts of Interest, including Safeguarding of Inside Information Policy
  - SC-R&M Proxy Voting Procedures and Guidelines
  - SC-R&M Compliance with Securities Position Regulations Policy
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