



Prospectus

Stone Ridge Trust III

Stone Ridge All Asset Variance Risk Premium Fund

Common Shares

The Fund. Stone Ridge All Asset Variance Risk Premium Fund (the "Fund") is a closed-end management investment company that continuously offers its shares ("Shares").

Investment Objective. The Fund's investment objective is to achieve capital appreciation. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

Investment Strategy. The Fund pursues its investment objective primarily by receiving premiums in connection with its derivative contracts (including put and call options, futures contracts, options on futures contracts and swaps) related to a variety of asset classes that the Adviser (as defined herein) believes offer variance risk premiums.

Investment Adviser. The Fund's investment adviser is Stone Ridge Asset Management LLC ("Stone Ridge" or the "Adviser"). As of December 31, 2018, Stone Ridge's assets under management were approximately \$16 billion.

- The Fund's Shares are not listed and the Fund does not currently intend to list its Shares for trading on any national securities exchange. There is currently no secondary market for its Shares, and the Fund does not expect a secondary market in its Shares to develop.
An investment in the Fund is not suitable for investors who need certainty about their ability to access all of the money they invest in the short term.
Even though the Fund will make quarterly repurchase offers for a minimum of 5%, and currently expects to offer to repurchase 10% of its outstanding Shares, investors should consider Shares of the Fund to be an illiquid investment.
There is no assurance that the Fund will be able to maintain a certain level of, or at any particular time make any, distributions.
Distributions may be funded from offering proceeds, which may constitute a return of capital and reduce the amount of capital available for investment.

Some of the securities in which the Fund invests are rated below investment grade or are unrated but judged by the Adviser to be of comparable quality. Below-investment grade securities, which are often referred to as "junk," have predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal. They may also be illiquid and difficult to value.

An investment in the Fund's Shares should be considered speculative and involving a high degree of risk, including the risk of a substantial loss of investment. See "Risk Considerations," below, to read about the risks you should consider before buying Fund Shares, including the risk of leverage.

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

Table with 3 columns: Description, Per Share\*, Total\*\*.

\* Per Share and Total figures are based on the Fund's net asset value per Share as of February 19, 2019. The Fund's Shares are sold at their current net asset value per Share.
\*\* Expenses of issuance and distribution include \$66,320.64 in registration fees and \$11,900 in estimated legal and accounting fees.

The date of this prospectus is March 1, 2019.

**Interval Fund.** The Fund has an interval fund structure pursuant to which the Fund, subject to applicable law, conducts quarterly repurchase offers of the Fund's outstanding Shares at net asset value ("NAV"), subject to approval of the Board of Trustees (the "Board," and each of the trustees on the Board, a "Trustee"). In all cases, such repurchases will be for at least 5% and not more than 25%, and are currently expected to be for 10%, of the Fund's outstanding Shares. In connection with any given repurchase offer, it is possible that the Fund may offer to repurchase only the minimum amount of 5% of its outstanding Shares. It is possible that a repurchase offer may be oversubscribed, with the result that shareholders may only be able to have a portion of their Shares repurchased. **There is no assurance that you will be able to tender your Shares when or in the amount that you desire.** The Fund's Shares are not listed, and the Fund does not currently intend to list its Shares for trading, on any national securities exchange. There is not expected to be any secondary trading market in the Shares. Even though the Fund makes quarterly repurchase offers to repurchase a portion of the Shares to try to provide liquidity to shareholders, you should consider the Shares to be illiquid.

*Investment in the Fund involves substantial risks. The Fund is generally sold to (i) institutional investors, including registered investment advisers (RIAs), that meet certain qualifications and have completed an educational program provided by the Adviser; (ii) clients of such institutional investors (as described in "How to Buy Shares" below); and (iii) Eligible Investors (as defined in "How to Buy Shares" below). The minimum initial account size is \$15 million, subject to certain exceptions. See "Investment Minimums" below. Investors should carefully consider the Fund's risks and investment objective, as an investment in the Fund may not be appropriate for all investors and is not designed to be a complete investment program. An investment in the Fund involves a high degree of risk. It is possible that investing in the Fund may result in a loss of some or all of the amount invested. Before making an investment/allocation decision, investors should (i) consider the suitability of this investment with respect to an investor's or a client's investment objectives and individual situation and (ii) consider factors such as an investor's or a client's net worth, income, age and risk tolerance. Investment should be avoided where an investor/client has a short-term investing horizon and/or cannot bear the loss of some or all of their investment. Before investing in the Fund, an investor should read the discussion of the risks of investing in the Fund in "Investment Objective, Policies and Risks" below.*

This prospectus sets forth concisely information you should know before investing in the Shares. You should read this prospectus carefully before deciding to invest in the Fund, and you should retain it for future reference. A Statement of Additional Information dated March 1, 2019, as it may be amended, containing additional information about the Fund, has been filed with the Commission. The Statement of Additional Information, annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders and other information about the Fund can be obtained without charge by calling (855) 609-3680 or by visiting [www.stoneridgefunds.com](http://www.stoneridgefunds.com). A table of contents to the Statement of Additional Information is located at page 55 of this prospectus. This prospectus incorporates by reference (and legally consists of) the entire Statement of Additional Information. The Statement of Additional Information, as well as material incorporated by reference into the Fund's Registration Statement and other information regarding the Fund, are available from the EDGAR database on the Commission's internet site ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)) or by electronic mail at [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov). The Fund's address is 510 Madison Avenue, 21st Floor, New York City, NY 10022.

**Shares of the Fund do not represent a deposit or obligation of, and are not guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank or other insured depository institution and are not federally insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board or any other government agency.**

An investor should not construe the contents of this prospectus as legal, tax or financial advice. You should consult your own professional advisers as to legal, tax, financial or other matters relevant to the suitability of an investment in the Fund.

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

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

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

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## PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

*This is only a summary. This summary may not contain all of the information that you should consider before investing in the Fund's Shares. You should review the more detailed information contained in this prospectus and in the Statement of Additional Information. In particular, you should carefully read the risks of investing in the Fund's Shares, as discussed under "Investment Objective, Policies and Risks — Risk Considerations."*

### **The Fund**

Stone Ridge All Asset Variance Risk Premium Fund (the "Fund") is a closed-end management investment company that continuously offers its shares (the "Shares"). The Fund is operated as an "interval fund" (as defined below). An investment in the Fund may not be appropriate for all investors.

Stone Ridge Asset Management LLC ("Stone Ridge" or the "Adviser") is the Fund's investment adviser.

### **The Offering**

The Fund's Shares are offered on a continuous basis at net asset value ("NAV") per Share. The Fund may close at any time to new investments and, during such closings, only the reinvestment of dividends by existing shareholders will be permitted. The Fund may re-open to new investment and subsequently close again to new investment at any time at the discretion of the Adviser.

The Fund is made available for investment on a priority basis to a group of investors (the "Consortium") who have participated in educational sessions regarding the Fund and its investment strategy. If capacity allows, once orders are fulfilled for the Consortium, the Fund is then made available for investment by other investors. If the Fund closes to new investments, the Fund may also prioritize and allocate capacity to the Consortium upon any subsequent re-opening of the Fund. The Consortium members do not have any special rights to offering price, dividends or liquidation. The Consortium consists of a selected group of registered investment advisers who have discretionary authority to invest on their clients' behalf and a fiduciary duty to their clients, and with whom the Adviser has a previous relationship. Members of the Consortium and their clients are not obligated to invest in the Fund.

The Fund's Shares are offered through ALPS Distributors, Inc. (the "Distributor"), as the exclusive distributor, on a best efforts basis. The minimum initial investment is \$15 million, subject to certain exceptions. The Fund reserves the right to reject a purchase order for any reason. See "Shareholder Guide — How to Buy Shares" below. Shareholders will not have the right to redeem their Shares. However, as described below, in order to provide liquidity to shareholders, the Fund conducts periodic repurchase offers for a portion of its outstanding Shares.

### **Periodic Repurchase Offers**

The Fund is an "interval fund," a type of fund which, in order to provide liquidity to shareholders, has adopted a fundamental investment policy to make quarterly offers to repurchase between 5% and 25% of its outstanding Shares at NAV. Subject to applicable law and approval of the Board, for each quarterly repurchase offer, the Fund currently expects to offer to repurchase 10% of the Fund's outstanding Shares at NAV. In connection with any given repurchase offer, it is possible that the Fund may offer to repurchase only the minimum amount of 5% of its outstanding Shares. The Fund makes quarterly repurchase offers in the months of March, June, September and December. Written notification of each quarterly repurchase offer (the "Repurchase Offer Notice") is sent to shareholders at least 21 calendar days before the repurchase request deadline (*i.e.*, the date by which shareholders can tender their Shares in response to a repurchase offer) (the "Repurchase Request Deadline"). The Fund's Shares are not listed on any securities exchange, and the Fund anticipates that no secondary market will develop for its Shares. Accordingly, you may not be able to sell Shares when and/or in the amount that you desire. Thus,

the Shares are appropriate only as a long-term investment. In addition, the Fund's repurchase offers may subject the Fund and shareholders to special risks. See "Principal Risks of the Fund — Repurchase Offers Risk" below.

### **Investment Objective and Policies**

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve capital appreciation. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

The Adviser believes that investing should involve a long-term view and a systematic focus on sources of expected return, not on security selection or market timing. In managing the Fund, the Adviser focuses primarily on one source of expected returns — the "variance risk premium" in certain derivative instruments and other investments (collectively, "investments"). The "variance risk premium" is positive if the "implied volatility" — the expected level of volatility priced into different types of investments — is higher, on average, than the volatility actually experienced on the asset underlying the investment. For example, an option buyer typically pays a premium to an option seller, such as the Fund, that is priced based on the expected amount by which the value of the instrument underlying the option will move up or down. On average, this expected amount of value movement (or implied volatility) is generally greater than the amount by which the value of the underlying instrument actually moves (realized volatility). By entering into derivatives contracts and making these types of investments, the Fund is, in essence, accepting a risk that its counterparty seeks to transfer in exchange for the premium or other payment/return received by the Fund under the derivatives contract or in connection with the investment. By providing this risk transfer service, the Fund seeks to benefit over the long-term from the difference between the level of volatility priced into its obligations under these investments and the level of volatility realized on the assets underlying these investments. There can be no assurance that the variance risk premium will be positive for the Fund's investments at any time or on average and over time.

The Adviser does not intend to purchase or sell investments for the portfolio based on prospects for the economy, the relevant markets or the individual issuers themselves. Instead, the Fund seeks to identify variance risk premiums wherever they may arise, regardless of the specific underlying assets and to provide an investment return from the premiums or payments it receives from making these investments. In constructing an investment portfolio, the Adviser seeks to identify a universe of eligible investments offering the Fund the potential to capture the benefit of the variance risk premiums associated with different asset classes. The extent of the Fund's exposure to any particular asset class is determined according to global supply and demand for the risk transfer services provided by the Fund's investments. The Adviser seeks to keep trading costs as low as practicable, given the appropriate execution requirements of the strategy.

The Fund typically pursues its investment objective by entering into over-the-counter ("OTC") or exchange-traded derivative contracts primarily related to equity and debt securities, foreign exchange, interest rates, commodities, real estate interests, volatility and other asset classes the Adviser may consider appropriate from time to time. The Fund may also enter into other types of investments that enable the Fund to provide risk transfer services, as the Adviser may consider appropriate from time to time. The Fund may enter into a variety of derivative contracts, but typically expects to enter into put and call options, futures contracts, options on futures contracts, swaps and swaptions. This universe of investments is subject to change under varying market conditions and as these instruments evolve over time.

Currently, the Fund expects to have exposure to the following asset classes (either directly or indirectly through reference to a derivative contract or other investment, or an exchange-traded fund ("ETF") or through an investment in a wholly-owned subsidiary (as described further below)), but is not restricted in its exposure to any asset class:

- Equity and debt securities including, without limitation, any publicly traded or privately offered U.S. and foreign (non-U.S.) equity securities (including, but not limited to, common and preferred stock and

any other security that provides exposure to the earnings growth of any issuer(s)); publicly traded or privately offered U.S. and foreign debt securities (including, but not limited to, fixed and floating rate bonds and any other security that provides exposure to the credit risk of any issuer(s));

- Foreign exchange instruments including, without limitation, any contract related to a currency;
- Interest rates including, without limitation, any contract related to a fixed or floating interest rate reference or benchmark determined by any central bank, certain benchmark government obligations, overnight deposit rate instruments and time value deposits;
- Commodities including, without limitation, any physical (*e.g.*, assets with tangible properties, including industrial and precious metals, oil, natural gas and agricultural products) or financial commodity;
- Real estate interests including, without limitation, any investment related to real property or income derived from the rent or lease of real property, including real estate investment trusts (“REITs”); and
- Volatility including, without limitation, any investment related to a measurement of implied or realized volatility or variance of an asset.

Subject to any restrictions under applicable law, the Fund is not restricted in its exposure to any particular market (including emerging markets) or form of investment and may have exposure to the securities of companies of any market capitalization or credit rating.

The Fund may (but is not obligated to) seek to hedge its exposure to price movements in the assets or other references underlying the Fund’s investments (“Underlying Reference”) by taking long or short positions in the underlying assets, related assets or other offsetting derivative positions, such as by hedging options on an index with futures on that same index (this is known as “delta hedging”). To gain long investment exposure, the Fund may invest in assets directly or use derivatives (including futures). To gain short investment exposure, the Fund may use derivatives (including futures) and make short sales, including short sales of assets the Fund does not own, which may require the Fund to pay a premium to borrow the assets sold short and to pay the lender any dividends or interest received on the assets while borrowed.

The Fund expects to gain exposure to the commodities markets by investing in a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary (the “Subsidiary”) organized in the Cayman Islands and advised by the Adviser. The Subsidiary gains exposure to the commodities markets by investing in commodity-linked derivatives, such as commodity-linked futures, options and swaps. References herein to the Fund include references to the Subsidiary in respect of the Fund’s exposure to the commodities markets.

When the Fund enters into derivatives transactions, it is typically required to post collateral, or “initial margin,” to secure its payment or delivery obligations. The Fund then pays or receives margin periodically during the term of the derivative depending on changes in value of the derivative. In some cases, the Fund posts margin directly to a broker or futures commission merchant (“FCM”), and in some cases the Fund posts margin to its custodian under an escrow or tri-party collateral arrangement. In the case of a broker who is not an FCM, any posting of margin directly to that broker must be specifically approved by the Board. When the Fund posts margin directly to a broker or FCM, the Fund is subject to the credit risk and fraud risk of that broker or FCM with respect to that posted margin. There is generally no limit on the amount of margin that the Fund may post directly to a single broker or FCM or to all brokers and FCMs, and the Fund typically posts a significant portion of its assets in this manner. As a result, at any time the Fund may have substantial credit exposure to one or more brokers and/or FCMs.

For collateral purposes, in connection with certain of the Fund’s derivatives contracts, the Fund invests a substantial portion of its assets in U.S. Treasury bills and other highly rated securities. Many of the Fund’s



derivatives investments and assets of the Fund related to the Fund's derivatives investments may be treated as illiquid; except to the extent required in connection with a repurchase offer, the Fund is not limited in the portion of its assets that may be invested in illiquid assets.

The Adviser has broad discretion to allocate the Fund's assets among derivative types and asset classes and to determine whether and how to hedge the Fund's exposures and how much leverage to apply. In constructing the portfolio, the Adviser seeks to limit the Fund's exposure to any single asset class by making investments related to a variety of asset classes. Further, within each asset class, the Adviser seeks to cause the Fund to have exposures to multiple underlying assets, geographic regions, economic sectors and maturities. The Adviser seeks to allocate the Fund's assets dynamically in response to supply and demand for risk transfer services in the global markets. With the exception of certain asset diversification tests under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), there is no stated limit on the percentage of assets the Fund can invest in a particular instrument or the percentage of assets the Fund will allocate to any one asset class, and at times the Fund may focus on a small number of instruments or asset classes.

### **Borrowing and Leverage**

The Fund may obtain leverage through borrowings in seeking to achieve its investment objective. The Fund's borrowings may be on a secured or unsecured basis and at fixed or variable rates of interest.

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

The Fund may enter into derivatives contracts with total notional value greater than the assets of the Fund. Notional value refers to the nominal or face amount that is used to calculate payments on a derivative contract and is distinguishable from the market value of a derivative contract, which reflects the outstanding obligation under the contract and is usually less than the notional value. This practice will generally be seen to create investment leverage for the Fund, which can have the effect of magnifying the Fund's exposure to the swings in prices of an Underlying Reference and may also result in increased volatility in the Fund's NAV because it could cause the Fund's NAV to be more sensitive to changes in the value of the Underlying Reference. This means the Fund will have the potential for greater gains, as well as the potential for greater losses, than if the Fund does not use derivative instruments that have a leveraging effect. The value of an investment in the Fund will be more volatile and other risks tend to be compounded if and to the extent that the Fund is exposed to leverage directly or indirectly.

### **Investment Adviser and Administrator**

Stone Ridge is the investment adviser of the Fund. As of December 31, 2018, Stone Ridge's assets under management were approximately \$16 billion. Erik Buischi, Daniel Fleder and Ross Stevens (the "Portfolio Managers") are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. See "Management of the Fund" below.



## **Distributions**

The Fund intends to declare and pay dividends of substantially all net investment income and net realized capital gains at least annually. Unless shareholders specify otherwise, dividends will be reinvested in Shares of the Fund. See “Distributions and Federal Income Tax Matters” and “Dividend Reinvestment Plan” below. The Fund may pay distributions from sources that may not be available in the future and that are unrelated to the Fund’s performance, such as from offering proceeds or borrowings.

## **Unlisted Closed-end Fund Structure; Limited Liquidity**

The Fund’s Shares are not listed, and the Fund does not currently intend to list its Shares for trading, on any national securities exchange. There is currently no secondary market for its Shares, and the Fund does not expect a secondary market in its Shares to develop. Shareholders of the Fund are not able to have their Shares repurchased or otherwise sell their Shares on a daily basis because the Fund is an unlisted closed-end fund. In order to provide liquidity to shareholders, the Fund is structured as an “interval fund” and conducts periodic repurchase offers for a portion of its outstanding Shares, as described herein. An investment in the Fund is suitable only for long-term investors who can bear the risks associated with the limited liquidity of the Shares. Investors should consider their investment goals, time horizons and risk tolerance before investing in the Fund.

## **Distributor, Transfer Agent and Custodian**

ALPS Distributors, Inc., of Denver, Colorado is the Fund’s Distributor. U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, doing business as U.S. Bank Global Fund Services, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin is the Fund’s transfer agent (the “Transfer Agent”), administrator (the “Administrator”) and accounting agent. U.S. Bank NA, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin is the Fund’s custodian. The Adviser pays fees to the Distributor as compensation for the services it renders. The Fund compensates the Transfer Agent and the custodian for their services. See “Distribution and Servicing Arrangements” below.

## **Special Risk Considerations**

*An investment in the Fund involves special risk considerations. You should consider carefully the risks summarized below, which are described in more detail under “Investment Objective, Policies and Risks — Risk Considerations” below.*

*Investors should carefully consider the Fund’s risks and investment objective, as an investment in the Fund may not be appropriate for all investors and is not designed to be a complete investment program. An investment in the Fund involves a high degree of risk. It is possible that investing in the Fund may result in a loss of some or all of the amount invested. Before making an investment/allocation decision, investors should (i) consider the suitability of this investment with respect to an investor’s or a client’s investment objectives and individual situation and (ii) consider factors such as an investor’s or a client’s net worth, income, age and risk tolerance. Investment should be avoided where an investor/client has a short-term investing horizon and/or cannot bear the loss of some or all of the investment. The Fund is subject to the principal risks noted below, whether through the Fund’s direct investments, investments by its Subsidiary or derivatives positions.*

**Derivatives Risk.** The Fund may invest in a variety of derivatives, including put and call options, futures contracts, options on futures contracts, forward contracts, swaps, swaptions and other exchange-traded and OTC derivatives contracts. The use of derivatives involves risks that are in addition to, and potentially greater than, the risks of investing directly in securities and other more traditional assets. Derivatives are financial contracts the value of which depends on, or is derived from, the Underlying Reference. Derivatives involve the risk that changes in their value may not move as expected relative to changes in the value of the Underlying Reference they are designed to track. The Fund may invest in derivatives to generate income from premiums, for

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

OTC derivatives are not traded on exchanges or standardized; rather, banks and dealers act as principals in these markets negotiating each transaction on an individual basis. There have been periods during which certain banks or dealers have refused to quote prices for OTC derivatives contracts or have quoted prices with an unusually wide spread between the price at which they are prepared to buy and the price at which they are prepared to sell. There is no limitation on the daily price movements of OTC derivatives. Principals in the OTC derivatives markets have no obligation to continue to make markets in the OTC derivatives traded.

During periods of market disruptions or stress, the Fund may have a greater need for cash to provide collateral for large swings in its mark-to-market obligations under the derivatives in which it has invested.

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

The Fund's use of derivatives may not be effective or have the desired results. For example, the Fund may not be able to capture the variance risk premium to the extent that it makes an investment with respect to which the realized volatility of the Underlying Reference equals or exceeds the investment's implied volatility. This may happen when the value of the Underlying Reference moves in an unexpected direction or to an unanticipated degree. Moreover, suitable derivatives will not be available in all circumstances. The Adviser may decide not to use derivatives to hedge or otherwise reduce the Fund's risk exposures, potentially resulting in losses for the Fund.

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

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

*Options Risk.* A decision as to whether, when and how to use options involves the exercise of skill and judgment, and even a well-conceived and well-executed options program may be adversely affected by market behavior or unexpected events. Successful options strategies may require the anticipation of future movements in Underlying Reference prices, interest rates and other economic factors. No assurances can be given that the Adviser's judgment in this respect will be correct. The Fund may be restricted in respect of the type of Underlying Reference assets that it is permitted to acquire or take delivery (for example, a physical commodity, such as corn), in the case of options that are not cash settled; these restrictions may affect the returns to the Fund.

The market price of written options will be affected by many factors, including changes in the market price of the Underlying Reference; changes in dividend rates, interest rates, exchange rates or other economic factors affecting the Underlying Reference or options markets generally, as applicable; changes in the realized or perceived volatility of the relevant market and Underlying Reference; and the time remaining before an option's expiration.

The market price of options, particularly OTC options, may be adversely affected if the market for the options becomes less liquid or smaller. The Fund may close out a written option position by buying the option instead of letting it expire or be exercised. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist when the Fund seeks to close out an option position by buying or selling the option.

The Fund's options positions will be marked to market on each day that the Fund strikes its NAV. The Fund's options transactions will be subject to limitations established by each of the exchanges, boards of trade or other trading facilities on which such options are traded. These limitations govern the maximum number of options in each class that may be written or purchased by a single investor or group of investors acting in concert, regardless of whether the options are written or purchased on the same or different exchanges, boards of trade or other trading facilities or are held or written in one or more accounts or through one or more brokers. Thus, the number of options that the Fund may sell or purchase may be affected by options sold or purchased by other investment advisory clients of the Adviser. An exchange, board of trade or other trading facility may order the liquidation of positions found to be in excess of these limits, and may impose certain other sanctions.

Options writing can cause the Fund's share price to be highly volatile, and it may be subject to sudden and substantial losses.

*Call Option Risk.* When a single security, ETF, REIT, currency or commodity call option is exercised, the Fund will generally be required to deliver the Underlying Reference (unless the contract calls for cash settlement). Accordingly, potential losses on written covered call options can be equal to the appreciation of the Underlying Reference in excess of the option exercise price. In addition, the Fund continues to bear the risk of a decline in the value of the Underlying Reference. By writing covered call options on its portfolio assets, the Fund may be unable to sell the Underlying Reference until the option expires or is exercised and may be less likely to sell the Underlying Reference to take advantage of new investment opportunities. As a seller of single instrument call options, if the Fund does not own the Underlying Reference, it may be required to purchase the asset to meet the requirements of the contract. Thus, the exercise of call options sold by the Fund may require the Fund to sell portfolio assets to generate cash at inopportune times or for unattractive prices.

The purchaser of an index call option has the right to receive a cash payment equal to any appreciation in the value of the index over the strike price of the call option as of the valuation date of the option. Because their exercise is settled in cash, sellers of index call options such as the Fund cannot cover their potential settlement obligations by acquiring and holding the Underlying Reference. As the writer of index call options, the Fund will be responsible, during the option's life, for any increases in the value of the index above the strike price of the call option. When an index call option is exercised, the Fund will be required to deliver an amount of cash determined by the excess of the value of the index at contract termination over the strike price of the option. Accordingly, the Fund's potential losses on writing index call options are extensive.

When the Fund writes (sells) an option, it faces the risk that it will experience a loss if the option purchaser exercises the option sold by the Fund.

*Put Option Risk.* Put options on single securities, ETFs, REITS, currencies or commodities written by the Fund may be physically settled, requiring the Underlying Reference to be received by the Fund upon exercise of the option or, alternatively, may have cash settlement provisions. The Fund may be required to take delivery of an Underlying Reference that it does not want to have in its portfolio upon the exercise of the put option by the option buyer while paying a price for that instrument in excess of its current market price. Accordingly, losses on written put options can be substantial. While the risk of selling put options in a spread transaction may be mitigated by the Fund's purchase of offsetting

options at a lower exercise price (thereby capping the maximum loss potential) there can be no assurance that offsetting options will be available to allow the Fund to close out its written options.

The purchaser of an index put option has the right to receive a cash payment equal to any depreciation in the value of the index below the strike price of the put option as of the valuation date of the option. Because their exercise is settled in cash, sellers of index put options such as the Fund cannot cover their potential settlement obligations by selling short the Underlying Reference. As the writer of index put options, the Fund will be responsible, during the option's life, for any decreases in the value of the index below the strike price of the put option. When an index put option is exercised, the Fund will be required to deliver an amount of cash determined by the excess of the strike price of the option over the value of the index at contract termination. Accordingly, the potential losses from writing index put options can be substantial.

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

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

*Forwards Risk.* Forward contracts, including currency forwards, are subject to some of the same risks as futures described above. However, forwards are not traded on exchanges and are not standardized; rather, banks and dealers act as principals in these markets negotiating each transaction on an individual basis. Forwards are therefore subject to the risks associated with OTC derivatives generally. Disruptions can occur in the forward markets because of unusually high trading volume, political intervention or other factors. For example, the imposition of credit controls by governmental authorities might limit forward trading, to the possible detriment of the Fund.

*Swaps Risk.* The use of swaps involves investment techniques and risks that are different from those associated with portfolio security transactions. Like forwards, these instruments are typically not traded on exchanges and, in such cases, are subject to the risks associated with OTC derivatives generally. Under recently adopted rules and regulations, however, transactions in some types of swaps (including interest rate swaps and credit default swaps on North American and European indices) are required to

be centrally cleared (“cleared swaps”). For OTC swaps, there is a risk that the other party to certain of these instruments will not perform its obligations to the Fund or that the Fund may be unable to enter into offsetting positions to terminate its exposure or liquidate its position under certain of these instruments when it wishes to do so. Such occurrences could result in losses to the Fund. For cleared swaps, the Fund’s counterparty is a clearinghouse rather than a bank or broker. Since the Fund is not a member of the clearinghouses and only members of a clearinghouse (“clearing members”) can participate directly in the clearinghouse, the Fund holds cleared swaps through accounts at clearing members. In cleared swaps, the Fund makes payments (including margin payments) to and receives payments from a clearinghouse through its account at clearing members. Clearing members guarantee performance of their clients’ obligations to the clearinghouse.

In some ways, cleared swap arrangements are less favorable to funds than bilateral arrangements. For example, the Fund may be required to provide more margin for cleared swaps positions than for bilateral derivatives positions. Clearinghouses also have broad rights to increase margin requirements for existing positions or to terminate those positions at any time. Any increase in margin requirements or termination of existing cleared derivatives positions by the clearing member or the clearinghouse could interfere with the ability of the Fund to pursue its investment strategy. Also, the Fund is subject to risk if it enters into a derivatives transaction that is required to be cleared (or that the Adviser expects to be cleared), and no clearing member is willing or able to clear the transaction on the Fund’s behalf.

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

*Swaptions Risk.* The Fund also may enter into swaptions. A swaption is a contract that gives a counterparty the right (but not the obligation) to enter into a new swap agreement or to shorten, extend, cancel or otherwise modify an existing swap agreement, at some designated future time on specified terms. The Fund may write (sell) and purchase put and call swaptions. Depending on the terms of the particular option agreement, the Fund will generally incur a greater degree of risk when it writes a swaption than it will incur when it purchases a swaption. When the Fund purchases a swaption, it risks losing only the amount of the premium it has paid should it decide to let the option expire unexercised. However, when the Fund writes a swaption, it becomes obligated (if the option is exercised) according to the terms of the underlying agreement.

The Commission has proposed a new Rule 18f-4 (which, as of the date of this prospectus, has not been adopted) that would place limits on the notional amount of derivatives used by registered investment companies, such as the Fund. If the rule were to take effect in the form proposed, it would limit the ability of the Fund to invest in derivatives and could require the Fund to alter its investment strategy.

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

*Margin Risk.* In connection with entering into certain types of derivatives transactions (e.g., options and futures), the Fund (directly or through its Subsidiary) may post margin directly to a broker or FCM, which will typically re-hypothecate that margin to a clearinghouse or another broker or FCM. Prior to re-hypothecation, margin so posted may be held in commingled accounts with margin from other clients of that broker or FCM. The margin maintained by these brokers and FCMs is not subject to the



regulatory protections provided by bank custody arrangements commonly employed by investment companies. If margin posted to a broker or FCM is re-hypothecated, neither the Fund nor the broker or FCM, as applicable, will have possession of the margin. Margin posted by the Fund to a broker or FCM is exposed to the credit risk and fraud risk of that broker or FCM. There is generally no limit on the amount of margin that the Fund may post directly to a single broker or FCM or to all brokers and FCMs, and the Fund typically posts a significant portion of its assets in this manner. As a result, at any time the Fund may have substantial credit exposure to one or more brokers and/or FCMs. In the event of the insolvency or liquidation of a broker or FCM to whom the Fund has posted collateral, the Fund is likely to experience substantial delays in recovering its margin, or it may not be able to recover it at all. Any inability or unwillingness of a broker or FCM to meet its obligation to return margin to the Fund, including by reason of insolvency or liquidation, or any improper activity involving such broker or FCM would likely result in a substantial loss to the Fund. In some foreign (non-U.S.) markets, brokerage arrangements may provide significantly less protection than in the U.S., potentially exposing the Fund to credit and other risks that it does not have in the U.S.

**Management and Operational Risk.** The Fund is subject to management risk because it relies on the Adviser's ability to achieve its investment objective. The Fund runs the risk that the Adviser's investment techniques will fail to produce desired results and cause the Fund to incur significant losses. The Adviser may fail to use derivatives effectively, may select investments that do not perform as anticipated by the Adviser and may choose to hedge or not to hedge positions at disadvantageous times. Any imperfections, errors or limitations in quantitative analyses and models used by the Adviser as part of its investment process could affect the Fund's performance.

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

**Illiquidity Risk.** To the extent consistent with the repurchase liquidity requirement of an interval fund, the Fund may invest without limitation in illiquid investments. Illiquidity risk is the risk that the investments held by the Fund may be difficult or impossible to sell at the time that the Fund would like without significantly changing the market value of the investment. There can be no assurance that a liquid market for the Fund's investments will be maintained. At any given time, the Fund's portfolio may be substantially illiquid.

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

**Leverage Risk.** The Fund may obtain financing to make investments (*i.e.*, to make additional portfolio investments) and may obtain leverage through derivative instruments that afford the Fund economic leverage. The Fund may also borrow to meet repurchase requests and to address cash flow timing mismatches. Therefore, the Fund is subject to leverage risk. Leverage magnifies the Fund's exposure to declines in the value of one or more Underlying References or creates investment risk with respect to a larger pool of assets than the Fund would otherwise have and may be considered a speculative technique. The value of an investment in the Fund will be more volatile and other risks tend to be compounded if and to the extent that the Fund borrows or uses

derivatives or other investments that have embedded leverage. Engaging in such transactions may cause the Fund to liquidate positions when it may not be advantageous to do so to satisfy its obligations or to meet segregation requirements.

The Fund's borrowings may be on a secured or unsecured basis and at fixed or variable rates of interest. Borrowing gives rise to interest expense and may require the Fund to pay other fees. Unless the rate of return, net of applicable Fund expenses, on the Fund's investments exceeds the costs to the Fund of the leverage it utilizes, the investment of the Fund's net assets attributable to leverage will generate less income than will be needed to pay the costs of the leverage to the Fund, resulting in a loss to the Fund, even if the rate of return on those assets is positive. The Fund's ability to obtain leverage through borrowings is dependent on its ability to establish and maintain an appropriate line of credit or other borrowing facility. Market conditions may unfavorably impact the Fund's ability to secure borrowings on favorable or commercially feasible terms.

**Principal Risks of the Underlying References.** The Fund is also subject to the principal risks of the asset classes noted below, whether through the Fund's (i) derivatives positions or other investments that provide exposure to the Underlying References, (ii) investments in ETFs, (iii) investments through its Subsidiary or (iv) direct investments.

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

**Debt Investing Risk.** The values of debt securities (and other income-producing securities, such as preferred securities and convertible securities) to which the Fund is exposed change in response to interest rate changes. In general, the value of a debt security is likely to fall as interest rates rise. This risk is generally greater for obligations with longer maturities or for debt securities that do not pay current interest (such as zero-coupon securities). Debt securities with floating interest rates can be less sensitive to interest rate changes, although, to the extent the Fund's income is based on short-term interest rates that fluctuate over short periods of time, income received by the Fund may decrease as a result of a decline in interest rates; floating rate loans can also decrease in value if their interest rates do not rise as quickly or as much as market interest rates. Conversely, variable rate instruments generally will not increase in value if interest rates decline. When interest rates increase or for other reasons, debt securities may be repaid more slowly than expected. As a result, the maturity of the debt instrument may be extended, increasing the potential for loss.

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



*Credit Risk.* The value of a debt security depends on the issuer's credit quality or ability to pay principal and interest when due. The value of a debt security is likely to fall if an issuer or the guarantor of a security is unable or unwilling (or perceived to be unable or unwilling) to make timely principal and/or interest payments or otherwise to honor its obligations, or if the debt security's rating is downgraded. The obligations of issuers are subject to bankruptcy, insolvency and other laws affecting the rights and remedies of creditors. The value of a debt security can also decline in response to other changes in market, economic, industry, political and regulatory conditions that affect a particular type of debt security or issuer or debt securities generally.

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

Below investment grade investments may be subject to greater risks than other investments, including being subject to greater levels of risk related to changes in interest rates (in the case of debt securities), credit risk (including a greater risk of default) and illiquidity risk. The ability of the issuer to make principal and/or interest payments is predominantly speculative for below investment grade investments or unrated investments judged by the Adviser to have a similar quality. The Fund may also have exposure without limit in investments that are unrated and judged by the Adviser to be of below investment grade quality. Below investment grade investments or unrated investments judged by the Adviser to be of comparable quality may be more susceptible to real or perceived adverse economic and competitive industry or business conditions than higher-grade investments. Yields on below investment grade investments will fluctuate and may, therefore, cause the Fund's value to be more volatile.

**Currency Risk.** The Fund's Shares are priced in U.S. dollars and the distributions paid by the Fund are paid in U.S. dollars. However, a portion of the Fund's assets may be denominated in foreign (non-U.S.) currencies and income received by the Fund from a portion of its investments may be paid in foreign currencies. Currency risk is the risk that fluctuations in exchange rates will adversely affect the market value of the Fund's investments. Currency risk includes the risk that the foreign currencies in which the Fund's investments are traded, in which the Fund receives income or in which the Fund has taken a position will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar. Currency risk also includes the risk that a currency to which the Fund has obtained exposure through hedging declines in value relative to the currency being hedged, in which event the Fund may realize a loss both on the hedging instrument and on the currency being hedged. Currency exchange rates can fluctuate significantly for many reasons. Derivative transactions in foreign currencies (such as futures, forwards, options and swaps) may involve leverage risk in addition to currency risk.

In purchasing or selling local currency to fund trades denominated in that currency, the Fund will be exposed to the risk that the value of the foreign currency will increase or decrease, which may impact the value of the Fund's investments in foreign currencies, securities denominated in foreign currencies, derivatives that provide exposure to foreign currencies and the Fund's income available for distribution. Some countries have and may continue to adopt internal economic policies that affect their currency valuations in a manner that may be disadvantageous for U.S. investors or U.S. companies seeking to do business in those countries.

**Commodities Risk.** The value of commodities instruments to which the Fund is exposed can be extremely volatile and may be adversely affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, currency fluctuations or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as

drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs and international economic, political and regulatory developments. No, or a limited, active trading market may exist for certain commodities investments, which may impair the ability to sell or to realize the full value of such investments in the event of the need to liquidate such investments. In addition, adverse market conditions may impair the liquidity of actively traded commodities investments. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to the commodities markets can cause the NAV of the Fund to decline or fluctuate in a rapid and unpredictable manner.

**Subsidiary Risk.** By investing through its Subsidiary, the Fund is exposed to the risks associated with the Subsidiary's investments. The commodity-linked investments that may be held by the Subsidiary are generally similar to those that are permitted to be held by the Fund and are subject to the same risks that apply to similar investments if held directly by the Fund. The Subsidiary is not registered as an investment company under the 1940 Act and is not subject to all of the investor protections of the 1940 Act, although the Subsidiary is managed pursuant to the compliance policies and procedures of the Fund applicable to it. Changes in the laws of the United States and/or the Cayman Islands could result in the inability of the Fund and/or the Subsidiary to operate as described in this prospectus and could adversely affect the Fund.

**Real Estate Risk.** The real-estate related investments to which the Fund is exposed are subject to risks including losses from casualty or condemnation, and changes in local and general economic conditions, supply and demand, interest rates, zoning laws, regulatory limitations on rents, property taxes and operating expenses. An investment in a real estate-linked derivative instrument that is linked to the value of a REIT or an ETF that invests in REITs is subject to additional risks, such as poor performance by the manager of the REIT, adverse changes to the tax laws or failure by the REIT to qualify for tax-free pass-through of income under the Code. In addition, some REITs have limited diversification because they invest in a limited number of properties, a narrow geographic area or a single type of property. Also, the organizational documents of a REIT may contain provisions that make changes in control of the REIT difficult and time-consuming. Finally, private REITs are not traded on a national securities exchange. As such, these products are generally illiquid. This reduces the ability of the Fund to redeem its investment early. Private REITs are also generally harder to value and may bear higher fees than public REITs.

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

**Volatility Risk.** The Fund's investment in volatility-linked derivative instruments is subject to the risk that the market value of a security or index will increase or decrease, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably, based upon changes in an issuer's financial condition and/or overall market and economic conditions. The effect of changes in volatility on the Fund is subject to the Adviser's ability to forecast volatility in an accurate and timely manner, which may depend on particular market conditions and other factors that are beyond the control of the Adviser. The Adviser's volatility forecasts may be incorrect, and the volatility-linked derivative contracts entered into by the Fund based on the Adviser's volatility forecasts may not achieve the intended effect.

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

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

Due to the Fund's options strategies, a substantial portion of the Fund's income potentially will consist of short-term capital gains. Distributions of the Fund's short-term capital gains are taxable to shareholders as ordinary income, will not constitute qualified dividend income and will not qualify for the dividends-received deduction. In addition, shareholders will not be able to offset distributions of the Fund's net short-term capital gains with capital losses that they recognize in respect of their other investments.

**Foreign Securities Risk.** Direct or indirect investments in securities of foreign issuers involve risks not ordinarily associated with exposure to securities and instruments of U.S. issuers. For example, foreign companies are not generally subject to uniform accounting, auditing and financial standards and requirements comparable to those applicable to U.S. companies. Foreign securities exchanges, brokers and companies may be subject to less government supervision and regulation than exists in the U.S. The Fund's exposure to foreign securities may be subject to withholding and other foreign taxes, which may adversely affect the net return on such investments. Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates and exchange controls may adversely affect the market value of the Fund's indirect and direct investments in foreign securities (see "Currency Risk" above). The Fund may not be able to pass through to its shareholders foreign income tax credits in respect of a portion of or all foreign income taxes it pays. There may be difficulty in obtaining or enforcing a court judgment abroad. The willingness and ability of foreign governmental entities to pay principal and interest on government securities depends on various economic factors, including the issuer's balance of payments, overall debt level and cash-flow considerations related to the availability of tax or other revenues to satisfy the issuer's obligations. If a foreign governmental entity defaults on its obligations on the securities, the holder of such securities may have limited recourse available to it. The laws of some foreign countries may limit the Fund's ability to gain exposure to securities of certain issuers located in those countries. In addition, it may be difficult to effect repatriation of capital invested in certain countries. In addition, with respect to certain countries, there are risks of expropriation, confiscatory taxation, political or social instability or diplomatic developments that could affect the Fund's assets held in foreign countries.

**Emerging Markets Risk.** Obtaining exposure to emerging market securities and currencies entails all of the risks associated with foreign (non-U.S.) investments (see "Foreign Securities Risk"), but to a heightened degree. Compared to foreign developed markets, exposure to emerging markets may involve heightened volatility, greater political, regulatory, legal and economic uncertainties, less liquidity, dependence on particular commodities or international aid, high levels of inflation, greater custody risk and certain special risks associated with smaller companies.

**ETF Risk.** The Fund may invest in the securities of ETFs, to the extent permitted by law, and may obtain exposure to ETFs through its derivative contracts. Direct or indirect investing in an ETF exposes the Fund to all of the risks of that ETF's investments. Index-based ETFs are designed to provide investment results that generally correspond (on a direct basis or on a multiple, inverse or multiple inverse basis) to the price and yield performance of the component assets of the benchmark index. ETFs are listed on an exchange and trade in the secondary market on a per-share basis. The values of ETFs are subject to change as the values of their respective component assets fluctuate according to market volatility. Direct or indirect investments in ETFs may not exactly match the performance of a direct investment in the respective indices to which they are intended to correspond due to the temporary unavailability of certain index assets in the secondary market or other extraordinary circumstances, such as discrepancies with respect to the weighting of assets. Typically, the ETF bears its own operational expenses, which are deducted from its assets. To the extent that the Fund invests in ETFs, the Fund must bear these expenses in addition to the expenses of its own operation. As a result, the cost of investing in

ETF shares may exceed the costs of investing directly in its underlying investments. ETF shares trade on an exchange at a market price which may vary from the ETF's net asset value. The Fund may purchase ETFs at prices that exceed the net asset value of their underlying investments and may sell ETF investments at prices below such net asset value, particularly during periods of market stress. ETFs typically rely on a limited pool of authorized participants to create and redeem shares, and an active trading market for ETF shares may not develop or be maintained. Because the market price of ETF shares depends on the demand in the market for them, the market price of an ETF may be more volatile than the underlying portfolio of securities the ETF is designed to track, and the Fund may not be able to liquidate ETF holdings at the time and price desired, which may impact Fund performance.

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

**Foreign Government Obligations and Securities of Supranational Entities Risk.** Exposure to foreign government obligations and the sovereign debt of emerging market countries makes the Fund vulnerable to the direct or indirect consequences of political, social or economic changes in the countries that issue the securities or in which the issuers are located. Additional factors that may influence the ability or willingness of a foreign government or country to service debt include a country's cash flow situation, the availability of sufficient foreign exchange on the date a payment is due, the relative size of its debt service burden to the economy as a whole and its government's policy towards the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and other international agencies. The ability and willingness of sovereign obligors in emerging market countries or the governmental authorities that control repayment of their debt to pay principal and interest on such debt when due may depend on general economic and political conditions within the relevant country. Certain countries in which the Fund may have investment exposure have historically experienced, and may continue to experience, high rates of inflation, high interest rates and extreme poverty and unemployment. Some of these countries are also characterized by political uncertainty or instability. The ability of a foreign sovereign obligor to make timely payments on its external debt obligations also will be strongly influenced by the obligor's balance of payments, including export performance, its access to international credits and investments, fluctuations in interest rates and the extent of its foreign reserves. A governmental obligor may default on its obligations.

**Securities Lending Risk.** As with other extensions of credit, there are risks of delay and costs involved in recovery of securities or even loss of rights in the securities loaned or in the collateral if the borrower of the securities fails to return the securities in a timely manner or at all, or fails financially. The Fund bears the risk of investments made with the cash collateral received by the Fund in securities lending transactions. Investments of cash collateral may depreciate and/or become illiquid, although the Fund remains obligated to return the collateral amount to the borrower upon termination or maturity of the securities loan and may realize losses on the collateral investments and/or be required to liquidate other portfolio assets in order to satisfy its obligations.

**Focused Investment Risk.** To the extent that the Fund focuses its exposures in asset classes, sectors, industries, countries, regions, companies or issuers that are subject to the same or similar risks, the Fund will be subject to greater overall risk than if the Fund's exposures were less focused.

**Repurchase Offers Risk.** As described under "Periodic Repurchase Offers" below, the Fund is an "interval fund." In order to provide liquidity to shareholders, the Fund, subject to applicable law, conducts quarterly repurchase offers of the Fund's outstanding Shares at NAV subject to approval of the Board. In all cases such repurchases will be for at least 5% and not more than 25%, and are currently expected to be for 10%, of its outstanding Shares at NAV, pursuant to Rule 23c-3 under the 1940 Act. The Fund believes that these repurchase offers are generally beneficial to the Fund's shareholders, and repurchases generally will be funded from available cash or sales of portfolio securities. However, repurchase offers and the need to fund repurchase obligations may affect the ability of the Fund to be fully invested or may force the Fund to maintain a higher percentage of its assets in liquid investments, which may harm the Fund's investment performance. Moreover, diminution in the size of the Fund through repurchases may result in untimely sales of portfolio securities (with associated imputed transaction costs, which may be significant), and may limit the ability of the Fund to participate in new investment opportunities or to achieve its investment objective. If the Fund employed investment leverage, repurchases of Shares would compound the adverse effects of leverage in a declining market. In addition, if the Fund borrows money to finance repurchases, interest on that borrowing will negatively affect shareholders who do not tender their Shares by increasing the Fund's expenses and reducing any net investment income. If a repurchase offer is oversubscribed, the Fund will repurchase the Shares tendered on a pro rata basis, and shareholders will have to wait until the next repurchase offer to make another repurchase request. As a result, shareholders may be unable to liquidate all or a given percentage of their investment in the Fund during a particular repurchase offer. Some shareholders, in anticipation of proration, may tender more Shares than they wish to have repurchased in a particular quarter, thereby increasing the likelihood that proration will occur. A shareholder may be subject to market and other risks, and the NAV of Shares tendered in a repurchase offer may decline between the Repurchase Request Deadline and the date on which the NAV for tendered Shares is determined. In addition, the repurchase of Shares by the Fund may be a taxable event to shareholders.

**Portfolio Turnover.** A change in the securities held by the Fund is known as "portfolio turnover." The Fund engages in active and frequent trading to try to achieve its investment objective and expects to typically have a portfolio turnover rate significantly over 100% annually. If the Fund realizes capital gains when it sells investments, it generally must pay those gains to shareholders, increasing its taxable distributions, including distributions of short-term capital gain, which are taxable as ordinary income to shareholders. Increased portfolio turnover may also result in higher brokerage fees or other transaction costs, which can reduce the Fund's performance. Portfolio turnover will not be a limiting factor should the Adviser deem it advisable to purchase or sell securities.

**Temporary Defensive and Interim Investments.** For temporary defensive purposes in times of adverse or unstable market, economic or political conditions, the Fund can invest up to 100% of its assets in investments that may be inconsistent with its principal investment strategy. Generally, the Fund would invest in money market instruments or in other short-term U.S. or foreign government securities. The Fund might also hold these types of securities as interim investments pending the investment of proceeds from the sale of its Shares or the sale of its portfolio securities or to meet anticipated repurchases of its Shares. To the extent the Fund invests in these securities, it might not achieve its investment objective.

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

**Anti-Takeover Provisions.** The Fund's Declaration of Trust, together with any amendments thereto, includes provisions that could limit the ability of other entities or persons to acquire control of the Fund or convert the Fund to open-end status.



## FUND EXPENSES

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy and hold Shares of the Fund.

### Shareholder Transaction Expenses

(fees paid directly from your investment)

Maximum Repurchase Fee <sup>(1)</sup> .....	2.00%
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### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(as a percentage of net assets attributable to the Shares)

Management Fees .....	2.00%
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Distribution and/or Service Fees <sup>(2)</sup> .....	0.10%
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Other Expenses .....	
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Broker Interest Expense .....	0.10%
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All Other Expenses <sup>(3)</sup> .....	<u>0.38%</u>
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Total Other Expenses .....	<u>0.48%</u>
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Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses .....	<u>0.04%</u>
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Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses .....	2.62%
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(Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement)/Recoupment <sup>(4)(5)</sup> .....	<u>0.00%</u>
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Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After (Fee Waiver/Expense Reimbursement)/ Recoupment ...	<u><u>2.62%</u></u>
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(1) The Fund does not currently charge a repurchase fee.

(2) Distribution and/or Service Fees include a 0.05% fee paid pursuant to the Distribution and Servicing Plan and a 0.05% fee paid pursuant to the Services Agreement.

(3) All Other Expenses have been restated and are based on estimated amounts for the Fund's current fiscal year.

(4) Through February 29, 2020, the Adviser has contractually agreed to waive its management fee and/or pay or otherwise bear operating and other expenses of the Fund (including offering expenses, but excluding brokerage and transactional expenses; borrowing and other investment-related costs and fees including interest and commitment fees; short dividend expense; acquired fund fees and expenses; taxes; litigation and indemnification expenses; judgments; and extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Fund's business (collectively, the "Excluded Expenses")) solely to the extent necessary to limit the Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses, other than Excluded Expenses, to 2.60% of the average daily net assets of the Fund. The Adviser shall be entitled to recoup in later periods expenses that the Adviser has paid or otherwise borne (whether through reduction of its management fee or otherwise) to the extent that the expenses for the Fund (including offering expenses, but excluding Excluded Expenses) after such recoupment do not exceed the lower of (i) the annual expense limitation rate in effect at the time of the actual waiver/reimbursement and (ii) the annual expense limitation rate in effect at the time of the recoupment; *provided*, that the Adviser shall not be permitted to recoup any such fees or expenses beyond three years from the end of the month in which such fee was reduced or such expense was reimbursed. The expense limitation agreement may only be modified by a majority vote of the trustees who are not "interested persons" of the Fund (as defined by the 1940 Act) and the consent of the Adviser.

(5) During the Fund's prior fiscal year, the Adviser recouped 0.01% in fees it had waived or expenses it had reimbursed pursuant to its expense limitation arrangements with the Fund. As of the date of this prospectus, the Adviser had recouped all of the fees waived or expenses reimbursed subject to recoupment with respect to the Fund. Accordingly, the information in the table has been restated to exclude the fees recouped and to reflect the Fund's current expenses.

**Example.** The following Example is intended to help you understand the various costs and expenses that you, as a holder of Shares, would bear directly or indirectly. The Example assumes that you invest \$1,000 in Shares of the Fund for the time periods indicated. Because there are no costs to you associated with repurchases of your Shares, your costs would be the same whether you hold your Shares or tender your Shares for repurchase at the end of the time periods indicated. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year, that all dividends and distributions are reinvested at NAV and that the Fund's operating expenses (as described above) remain the same. The Example should not be considered a representation of the Fund's future expenses. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>
\$27	\$81	\$139	\$295

## CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The consolidated financial highlights table set forth below is intended to help you understand the Fund's recent financial performance. The consolidated financial highlights include the accounts of its wholly owned and controlled Subsidiary. Information contained in the table below under the headings "Per Share Data" and "Supplemental Data and Ratios" show the operating performance of the Fund from the commencement of the Fund's investment operations on April 2, 2015 through October 31, 2018. This information has been derived from the Fund's financial statements, which have been audited by Ernst & Young, LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with this information and additional Fund performance and portfolio information, appears in the Fund's Annual Report for the period ended October 31, 2018. To request the Fund's annual report, please call (855) 609-3680.

	Year Ended October 31, 2018	Year Ended October 31, 2017	Year Ended October 31, 2016	Period Ended October 31, 2015 <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Per Share Data:</b>				
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 11.49	\$ 10.70	\$ 10.31	\$ 10.00
Income (loss) from investment operations				
Net investment income (loss) <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.08)	(0.21)	(0.25)	(0.16)
Net realized and unrealized gains	(0.66)	1.56	0.87	0.47
Total from investment operations	(0.74)	1.35	0.62 <sup>(3)</sup>	0.31
Less distributions to shareholders				
Dividends from net realized gains	(1.17)	(0.56)	(0.11)	—
Dividends from net investment income	(0.32)	—	(0.12)	—
Total distributions	(1.49)	(0.56)	(0.23)	—
Net asset value, end of period	\$ 9.26	\$ 11.49	\$ 10.70	\$ 10.31
Total return <sup>(4)</sup>	(7.62)%	13.27%	6.15%	3.10% <sup>(5)</sup>
<b>Supplemental Data and Ratios:</b>				
Net assets, end of period (000s)	\$1,319,844	\$1,517,997	\$970,391	\$695,009
Ratio of expenses to average net assets (before expense waiver/recoupment) <sup>(6)</sup>	2.59%	2.72%	2.80%	2.69% <sup>(7)</sup>
Ratio of expenses to average net assets (after expense waiver/recoupment) <sup>(6)</sup>	2.60%	2.80%	2.68%	2.71% <sup>(7)</sup>
Ratio of net investment loss to average net assets (before expense waiver/recoupment) <sup>(6)</sup>	(0.78)%	(1.87)%	(2.54)%	(2.63)% <sup>(7)</sup>
Ratio of net investment loss to average net assets (after expense waiver/recoupment) <sup>(6)</sup>	(0.79)%	(1.95)%	(2.42)%	(2.65)% <sup>(7)</sup>
Portfolio turnover rate	4,595% <sup>(8)</sup>	9,837% <sup>(8)</sup>	33,522% <sup>(8)</sup>	1,361% <sup>(5)</sup>

(1) The Fund commenced operations on April 2, 2015.

(2) Net investment income (loss) per share has been calculated based on average shares outstanding during the period.

(3) Includes increase from payments by affiliates of less than \$0.01.

(4) Total return represents the rate that an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in the Fund (assuming the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions).

(5) Not annualized.

(6) Ratio includes borrowing and investment related expenses not covered by the Fund's expense limitation agreement. See Note 4.

(7) Annualized.

(8) Portfolio turnover rate excludes equity assignments.



## THE FUND

The Fund is a closed-end management investment company registered under the 1940 Act. The Fund was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on December 17, 2014, pursuant to a Certificate of Trust. The Fund's principal office is located at 510 Madison Avenue, 21st Floor, New York, New York 10022.

### USE OF PROCEEDS

The Fund will invest the proceeds of the offering of Shares in accordance with its investment objective and policies as stated below. It is currently anticipated that the Fund will be able to invest all or substantially all of the net proceeds according to its investment objective and policies within approximately one month after receipt of the proceeds, depending on the amount and timing of proceeds available to the Fund as well as the availability of investments consistent with the Fund's investment objective and strategies. Pending investment of the net proceeds, the Fund will invest in high quality, short-term debt securities, cash and/or cash equivalents.

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE, POLICIES AND RISKS

*When used in this prospectus, the term "invest" includes both direct investing and indirect investing and the term "investments" includes both direct investments and indirect investments. For example, the Fund may invest indirectly by investing in derivatives or through one or more wholly-owned and controlled subsidiaries (each, a "Subsidiary"). The Fund may be exposed to the different types of investments described below through its investments in its Subsidiary. The allocation of the Fund's portfolio in its Subsidiary will vary over time and might not always include all of the different types of investments described herein.*

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve capital appreciation. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

### PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT POLICIES

Stone Ridge Asset Management LLC ("Stone Ridge" or the "Adviser") believes that investing should involve a long-term view and a systematic focus on sources of expected return, not on security selection or market timing. In managing the Fund, the Adviser focuses primarily on one source of expected returns — the "variance risk premium" in certain derivative instruments and other investments (collectively, "investments"). The "variance risk premium" is positive if the "implied volatility" — the expected level of volatility priced into different types of investments — is higher, on average, than the volatility actually experienced on the asset underlying the investment. For example, an option buyer typically pays a premium to an option seller, such as the Fund, that is priced based on the expected amount by which the value of the instrument underlying the option will move up or down. On average, this expected amount of value movement (or implied volatility) is generally greater than the amount by which the value of the underlying instrument actually moves (realized volatility). By entering into derivatives contracts and making these types of investments, the Fund is, in essence, accepting a risk that its counterparty seeks to transfer in exchange for the premium or other payment/return received by the Fund under the derivatives contract or in connection with the investment. By providing this risk transfer service, the Fund seeks to benefit over the long-term from the difference between the level of volatility priced into its obligations under these investments and the level of volatility realized on the assets underlying these investments. There can be no assurance that the variance risk premium will be positive for the Fund's investments at any time or on average and over time.

The Adviser does not intend to purchase or sell investments for the portfolio based on prospects for the economy, the relevant markets or the individual issuers themselves. Instead, the Fund seeks to identify variance risk premiums wherever they may arise, regardless of the specific underlying assets, and to provide an investment return from the premiums or payments it receives from making these investments. In constructing an investment

portfolio, the Adviser seeks to identify a universe of eligible investments offering the Fund the potential to capture the benefit of the variance risk premiums associated with different asset classes. The extent of the Fund's exposure to any particular asset class is determined according to global supply and demand for the risk transfer services provided by the Fund's investments. The Adviser seeks to keep trading costs as low as practicable, given the appropriate execution requirements of the strategy.

The Fund typically pursues its investment objective by entering into OTC or exchange-traded derivative contracts primarily related to equity and debt securities, foreign exchange, interest rates, commodities, real estate interests, volatility and other asset classes the Adviser may consider appropriate from time to time. The Fund may also enter into other types of investments that enable the Fund to provide risk transfer services, as the Adviser may consider appropriate from time to time. The Fund may enter into a variety of derivative contracts, but typically expects to enter into put and call options, futures contracts, options on futures contracts, swaps and swaptions. This universe of investments is subject to change under varying market conditions and as these instruments evolve over time.

Currently, the Fund expects to have exposure to the following asset classes (either directly or indirectly through reference to a derivative contract or other investment, or an ETF or through an investment in its Subsidiary, but is not restricted in its exposure to any asset class:

- Equity and debt securities including, without limitation, any publicly traded or privately offered U.S. and foreign (non-U.S.) equity securities (including, but not limited to, common and preferred stock and any other security that provides exposure to the earnings growth of any issuer(s)); publicly traded or privately offered U.S. and foreign debt securities (including, but not limited to, fixed and floating rate bonds and any other security that provides exposure to the credit risk of any issuer(s));
- Foreign exchange instruments including, without limitation, any contract related to a currency;
- Interest rates including, without limitation, any contract related to a fixed or floating interest rate reference or benchmark determined by any central bank, certain benchmark government obligations, overnight deposit rate instruments and time value deposits;
- Commodities including, without limitation, any physical (*e.g.*, assets with tangible properties, including industrial and precious metals, oil, natural gas and agricultural products) or financial commodity;
- Real estate interests including, without limitation, any investment related to real property or income derived from the rent or lease of real property, including REITs; and
- Volatility including, without limitation, any investment related to a measurement of implied or realized volatility or variance of an asset.

Subject to any restrictions under applicable law, the Fund is not restricted in its exposure to any particular market (including emerging markets) or form of investment and may have exposure to the securities of companies of any market capitalization or credit rating.

The Fund may (but is not obligated to) seek to hedge its exposure to price movements in the Underlying References by taking long or short positions in the underlying assets, related assets or other offsetting derivative positions, such as by hedging options on an index with futures on that same index (this is known as "delta hedging"). To gain long investment exposure, the Fund may invest in assets directly or use derivatives (including futures). To gain short investment exposure, the Fund may use derivatives (including futures) and make short sales, including short sales of assets the Fund does not own, which may require the Fund to pay a premium to borrow the assets sold short and to pay the lender any dividends or interest received on the assets while borrowed.

The Fund expects to gain exposure to the commodities markets by investing in the Subsidiary, which is organized in the Cayman Islands and advised by the Adviser. The Subsidiary gains exposure to the commodities markets by investing in commodity-linked derivatives, such as commodity-linked futures, options and swaps. References herein to the Fund include references to the Subsidiary in respect of the Fund's exposure to the commodities markets.

When the Fund enters into derivatives transactions, it is typically required to post collateral, or "initial margin," to secure its payment or delivery obligations. The Fund then pays or receives margin periodically during the term of the derivative depending on changes in value of the derivative. In some cases, the Fund posts margin directly to a broker or futures commission merchant ("FCM"), and in some cases the Fund posts margin to its custodian under an escrow or tri-party collateral arrangement. In the case of a broker who is not an FCM, any posting of margin directly to that broker must be specifically approved by the Board. When the Fund posts margin directly to a broker or FCM, the Fund is subject to the credit risk and fraud risk of that broker or FCM with respect to that posted margin. There is generally no limit on the amount of margin that the Fund may post directly to a single broker or FCM or to all brokers and FCMs, and the Fund typically posts a significant portion of its assets in this manner. As a result, at any time the Fund may have substantial credit exposure to one or more brokers and/or FCMs.

For collateral purposes, in connection with certain of the Fund's derivatives contracts, the Fund invests a substantial portion of its assets in U.S. Treasury bills and other highly rated securities. Many of the Fund's derivatives investments and assets of the Fund related to the Fund's derivatives investments may be treated as illiquid; except to the extent required in connection with a repurchase offer, the Fund is not limited in the portion of its assets that may be invested in illiquid assets.

The Adviser has broad discretion to allocate the Fund's assets among derivative types and asset classes and to determine whether and how to hedge the Fund's exposures and how much leverage to apply. In constructing the portfolio, the Adviser seeks to limit the Fund's exposure to any single asset class by making investments related to a variety of asset classes. Further, within each asset class, the Adviser seeks to cause the Fund to have exposures to multiple underlying assets, geographic regions, economic sectors and maturities. The Adviser seeks to allocate the Fund's assets dynamically in response to supply and demand for risk transfer services in the global markets. With the exception of certain asset diversification tests under the Code, there is no stated limit on the percentage of assets the Fund can invest in a particular instrument or the percentage of assets the Fund will allocate to any one asset class, and at times the Fund may focus on a small number of instruments or asset classes.

#### **Additional Information on Derivatives Strategy.**

More detailed information about some of the derivative contracts the Fund may enter into is below.

*Options Generally.* Options are a type of derivative instrument through which option sellers assume conditional obligations to option buyers relating to the Underlying Reference.

Options positions are marked to market daily. The value of options is affected by changes in the Underlying Reference and the remaining time to the options' expiration, as well as trading conditions in the options market.

The Fund generally intends to sell call options that are out-of-the-money, meaning that option exercise prices generally will be higher than (1) the current level of the applicable Underlying Reference or (2) the market price of the applicable Underlying Reference at the time the options are written. The Fund generally intends to sell put options that are out-of-the-money (*i.e.*, the exercise price generally will be below the current level of the applicable Underlying Reference when the option is written) or at-the-money (*i.e.*, the exercise price generally will be the same as the current level of the applicable Underlying Reference when the option is written). The percentage of the Fund's portfolio value against

which call and put options are sold may vary over time. As noted above, the Fund may sell options that are substantially out-of-the-money and/or only slightly out-of-the-money; in certain circumstances, the Fund may also trade in-the-money options. Typically, in-the-money option transactions arise when the Adviser determines that the premium offered compensates reasonably for the risk assumed.

*Call Options.* A call option is a contract that entitles the purchaser to receive from the seller the Underlying Reference in exchange for a fixed price (the strike price of the call option) on or before the expiration date of the option or a cash payment (in the case of a cash-settled option contract) equal to the amount of any appreciation in the value of the Underlying Reference over the strike price as of the exercise date of the option. Upon entering into the position, a premium is paid by the purchaser to the seller. When an index call option is exercised, the seller is required to deliver an amount of cash determined by the excess, if any, of the value of the index at contract termination over the strike price of the option. When a physically-settled call option is exercised, the seller is required to deliver the underlying instrument. The Fund may write call options on an underlying instrument it does not own (*i.e.*, “naked” call options). If the option seller of a physically-settled call option does not own the underlying instrument, it may be required to purchase it to meet the delivery requirements of the contract and there can be no assurance that the instrument would be available to buy or available at a favorable price at that time.

*Put Options.* A put option is a contract that entitles the purchaser to receive from the seller a fixed price (the strike price of the put option) in exchange for the Underlying Reference on or before the expiration date of the option or a cash payment (in the case of a cash settled option contract) equal to the amount of any depreciation in the value of the Underlying Reference below a fixed price (the strike price of the put option) as of the exercise date of the option. Upon entering into the position, a premium is paid by the purchaser to the seller. When an index put option is exercised, the put option seller is required to deliver an amount of cash determined by the shortfall, if any, of the value of the Underlying Reference at contract termination below the strike price of the option. A physically-settled put option on an individual instrument is a contract that entitles the purchaser to sell the instrument at a fixed price (the strike price of the put option) on or before the exercise date of the option in exchange for the payment of an up-front premium by the purchaser to the seller. When a physically-settled put option is exercised, the put option seller is required to purchase the instrument. The Fund may write put options on an underlying instrument it is not short (*i.e.*, “naked” put options).

*Futures Contracts and Options on Futures Contracts.* The Fund may engage in transactions in futures contracts and options on futures contracts. Futures contracts are standardized, exchange-traded contracts that obligate a purchaser to take delivery, and a seller to make delivery, of a specific amount of an Underlying Reference at a specified future date at a specified price. A futures contract on an index is an agreement pursuant to which two parties agree to take or make delivery of an amount of cash equal to the difference between the value of the index at the close of the last trading day of the contract and the price at which the index contract originally was written. Although the value of an index might be a function of the value of certain specified securities or other instruments or values, physical delivery is not always made. The Fund also is authorized to purchase or sell call and put options on futures contracts.

*Swaps.* In a swap transaction, two parties generally agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realized on a particular predetermined Underlying Reference, which can be adjusted for an interest rate factor. The gross returns to be exchanged or “swapped” between the parties are generally calculated with respect to a “notional amount” (*i.e.*, the return on or increase in value of a particular dollar amount invested in a particular security or other asset or in a “basket” of securities representing a particular index). Other types of swap agreements may calculate the obligations of the parties to the agreement on a “net basis.” Consequently, a party’s current obligations (or rights) under a swap agreement will generally be equal only to the net amount to be paid or received under the

agreement based on the relative values of the positions held by each party to the agreement (the “net amount”). An equity swap is an agreement in which at least one party’s payments are based on the rate of return of an equity security or equity index. The other party’s payments can be based on a fixed rate, a non-equity variable rate or even a different equity index.

**Subsidiary.** Under an investment management agreement with the Subsidiary, the Adviser provides the Subsidiary with the same type of management services as the Adviser provides to the Fund in respect of the Fund’s exposure to commodity interests. To the extent the Adviser receives compensation for providing such services to the Subsidiary, the Adviser will not receive compensation from the Fund in respect of the assets of the Fund that are invested in the Subsidiary. The Fund does not currently intend to sell or transfer all or any portion of its ownership interest in the Subsidiary. The Fund reserves the right to establish an additional subsidiary or subsidiaries, subject to approval of the Board.

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

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

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

**Borrowing and Leverage.** The Fund may obtain leverage through borrowings in seeking to achieve its investment objective. The Fund’s borrowings may be on a secured or unsecured basis and at fixed or variable rates of interest. The 1940 Act requires a closed-end fund to have asset coverage of not less than 300% of the value of the outstanding amount of senior securities representing indebtedness (as defined in the 1940 Act) at the time that it issues senior securities. This means that the value of the Fund’s senior securities representing indebtedness may not exceed one-third of the value of its total assets (including such senior securities), measured at the time the Fund issues the senior securities. The Fund also may borrow money from banks or other lenders for temporary purposes in an amount not to exceed 5% of the Fund’s assets. Such temporary borrowings are not subject to the asset coverage requirements discussed above. Borrowing money involves transaction and interest costs. The Fund may pay a commitment fee or other fees to maintain a line of credit, and will pay interest on amounts it borrows.

In addition to any more stringent terms imposed by a lender, the 1940 Act generally requires a closed-end fund to make provision to prohibit the declaration of any dividend (except a dividend payable in stock of the fund) or distribution on the fund’s stock or the repurchase of any of the fund’s stock, unless, at the time of the declaration or repurchase, there is asset coverage of at least 300%, after deducting the amount of the dividend, distribution or purchase price, as the case may be.

In addition to borrowing money, the Fund may enter into reverse repurchase agreements, dollar rolls, derivatives and other transactions that can be viewed as forms of borrowings. To the extent required, if a transaction causes the Fund to have an obligation to another party it will either: (1) enter an offsetting (“covered”) position for the



same type of financial asset; (2) segregate cash or liquid securities with a value sufficient at all times to cover its potential obligations not covered; or (3) treat such obligation as a senior security under Section 18 of the 1940 Act. To the extent that such instruments are covered, they will not be considered “senior securities” under the 1940 Act and, therefore, will not be subject to the 300% asset coverage requirement otherwise applicable to senior securities issued by the Fund.

The Fund may enter into derivatives contracts with total notional value greater than the assets of the Fund. Notional value refers to the nominal or face amount that is used to calculate payments on a derivative contract and is distinguishable from the market value of a derivative contract, which reflects the outstanding obligation under the contract and is usually less than the notional value. This practice will generally be seen to create investment leverage for the Fund, which can have the effect of magnifying the Fund’s exposure to the swings in prices of an Underlying Reference and may also result in increased volatility in the Fund’s NAV because it could cause the Fund’s NAV to be more sensitive to changes in the value of the Underlying Reference. This means the Fund will have the potential for greater gains, as well as the potential for greater losses, than if the Fund does not use derivative instruments that have a leveraging effect. The value of an investment in the Fund will be more volatile and other risks tend to be compounded if and to the extent that the Fund is exposed to leverage directly or indirectly.

**Securities Lending.** The Fund may earn additional income from lending securities. The value of securities loaned may not exceed 33 1/3% of the value of the Fund’s total assets, which includes the value of collateral received. To the extent the Fund loans a portion of its securities, it will generally receive collateral consisting of cash or U.S. government securities. Collateral received will be marked to market daily and will generally be at least equal at all times to the value of the securities on loan. Subject to its stated investment policies, the Fund will generally invest cash collateral received for the loaned securities in securities of the U.S. Government or its agencies, repurchase agreements collateralized by securities of the U.S. Government or its agencies and unaffiliated registered and unregistered money market funds. For purposes of this paragraph, agencies include both agency debentures and agency mortgage backed securities.

**Portfolio Turnover.** The Fund’s portfolio turnover rate for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2018 was 4,595%. Portfolio turnover will not be a limiting factor should the Adviser deem it advisable to purchase or sell securities. A mutual fund with a high turnover rate (100% or more) may generate more capital gains, including short-term capital gains, which are taxable as ordinary income when distributed to shareholders, and pay more commissions (which may reduce return) than a fund with a lower rate. Capital gains distributions (which reduce the after-tax returns of shareholders holding Fund shares in taxable accounts) will be made to shareholders if offsetting capital loss carryforwards do not exist.

**Changes to the Fund’s Investment Policies.** The Fund’s investment objective and policies may be changed without shareholder approval unless an objective or policy is identified in the prospectus or in the Statement of Additional Information as “fundamental.”

**Temporary Defensive Positions.** During unusual market conditions, the Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash or cash equivalents temporarily, which may be inconsistent with its investment objective and other policies. The Fund might not use all of the strategies and techniques or invest in all of the types of securities described in this prospectus or the Statement of Additional Information. While at times the Fund may use alternative investment strategies in an effort to limit its losses, it may choose not to do so.

## RISK CONSIDERATIONS

*Investors should carefully consider the Fund’s risks and investment objective, as an investment in the Fund may not be appropriate for all investors and is not designed to be a complete investment program. An investment in the Fund involves a high degree of risk. It is possible that investing in the Fund may result in a loss of some or all of the amount invested. Before making an investment/allocation decision, investors should (i) consider the suitability of this investment with respect to an investor’s or a client’s investment objectives*

*and individual situation and (ii) consider factors such as an investor's or a client's net worth, income, age and risk tolerance. Investment should be avoided where an investor/client has a short-term investing horizon and/or cannot bear the loss of some or all of the investment.*

The Fund is subject to the principal risks described below, whether through the Fund's direct investments, investments by its Subsidiary or derivatives positions. As with any investment company, there is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its investment objective. You could lose all or part of your investment in the Fund, and the Fund could underperform other investments.

**Derivatives Risk.** The Fund may invest in a variety of derivatives, including put and call options, futures contracts, forward contracts, options on futures contracts, swaps, swaptions and other exchange-traded and OTC derivatives contracts. The use of derivatives involves risks that are in addition to, and potentially greater than, the risks of investing directly in securities and other more traditional assets. Derivatives are financial contracts the value of which depends on, or is derived from, the Underlying Reference. Derivatives involve the risk that changes in their value may not move as expected relative to changes in the value of the Underlying Reference they are designed to track. The Fund may invest in derivatives to generate income from premiums, for investment purposes and for hedging and risk management purposes. Derivatives risk may be more significant when derivatives are used to enhance return or as a substitute for a cash investment option, rather than solely to hedge the risk of a position held by the Fund. Certain of the Fund's derivative positions involve the risk that, if the volatility of the Underlying References is greater than expected, the Fund will bear losses to the extent of its obligations under the relevant derivative contracts, which may not be outweighed by the amount of any premiums received for the sale of such derivative instruments. See the Statement of Additional Information for additional information of the various types and uses of derivatives in the Fund's strategy.

OTC derivatives are not traded on exchanges or standardized; rather, banks and dealers act as principals in these markets negotiating each transaction on an individual basis. There have been periods during which certain banks or dealers have refused to quote prices for OTC derivatives contracts or have quoted prices with an unusually wide spread between the price at which they are prepared to buy and the price at which they are prepared to sell. There is no limitation on the daily price movements of OTC derivatives. Principals in the OTC derivatives markets have no obligation to continue to make markets in the OTC derivatives traded.

During periods of market disruptions or stress, the Fund may have a greater need for cash to provide collateral for large swings in its mark-to-market obligations under the derivatives in which it has invested.

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

The Fund's use of derivatives may not be effective or have the desired results. For example, the Fund may not be able to capture the variance risk premium to the extent that it makes an investment with respect to which the realized volatility of the Underlying Reference equals or exceeds the investment's implied volatility. This may happen when the value of the Underlying Reference moves in an unexpected direction or to an unanticipated degree. Moreover, suitable derivatives will not be available in all circumstances. The Adviser may decide not to use derivatives to hedge or otherwise reduce the Fund's risk exposures, potentially resulting in losses for the Fund.



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

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

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

*Options Risk.* A decision as to whether, when and how to use options involves the exercise of skill and judgment, and even a well-conceived and well-executed options program may be adversely affected by market behavior or unexpected events. Successful options strategies may require the anticipation of future movements in Underlying Reference prices, interest rates and other economic factors. No assurances can be given that the Adviser’s judgment in this respect will be correct. The Fund may be restricted in respect of the type of Underlying Reference assets that it is permitted to acquire or take delivery (for example, a physical commodity, such as corn), in the case of options that are not cash settled; these restrictions may affect the returns to the Fund.

The market price of written options will be affected by many factors, including changes in the market price of the Underlying Reference; changes in dividend rates, interest rates, exchange rates or other economic factors affecting the Underlying Reference or options markets generally, as applicable; changes in the realized or perceived volatility of the relevant market and Underlying Reference; and the time remaining before an option’s expiration.

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

The Fund’s options positions will be marked to market on each day that the Fund strikes its NAV. The Fund’s options transactions will be subject to limitations established by each of the exchanges, boards of trade or other trading facilities on which such options are traded. These limitations govern the maximum number of options in each class that may be written or purchased by a single investor or group of investors acting in concert, regardless of whether the options are written or purchased on the same or different exchanges, boards of trade or other trading facilities or are held or written in one or more accounts or through one or more brokers. Thus, the number of options that the Fund may sell or purchase may be affected by options sold or purchased by other investment advisory clients of the Adviser. An exchange, board of trade or other trading facility may order the liquidation of positions found to be in excess of these limits, and may impose certain other sanctions.

Options writing can cause the Fund’s share price to be highly volatile, and it may be subject to sudden and substantial losses.

*Call Option Risk.* When a single security, ETF, REIT, currency or commodity call option is exercised, the Fund will generally be required to deliver the Underlying Reference (unless the contract calls for cash settlement). Accordingly, potential losses on written covered call options can be equal to the appreciation of the Underlying Reference in excess of the option exercise price. In addition, the Fund continues to bear the risk of a decline in the value of the Underlying Reference. By writing covered call options on its portfolio assets, the Fund may be unable to sell the Underlying Reference until the option expires or is exercised and may be less likely to sell the Underlying Reference to take advantage of new investment opportunities. As a seller of single instrument call options, if the Fund does not own the Underlying Reference, it may be required to purchase the asset to meet the requirements of the contract. Thus, the exercise of call options sold by the Fund may require the Fund to sell portfolio assets to generate cash at inopportune times or for unattractive prices.

The purchaser of an index call option has the right to receive a cash payment equal to any appreciation in the value of the index over the strike price of the call option as of the valuation date of the option. Because their exercise is settled in cash, sellers of index call options such as the Fund cannot cover their potential settlement obligations by acquiring and holding the Underlying Reference. As the writer of index call options, the Fund will be responsible, during the option's life, for any increases in the value of the index above the strike price of the call option. When an index call option is exercised, the Fund will be required to deliver an amount of cash determined by the excess of the value of the index at contract termination over the strike price of the option. Accordingly, the Fund's potential losses on writing index call options are extensive.

When the Fund writes (sells) an option, it faces the risk that it will experience a loss if the option purchaser exercises the option sold by the Fund.

*Put Option Risk.* Put options on single securities, ETFs, REITS, currencies or commodities written by the Fund may be physically settled, requiring the Underlying Reference to be received by the Fund upon exercise of the option or, alternatively, may have cash settlement provisions. The Fund may be required to take delivery of an Underlying Reference that it does not want to have in its portfolio upon the exercise of the put option by the option buyer while paying a price for that instrument in excess of its current market price. Accordingly, losses on written put options can be substantial. While the risk of selling put options in a spread transaction may be mitigated by the Fund's purchase of offsetting options at a lower exercise price (thereby capping the maximum loss potential) there can be no assurance that offsetting options will be available to allow the Fund to close out its written options.

The purchaser of an index put option has the right to receive a cash payment equal to any depreciation in the value of the index below the strike price of the put option as of the valuation date of the option. Because their exercise is settled in cash, sellers of index put options such as the Fund cannot cover their potential settlement obligations by selling short the Underlying Reference. As the writer of index put options, the Fund will be responsible, during the option's life, for any decreases in the value of the index below the strike price of the put option. When an index put option is exercised, the Fund will be required to deliver an amount of cash determined by the excess of the strike price of the option over the value of the index at contract termination. Accordingly, the potential losses from writing index put options can be substantial.

*Options on Futures Risk.* The Fund may enter into options on futures contracts. An option on a futures contract gives the buyer, in return for the premium paid, the right (but not the obligation) to either buy or sell the underlying futures contract during a certain period of time for a fixed price. The writing of a put or call option on a futures contract involves risks similar to the risks applicable to the purchase or sale of futures contracts. However, the difficulty of predicting changes in the value of the underlying futures contract may expose the Fund to a somewhat different set of risks. For example, variations in speculative market demand for futures on the relevant Underlying Reference can cause the value of the

futures to change at an unanticipated time or to an unanticipated degree; this or other factors may bring the value of the underlying future closer to the option's strike price, increasing the potential for risk of loss to the Fund. To the extent that the Fund enters into options on futures contracts for hedging purposes, an imperfect correlation between this derivative position and the value of the instrument underlying such a position could lead to losses.

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

*Forwards Risk.* Forward contracts, including currency forwards, are subject to some of the same risks as futures described above. However, forwards are not traded on exchanges and are not standardized; rather, banks and dealers act as principals in these markets negotiating each transaction on an individual basis. Forwards are therefore subject to the risks associated with OTC derivatives generally. Disruptions can occur in the forward markets because of unusually high trading volume, political intervention or other factors. For example, the imposition of credit controls by governmental authorities might limit forward trading, to the possible detriment of the Fund.

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

In some ways, cleared swap arrangements are less favorable to funds than bilateral arrangements. For example, the Fund may be required to provide more margin for cleared swaps positions than for bilateral derivatives positions. Also, in contrast to a bilateral derivatives position, following a period of notice to the Fund, a clearing member generally can require termination of an existing cleared swap position at any time or an increase in margin requirements above the margin that the clearing member required at the beginning of a transaction. Clearinghouses also have broad rights to increase margin requirements for existing positions or to terminate those positions at any time. Any increase in margin requirements or termination of existing cleared derivatives positions by the clearing member or the clearinghouse could interfere with the ability of the Fund to pursue its investment strategy. Also, the Fund is subject to risk if it enters into a derivatives transaction that is required to be cleared (or that the Adviser expects to be cleared), and no clearing member is willing or able to clear the transaction on the

Fund's behalf. In those cases, the position might have to be terminated, and the Fund could lose some or all of the benefit of the position, including loss of an increase in the value of the position and loss of hedging protection. In addition, the documentation governing the relationship between the Fund and clearing members is drafted by the clearing members and generally is less favorable to the Fund than typical bilateral derivatives documentation.

Additionally, some types of cleared derivatives are required to be executed on an exchange or on a swap execution facility. A swap execution facility is a trading platform where multiple market participants can execute derivatives by accepting bids and offers made by multiple other participants in the platform. While this execution requirement is designed to increase transparency and liquidity in the cleared derivatives market, trading on a swap execution facility can create additional costs and risks for the Fund. For example, swap execution facilities typically charge fees, and if the Fund executes derivatives on a swap execution facility through a broker intermediary, the intermediary may impose fees as well. Also, the Fund may be required to indemnify a swap execution facility, or a broker intermediary who executes cleared derivatives on a swap execution facility on the Fund's behalf, against any losses or costs that may be incurred as a result of the Fund's transactions on the swap execution facility.

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

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

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

*Swaptions Risk.* The Fund also may enter into swaptions. A swaption is a contract that gives a counterparty the right (but not the obligation) to enter into a new swap agreement or to shorten, extend, cancel or otherwise modify an existing swap agreement, at some designated future time on specified terms. The Fund may write (sell) and purchase put and call swaptions. Depending on the terms of the particular option agreement, the Fund will generally incur a greater degree of risk when it writes a swaption than it will incur when it purchases a swaption. When the Fund purchases a swaption, it risks losing only the amount of the premium it has paid should it decide to let the option expire unexercised. However, when the Fund writes a swaption, it becomes obligated (if the option is exercised) according to the terms of the underlying agreement.

The Commission has proposed a new Rule 18f-4 (which, as of the date of this prospectus, has not been adopted) that would place limits on the notional amount of derivatives used by registered investment companies, such as the Fund. If the rule were to take effect in the form proposed, it would limit the ability of the Fund to invest in derivatives and could require the Fund to alter its investment strategy.

*Counterparty Risk.* The Fund's use of OTC derivatives exposes it to the risk that the counterparties will be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments or otherwise honor their obligations. An OTC derivatives contract typically can be closed only with the consent of the other party to the contract. If the counterparty defaults, the Fund will still have contractual remedies but may not be able to enforce them. The Fund may invest in derivatives with a limited number of counterparties, and events affecting the creditworthiness of any of those counterparties may have a pronounced effect on the Fund. Because the contract for each OTC derivative is individually negotiated, the counterparty may interpret contractual terms differently than the Fund and, if it does, the Fund may decide not to pursue its claims against the counterparty to avoid incurring the cost and unpredictability of legal proceedings. The Fund, therefore, may be unable to obtain payments the Adviser believes are owed to it under OTC derivatives contracts, or those payments may be delayed or made only after the Fund has incurred the costs of litigation.

The Fund may invest in derivatives that (i) do not require the counterparty to post collateral (e.g., foreign currency forwards), (ii) require a significant upfront deposit by the Fund unrelated to the derivative's intrinsic value or (iii) do not require that collateral be regularly marked-to-market. When a counterparty's obligations are not fully secured by collateral, the Fund runs the risk of having limited recourse if the counterparty defaults. Even when obligations are required by contract to be collateralized, the Fund often will not receive the collateral the day the collateral is required to be posted. Also, in the event of a counterparty's (or its affiliate's) insolvency, the possibility exists that the Fund's ability to exercise remedies, such as the termination of transactions, netting of obligations and realization on collateral, could be stayed or eliminated under new special resolution regimes adopted in the United States, the European Union and various other jurisdictions. Such regimes provide government authorities with broad authority to intervene when a financial institution is experiencing financial difficulty. In particular, the regulatory authorities could reduce, eliminate or convert to equity the liabilities to the Fund of a counterparty who is subject to such proceedings in the European Union (sometimes referred to as a "bail in").

*Margin Risk.* In connection with entering into certain types of derivatives transactions (e.g., options and futures), the Fund (directly or through its Subsidiary) may post margin directly to a broker or FCM, which will typically re-hypothecate that margin to a clearinghouse or another broker or FCM. Prior to re-hypothecation, margin so posted may be held in commingled accounts with margin from other clients of that broker or FCM. The margin maintained by these brokers and FCMs is not subject to the regulatory protections provided by bank custody arrangements commonly employed by investment companies. If margin posted to a broker or FCM is re-hypothecated, neither the Fund nor the broker or FCM, as applicable, will have possession of the margin. Margin posted by the Fund to a broker or FCM is exposed to the credit risk and fraud risk of that broker or FCM. There is generally no limit on the amount of margin that the Fund may post directly to a single broker or FCM or to all brokers and FCMs, and the Fund typically posts a significant portion of its assets in this manner. As a result, at any time the Fund may have substantial credit exposure to one or more brokers and/or FCMs. In the event of the insolvency or liquidation of a broker or FCM to whom the Fund has posted collateral, the Fund is likely to experience substantial delays in recovering its margin, or it may not be able to recover it at all. Any inability or unwillingness of a broker or FCM to meet its obligation to return margin to the Fund, including by reason of insolvency or liquidation, or any improper activity involving such broker or FCM would likely result in a substantial loss to the Fund. In some foreign (non-U.S.) markets, brokerage arrangements may provide significantly less protection than in the U.S., potentially exposing the Fund to credit and other risks that it does not have in the U.S.

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



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

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

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

**Illiquidity Risk.** To the extent consistent with the repurchase liquidity requirement of an interval fund, the Fund may invest without limitation in illiquid investments. Illiquidity risk is the risk that the investments held by the Fund may be difficult or impossible to sell at the time that the Fund would like without significantly changing the market value of the investment. There can be no assurance that a liquid market for the Fund's investments will be maintained. At any given time, the Fund's portfolio may be substantially illiquid.

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

**Leverage Risk.** The Fund may obtain financing to make investments (*i.e.*, to make additional portfolio investments) and may obtain leverage through derivative instruments that afford the Fund economic leverage. The Fund may also borrow to meet repurchase requests and to address cash flow timing mismatches. Therefore,

the Fund is subject to leverage risk. Leverage magnifies the Fund's exposure to declines in the value of one or more Underlying References or creates investment risk with respect to a larger pool of assets than the Fund would otherwise have and may be considered a speculative technique. The value of an investment in the Fund will be more volatile and other risks tend to be compounded if and to the extent that the Fund borrows or uses derivatives or other investments that have embedded leverage. Engaging in such transactions may cause the Fund to liquidate positions when it may not be advantageous to do so to satisfy its obligations or to meet segregation requirements.

The Fund's borrowings may be on a secured or unsecured basis and at fixed or variable rates of interest. Borrowing gives rise to interest expense and may require the Fund to pay other fees. Unless the rate of return, net of applicable Fund expenses, on the Fund's investments exceeds the costs to the Fund of the leverage it utilizes, the investment of the Fund's net assets attributable to leverage will generate less income than will be needed to pay the costs of the leverage to the Fund, resulting in a loss to the Fund, even if the rate of return on those assets is positive. The Fund's ability to obtain leverage through borrowings is dependent on its ability to establish and maintain an appropriate line of credit or other borrowing facility. Market conditions may unfavorably impact the Fund's ability to secure borrowings on favorable or commercially feasible terms.

**Principal Risks of the Underlying References.** The Fund is also subject to the principal risks of the asset classes noted below, whether through the Fund's (i) derivatives positions or other investments that provide exposure to the Underlying References, (ii) investments in ETFs, (iii) investments through its Subsidiary or (iv) direct investments.

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

*Larger Company Risk.* The equity securities of large-capitalization companies can perform differently from other segments of the equity market or the equity market as a whole. Companies with large capitalization tend to go in and out of favor based on market and economic conditions and, while they can be less volatile than companies with smaller market capitalizations, they may also be less flexible in evolving markets or unable to implement change as quickly as their smaller counterparts. Accordingly, the value of equity securities issued by large-capitalization companies may not rise to the same extent as the value of equity securities issued by small or mid-cap companies under certain market conditions or during certain periods.

*Smaller Company Risk.* The Fund may invest in small companies that are considered "mid-cap," "small-cap" or "micro-cap" companies. Securities of smaller companies are often less liquid than those of larger companies. This could make it difficult to sell a smaller company security at a desired time or price. In general, smaller companies are also more vulnerable than larger companies to adverse business or economic developments, and they may have more limited resources. As a result, prices of smaller company securities may fluctuate more than those of larger companies. Historically, securities of smaller companies have been more volatile in price than securities of larger companies.

*Preferred Securities Risk.* Preferred securities may pay fixed or adjustable rates of return. Preferred securities are subject to issuer-specific and market risks applicable generally to equity securities. In



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

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

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

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

*Credit Risk.* The value of a debt security depends on the issuer's credit quality or ability to pay principal and interest when due. The value of a debt security is likely to fall if an issuer or the guarantor of a security is unable or unwilling (or perceived to be unable or unwilling) to make timely principal and/or interest payments or otherwise to honor its obligations, or if the debt security's rating is downgraded. The obligations of issuers are subject to bankruptcy, insolvency and other laws affecting the rights and remedies of creditors. The value of a debt security can also decline in response to other changes in market, economic, industry, political and regulatory conditions that affect a particular type of debt security or issuer or debt securities generally. The values of many debt securities may fall in response to a general increase in investor risk aversion or a decline in the confidence of investors generally in the ability of issuers to meet their obligations.

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

Below investment grade investments may be subject to greater risks than other investments, including being subject to greater levels of risk related to changes in interest rates (in the case of debt securities), credit risk (including a greater risk of default) and illiquidity risk. The ability of the issuer to make principal and/or interest payments is predominantly speculative for below investment grade investments or unrated investments judged by the Adviser to have a similar quality. The Fund may also have exposure without limit in investments that are unrated and judged by the Adviser to be of below investment grade quality.

Analysis of the creditworthiness of issuers of below investment grade investments may be more complex than for issuers of higher-quality investments, and the Fund’s ability to achieve its investment objective may, to the extent the Fund has exposure to below investment grade investments, be more dependent upon the Portfolio Managers’ credit analysis than would be the case if the Fund had exposure to higher-quality investments. The issuers of these investments may be in default or have a currently identifiable vulnerability to default on their payments of principal and/or interest, or may otherwise present elements of danger with respect to payments of principal or interest. Below investment grade investments or unrated investments judged by the Adviser to be of comparable quality may be more susceptible to real or perceived adverse economic and competitive industry or business conditions than higher-grade investments. Yields on below investment grade investments will fluctuate and may, therefore, cause the Fund’s value to be more volatile. Certain investments of the Fund may be downgraded to below investment grade status (or may be judged by the Adviser to be of comparable quality) after the Fund purchases them.

*Convertible Securities Risk.* Convertible securities are subject to the risks applicable generally to debt securities, including credit risk. Convertible securities also react to changes in the value of the common stock into which they convert, and are thus subject to market risk. Because the value of a convertible security can be influenced by both interest rates and the common stock’s market movements, a convertible security generally is not as sensitive to interest rates as a similar debt security, and generally will not vary in value in response to other factors to the same extent as the underlying common stock. In the event of a liquidation of the issuing company, holders of convertible securities typically would be paid before the company’s common stockholders but after holders of any senior debt obligations of the company.

**Currency Risk.** The Fund’s Shares are priced in U.S. dollars and the distributions paid by the Fund are paid in U.S. dollars. However, a portion of the Fund’s assets may be denominated in foreign (non-U.S.) currencies and income received by the Fund from a portion of its investments may be paid in foreign currencies. Currency risk is the risk that fluctuations in exchange rates will adversely affect the market value of the Fund’s investments. Currency risk includes the risk that the foreign currencies in which the Fund’s investments are traded, in which the Fund receives income or in which the Fund has taken a position will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar. Currency risk also includes the risk that a currency to which the Fund has obtained exposure through hedging declines in value relative to the currency being hedged, in which event the Fund may realize a loss both on the hedging instrument and on the currency being hedged. There can be no assurances or guarantees that any efforts the Fund makes to hedge exposure to foreign exchange rate risks that arise as a result of its investments will successfully hedge against such risks or that adequate hedging arrangements will be available on an economically viable basis, and in some cases, hedging arrangements may result in additional costs being incurred

or losses being greater than if hedging had not been used. Currency exchange rates can fluctuate significantly for many reasons. Derivative transactions in foreign currencies (such as futures, forwards, options and swaps) may involve leverage risk in addition to currency risk.

In purchasing or selling local currency to fund trades denominated in that currency, the Fund will be exposed to the risk that the value of the foreign currency will increase or decrease, which may impact the value of the Fund's investments in foreign currencies, securities denominated in foreign currencies, derivatives that provide exposure to foreign currencies and the Fund's income available for distribution. Some countries have and may continue to adopt internal economic policies that affect their currency valuations in a manner that may be disadvantageous for U.S. investors or U.S. companies seeking to do business in those countries. For example, a foreign government may unilaterally devalue its currency against other currencies, which typically would have the effect of reducing the U.S. dollar value of investments denominated in that currency. In addition, a country may impose formal or informal currency exchange controls. These controls may restrict or prohibit the Fund's ability to repatriate both investment capital and income, which could undermine the value and liquidity of the Fund's portfolio holdings and potentially place the Fund's assets at risk of total loss. As a result, if the exchange rate for any such currency declines after the Fund's income has been earned and converted into U.S. dollars but before payment to shareholders, the Fund could be required to liquidate portfolio investments to make such distributions. Similarly, if the Fund incurs an expense in U.S. dollars and the exchange rate declines before the expense is paid, the Fund would have to convert a greater amount to U.S. dollars to pay for the expense at that time than it would have had to convert at the time the Fund incurred the expense.

**Commodities Risk.** The value of commodities instruments to which the Fund is exposed can be extremely volatile and may be adversely affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, currency fluctuations or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs and international economic, political and regulatory developments. No, or a limited, active trading market may exist for certain commodities investments, which may impair the ability to sell or to realize the full value of such investments in the event of the need to liquidate such investments. In addition, adverse market conditions may impair the liquidity of actively traded commodities investments. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to the commodities markets can cause the NAV of the Fund to decline or fluctuate in a rapid and unpredictable manner.

**Subsidiary Risk.** By investing through its Subsidiary, the Fund is exposed to the risks associated with the Subsidiary's investments. The commodity-linked investments that may be held by the Subsidiary are generally similar to those that are permitted to be held by the Fund and are subject to the same risks that apply to similar investments if held directly by the Fund. The Subsidiary is not registered as an investment company under the 1940 Act and is not subject to all of the investor protections of the 1940 Act, although the Subsidiary is managed pursuant to the compliance policies and procedures of the Fund applicable to it. Changes in the laws of the United States and/or the Cayman Islands could result in the inability of the Fund and/or the Subsidiary to operate as described in this prospectus and could adversely affect the Fund.

**Real Estate Risk.** The real-estate related investments to which the Fund is exposed are subject to risks including losses from casualty or condemnation, and changes in local and general economic conditions, supply and demand, interest rates, zoning laws, regulatory limitations on rents, property taxes and operating expenses. An investment in a real estate-linked derivative instrument that is linked to the value of a REIT or an ETF that invests in REITs is subject to additional risks, such as poor performance by the manager of the REIT, adverse changes to the tax laws or failure by the REIT to qualify for tax-free pass-through of income under the Code. In addition, some REITs have limited diversification because they invest in a limited number of properties, a narrow geographic area or a single type of property. Also, the organizational documents of a REIT may contain provisions that make changes in control of the REIT difficult and time-consuming. Finally, private REITs are not traded on a national securities exchange. As such, these products are generally illiquid. This reduces the ability of the Fund to redeem its investment early. Private REITs are also generally harder to value and may bear higher fees than public REITs.

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

**Volatility Risk.** The Fund's investment in volatility-linked derivative instruments is subject to the risk that the market value of a security or index will increase or decrease, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably, based upon changes in an issuer's financial condition and/or overall market and economic conditions. The effect of changes in volatility on the Fund is subject to the Adviser's ability to forecast volatility in an accurate and timely manner, which may depend on particular market conditions and other factors that are beyond the control of the Adviser. The Adviser's volatility forecasts may be incorrect, and the volatility-linked derivative contracts entered into by the Fund based on the Adviser's volatility forecasts may not achieve the intended effect.

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

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

Due to the Fund's options strategies, a substantial portion of the Fund's income potentially will consist of short-term capital gains. Distributions of the Fund's short-term capital gains are taxable to shareholders as ordinary income, will not constitute qualified dividend income and will not qualify for the dividends-received deduction. In addition, shareholders will not be able to offset distributions of the Fund's net short-term capital gains with capital losses that they recognize in respect of their other investments.

**Foreign Securities Risk.** Direct or indirect investments in securities of foreign issuers involve risks not ordinarily associated with exposure to securities and instruments of U.S. issuers. For example, foreign companies are not generally subject to uniform accounting, auditing and financial standards and requirements comparable to those applicable to U.S. companies. Foreign securities exchanges, brokers and companies may be subject to less government supervision and regulation than exists in the U.S. The Fund's exposure to foreign securities may be subject to withholding and other foreign taxes, which may adversely affect the net return on such investments. Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates and exchange controls may adversely affect the market value of the Fund's indirect and direct investments in foreign securities (see "Currency Risk" above). The Fund may not be able to pass through to its shareholders foreign income tax credits in respect of a portion of or all foreign income taxes it pays. There may be difficulty in obtaining or enforcing a court judgment abroad. The willingness and ability of foreign governmental entities to pay principal and interest on government securities depends on various economic factors, including the issuer's balance of payments, overall debt level and cash-flow considerations related to the availability of tax or other revenues to satisfy the issuer's obligations. If a foreign governmental entity defaults on its obligations on the securities, the holder of such securities may have limited recourse available to it. The laws of some foreign countries may limit the Fund's ability to gain exposure to securities of certain issuers located in those countries. In addition, it may be difficult to effect repatriation of

capital invested in certain countries. In addition, with respect to certain countries, there are risks of expropriation, confiscatory taxation, political or social instability or diplomatic developments that could affect the Fund's assets held in foreign countries. There may be less publicly available information about a foreign company than there is regarding a U.S. company. Foreign securities markets may have substantially less volume than U.S. securities markets and some foreign company securities are less liquid than securities of otherwise comparable U.S. companies. Foreign markets also have different clearance and settlement procedures that could cause the Fund to encounter difficulties in purchasing and selling securities on such markets and may result in the Fund missing attractive investment opportunities or experiencing a loss. In addition, a portfolio that includes exposure to securities issued by foreign issuers can expect to have a higher expense ratio because of the increased transaction costs in foreign markets and the increased costs of maintaining the custody of such foreign securities. Investing in foreign securities may result in the Fund experiencing more rapid and extreme changes in value than a fund that obtains exposure exclusively in securities of U.S. issuers.

ADRs, or American Depositary Receipts, are dollar-denominated depositary receipts issued generally by domestic banks and representing the deposit with the bank of a security of a foreign issuer, and are publicly traded on exchanges or over-the counter in the United States. Investing in these instruments exposes the Fund to credit risk with respect to the issuer of the ADR, in addition to the risks of the underlying foreign securities, such as changes in political or economic conditions of other countries and changes in the exchange rates of foreign currencies. The value of ADRs will rise and fall in response to the activities of the company that issued the securities represented by the depositary receipts, general market conditions and/or economic conditions. ADRs may be purchased through "sponsored" or "unsponsored" facilities. A sponsored facility is established jointly by the issuer of the underlying security and a depositary, whereas a depositary may establish an unsponsored facility without participation by the issuer of the depositary security. Holders of unsponsored ADRs generally bear all the costs of such ADRs, and the issuers of unsponsored ADRs frequently are under no obligation to distribute shareholder communications received from the company that issues the underlying foreign securities or to pass through voting rights to the holders of the ADRs. As a result, there may not be a correlation between such information and the market values of unsponsored ADRs.

**Emerging Markets Risk.** Obtaining exposure to emerging market securities and currencies entails all of the risks associated with foreign (non-U.S.) investments (see "Foreign Securities Risk"), but to a heightened degree. Compared to foreign developed markets, exposure to emerging markets may involve heightened volatility, greater political, regulatory, legal and economic uncertainties, less liquidity, dependence on particular commodities or international aid, high levels of inflation, greater custody risk and certain special risks associated with smaller companies. Additional risks of emerging market securities may include: greater political uncertainty and instability (including the risk of war or natural disaster); increased risk of nationalization, expropriation or other confiscation of assets of issuers to which the Fund is exposed; greater risk of default (by both government and private issuers); more substantial governmental involvement in the economy; less governmental supervision and regulation; differences in, or lack of, auditing and financial reporting standards, which may result in unavailability of material information about issuers; less developed legal systems; inability to purchase and sell investments or otherwise settle security or derivative transactions (*i.e.*, a market freeze); unavailability of currency hedging techniques; slower clearance and settlement; difficulties in obtaining and/or enforcing legal judgments; and significantly smaller market capitalizations of issuers. In addition, foreign investors, including the Fund, may be required to register the proceeds of sales and future economic or political crises could lead to price controls, forced mergers, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, seizure, nationalization or creation of government monopolies. Emerging market securities may be subject to currency transfer restrictions and may experience delays and disruptions in securities settlement procedures. Inflation and rapid fluctuations in inflation rates have had, and may continue to have, negative effects on the economies and securities markets of certain emerging market countries.

**ETF Risk.** The Fund may invest in the securities of ETFs, to the extent permitted by law, and may obtain exposure to ETFs through its derivative contracts. Direct or indirect investing in an ETF exposes the Fund to all of the risks of that ETF's investments. Index-based ETFs are designed to provide investment results that



generally correspond (on a direct basis or on a multiple, inverse or multiple inverse basis) to the price and yield performance of the component assets of the benchmark index. ETFs are listed on an exchange and trade in the secondary market on a per-share basis. The values of ETFs are subject to change as the values of their respective component assets fluctuate according to market volatility. Direct or indirect investments in ETFs may not exactly match the performance of a direct investment in the respective indices to which they are intended to correspond due to the temporary unavailability of certain index assets in the secondary market or other extraordinary circumstances, such as discrepancies with respect to the weighting of assets. Typically, the ETF bears its own operational expenses, which are deducted from its assets. To the extent that the Fund invests in ETFs, the Fund must bear these expenses in addition to the expenses of its own operation. As a result, the cost of investing in ETF shares may exceed the costs of investing directly in its underlying investments. ETF shares trade on an exchange at a market price which may vary from the ETF's net asset value. The Fund may purchase ETFs at prices that exceed the net asset value of their underlying investments and may sell ETF investments at prices below such net asset value, particularly during periods of market stress. ETFs typically rely on a limited pool of authorized participants to create and redeem shares, and an active trading market for ETF shares may not develop or be maintained. Because the market price of ETF shares depends on the demand in the market for them, the market price of an ETF may be more volatile than the underlying portfolio of securities the ETF is designed to track, and the Fund may not be able to liquidate ETF holdings at the time and price desired, which may impact Fund performance. As a result of mathematical compounding and because most leveraged and inverse ETFs have a single day investment objective to track the performance of an index or a multiple thereof, the performance of such ETFs for periods greater than a single day is likely to be either greater than or less than the index performance, before accounting for the ETF's fees and expenses. Compounding will cause longer term results to vary from the return of the index for leveraged and inverse ETFs, particularly during periods of higher index volatility.

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

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

**Foreign Government Obligations and Securities of Supranational Entities Risk.** Exposure to foreign government obligations and the sovereign debt of emerging market countries makes the Fund vulnerable to the direct or indirect consequences of political, social or economic changes in the countries that issue the securities or in which the issuers are located. The ability and willingness of sovereign obligors in emerging market



countries or the governmental authorities that control repayment of their debt to pay principal and interest on such debt when due may depend on general economic and political conditions within the relevant country. Certain countries in which the Fund may have investment exposure have historically experienced, and may continue to experience, high rates of inflation, high interest rates and extreme poverty and unemployment. Some of these countries are also characterized by political uncertainty or instability. Additional factors that may influence the ability or willingness of a foreign government or country to service debt include a country's cash flow situation, the availability of sufficient foreign exchange on the date a payment is due, the relative size of its debt service burden to the economy as a whole and its government's policy towards the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and other international agencies. The ability of a foreign sovereign obligor to make timely payments on its external debt obligations also will be strongly influenced by the obligor's balance of payments, including export performance, its access to international credits and investments, fluctuations in interest rates and the extent of its foreign reserves. A governmental obligor may default on its obligations. Some sovereign obligors in emerging market countries have been among the world's largest debtors to commercial banks, other governments, international financial organizations and other financial institutions. These obligors, in the past, have experienced substantial difficulties in servicing their external debt obligations, which led to defaults on certain obligations and the restructuring of certain indebtedness.

**Securities Lending Risk.** As with other extensions of credit, there are risks of delay and costs involved in recovery of securities or even loss of rights in the securities loaned or in the collateral if the borrower of the securities fails to return the securities in a timely manner or at all, or fails financially. These delays and costs could be greater with respect to foreign securities. The Fund may pay lending fees to the party arranging the Fund's securities loans. Securities lending collateral may be invested in liquid, short-term investments, such as money market funds, managed by third party advisers or banks. The Fund bears the risk of investments made with the cash collateral received by the Fund in securities lending transactions. Investments of cash collateral may depreciate and/or become illiquid, although the Fund remains obligated to return the collateral amount to the borrower upon termination or maturity of the securities loan and may realize losses on the collateral investments and/or be required to liquidate other portfolio assets in order to satisfy its obligations.

**Focused Investment Risk.** To the extent that the Fund focuses its exposures in asset classes, sectors, industries, countries, regions, companies or issuers that are subject to the same or similar risks, the Fund will be subject to greater overall risk than if the Fund's exposures were less focused. To the extent the Fund focuses its exposures in a specific asset class, sector or industry, it will be exposed to events affecting that asset class, sector or industry. Asset classes, sectors, industries, companies or issuers with similar characteristics are often subject to many of the same risks and/or regulatory regimes and often respond in a similar manner to particular economic, market, political or other development. Similarly, to the extent the Fund has exposure to a significant extent in investments tied economically to a specific geographic region, country or a particular market, it will have more exposure to regional and country economic risks than it would if it had more geographically diverse investments.

**Repurchase Offers Risk.** As described under "Periodic Repurchase Offers" below, the Fund is an "interval fund." In order to provide liquidity to shareholders, the Fund, subject to applicable law, conducts quarterly repurchase offers of the Fund's outstanding Shares at NAV subject to approval of the Board. In all cases such repurchases will be for at least 5% and not more than 25%, and are currently expected to be for 10%, of its outstanding Shares at NAV, pursuant to Rule 23c-3 under the 1940 Act. The Fund believes that these repurchase offers are generally beneficial to the Fund's shareholders, and repurchases generally will be funded from available cash or sales of portfolio securities. However, repurchase offers and the need to fund repurchase obligations may affect the ability of the Fund to be fully invested or may force the Fund to maintain a higher percentage of its assets in liquid investments, which may harm the Fund's investment performance. Moreover, diminution in the size of the Fund through repurchases may result in untimely sales of portfolio securities (with associated imputed transaction costs, which may be significant), and may limit the ability of the Fund to participate in new investment opportunities or to achieve its investment objective. If the Fund employed investment leverage, repurchases of Shares would compound the adverse effects of leverage in a declining market. In addition, if the Fund borrows money to finance repurchases, interest on that borrowing will negatively

affect shareholders who do not tender their Shares by increasing the Fund's expenses and reducing any net investment income. If a repurchase offer is oversubscribed, the Fund will repurchase the Shares tendered on a pro rata basis, and shareholders will have to wait until the next repurchase offer to make another repurchase request. As a result, shareholders may be unable to liquidate all or a given percentage of their investment in the Fund during a particular repurchase offer. Some shareholders, in anticipation of proration, may tender more Shares than they wish to have repurchased in a particular quarter, thereby increasing the likelihood that proration will occur. A shareholder may be subject to market and other risks, and the NAV of Shares tendered in a repurchase offer may decline between the Repurchase Request Deadline and the date on which the NAV for tendered Shares is determined. In addition, the repurchase of Shares by the Fund may be a taxable event to shareholders.

**Portfolio Turnover.** A change in the securities held by the Fund is known as "portfolio turnover." The Fund engages in active and frequent trading to try to achieve its investment objective and expects to typically have a portfolio turnover rate significantly over 100% annually. If the Fund realizes capital gains when it sells investments, it generally must pay those gains to shareholders, increasing its taxable distributions, including distributions of short-term capital gain, which are taxable as ordinary income to shareholders. Increased portfolio turnover may also result in higher brokerage fees or other transaction costs, which can reduce the Fund's performance. Portfolio turnover will not be a limiting factor should the Adviser deem it advisable to purchase or sell securities.

### **Other Risks of Investment in the Fund**

**Short Sale Risk.** Short sales are transactions in which the Fund sells an asset it does not own to a third party by paying a premium to borrow the asset in anticipation of purchasing the same asset at the market price on a later date to close out the short position. The Fund may incur a loss if the market price of the asset underlying the short sale increases between the date of the short sale and the date on which the Fund must replace the borrowed asset or otherwise close out the transaction and such loss may exceed the initial investment. Under adverse market conditions, the Fund may have difficulty purchasing an asset to meet its short sale delivery obligations, and may have to sell portfolio assets to raise sufficient capital to fulfill its short sale obligations at a disadvantageous time. Entering into short sales where the Fund does not own the underlying asset creates a form of investment leverage, which can magnify the Fund's exposure to changes in the value of the asset. Because the Fund may enter into short sales with respect to assets that it does not already own, the loss to the Fund from a short sale is theoretically unlimited, as the potential increase in the market price of the asset is unlimited. The amount of any gain will be decreased, and the amount of any loss increased, by the amount of the premium, dividends, interest or expenses the Fund may be required to pay in connection with a short sale. There can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to close out a short sales position at an advantageous time or price. To the extent that the Fund enters into short sales for hedging purposes, there can be no guarantee that the investment will be effective; any lack of correlation between the assets used in the short position and the exposure the Fund sought to hedge could result in losses.

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

**Temporary Defensive and Interim Investments.** For temporary defensive purposes in times of adverse or unstable market, economic or political conditions, the Fund can invest up to 100% of its assets in investments that may be inconsistent with its principal investment strategy. Generally, the Fund would invest in money market instruments or in other short-term U.S. or foreign government securities. The Fund might also hold these types of securities as interim investments pending the investment of proceeds from the sale of its Shares or the sale of its portfolio securities or to meet anticipated repurchases of its Shares. To the extent the Fund invests in these securities, it might not achieve its investment objective.

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

**Reporting Requirements.** Shareholders who beneficially own Shares that constitute more than 5% of the Fund’s Shares may be subject to certain requirements under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules promulgated thereunder. These may include requirements to file certain reports with the Commission. The Fund has no obligation to file such reports on behalf of such shareholders or to notify shareholders that such reports are required to be made. Shareholders who may be subject to such requirements should consult with their legal advisers.

**Anti-Takeover Provisions.** The Fund’s Declaration of Trust, together with any amendments thereto, includes provisions that could limit the ability of other entities or persons to acquire control of the Fund or convert the Fund to open-end status.

## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

### Board of Trustees

The Board oversees the conduct of the Fund’s affairs and the Adviser’s management of the Fund.

### The Adviser

Stone Ridge acts as the Fund’s investment manager under an Investment Management Agreement (the “Management Agreement”). Stone Ridge’s principal office is located at 510 Madison Avenue, 21st Floor, New York, New York 10022. As of December 31, 2018, Stone Ridge’s assets under management were approximately \$16 billion. Stone Ridge is a Delaware limited liability company and is controlled by Stone Ridge Holdings Group LP, a holding company for the Adviser and its affiliates.

Under the general oversight of the Board, Stone Ridge has been engaged to carry out the investment and reinvestment of the assets of the Fund, furnish continuously an investment program with respect to the Fund, determine which investments should be purchased, sold or exchanged and implement such determinations by causing the Fund to make investments directly or through its Subsidiary. Stone Ridge compensates all Trustees and officers of the Fund who are members of Stone Ridge’s organization and who render investment services to the Fund. The Fund has agreed to pay Stone Ridge as compensation under the Management Agreement a fee in the amount of 2.00% of the average daily net assets of the Fund. Separately from the contractual expense limitation referenced under “Fund Expenses” above, Stone Ridge may voluntarily reimburse any fees and expenses of the Fund but is under no obligation to do so. Any such voluntary reimbursements may be terminated at any time.

A discussion regarding the considerations of the Fund’s Board for approving the Management Agreement was included in the Fund’s Annual Report for the period ended October 31, 2018.

Pursuant to the Management Agreement, Stone Ridge agrees to manage the investment and reinvestment of the Fund’s assets, determine what investments will be purchased, held, sold or exchanged by the Fund and what portion, if any, of the assets of the Fund will be held uninvested and continuously review, supervise and administer the investment program of the Fund. Stone Ridge bears its own operating and overhead expenses attributable to its duties under the Management Agreement (such as salaries, bonuses, rent, office and administrative expenses, depreciation and amortization and auditing expenses), except that the Fund bears travel expenses (or an appropriate portion thereof) of Trustees or Fund officers who are partners, directors, trustees or employees of Stone Ridge to the extent that such expenses relate to attendance at meetings of the Board or any

committees thereof or advisers thereto, and the Fund bears all or a portion of the expenses related to the Fund's chief compliance officer, as may be approved by the Board from time to time. To the extent the Adviser receives advisory fees from the Subsidiary, the Adviser will not receive compensation from the Fund in respect of the assets of the Fund that are invested in the Subsidiary.

The Fund bears all other costs of its operations, including, without limitation, the compensation of the Independent Trustees; ordinary administrative and operating expenses, including the management fee and all expenses associated with the pricing of Fund assets; risk management expenses; ordinary and recurring investment expenses, including all fees and expenses directly related to portfolio transactions and positions for the Fund's account (including brokerage, clearing and settlement costs), custodial costs and interest charges; professional fees (including, without limitation, expenses of consultants, experts and specialists); fees and expenses in connection with repurchase offers and any repurchases of Fund Shares; legal expenses (including legal and other out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the organization of the Fund and the offering of its shares); accounting and auditing expenses incurred in preparing, printing and delivering all reports (including such expenses incurred in connection with any Fund document) and tax information for shareholders and regulatory authorities and all filing costs, fees, travel expenses and any other expenses directly related to the investment of the Fund's assets. The Fund pays any extraordinary expenses it may incur, including any litigation expenses.

### **Portfolio Managers**

Erik Buischi, Daniel Fleder and Ross Stevens are the Portfolio Managers of the Fund. Mr. Stevens has been a Portfolio Manager of the Fund since inception. Mr. Fleder has been a Portfolio Manager of the Fund since January 2016. Mr. Buischi has been a Portfolio Manager of the Fund since January 2018. Each of the Portfolio Managers also is a portfolio manager of other registered investment companies, including mutual funds.

***Erik Buischi.*** Erik Buischi, Portfolio Manager of the Fund, is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund and its investments jointly with Mr. Fleder and Mr. Stevens. Prior to joining Stone Ridge in 2015, Mr. Buischi was a trader at Goldman Sachs from 2012 to 2015. Mr. Buischi received his BS in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania (Wharton).

***Daniel Fleder.*** Daniel Fleder, Portfolio Manager of the Fund, is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund and its investments jointly with Mr. Buischi and Mr. Stevens. Prior to joining Stone Ridge in 2016, Mr. Fleder was the Head of Risk Management and Chief of Staff for Operations for GETCO/KCG, an automated market maker, from 2010 to 2015. Mr. Fleder received his PhD in Operations Research and MS in Statistics from the University of Pennsylvania (Wharton) and BSE in Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania (Engineering School).

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

### **Additional Information Regarding the Adviser and Portfolio Managers**

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

## **Control Persons**

A control person is a person who beneficially owns more than 25% of the voting securities of a company. As of January 31, 2019, the Fund did not know of any persons or entity who “controlled” the Fund.

## **The Fund’s Service Providers**

**Custodian.** U.S. Bank NA, located at 1555 N. Rivercenter Drive, Suite 302, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212, is the Fund’s custodian.

**Transfer Agent.** U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, located at 615 East Michigan Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, is the Fund’s transfer agent and dividend disbursing agent.

**Administrator.** U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC (the “Administrator”), located at 615 East Michigan Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, is the Fund’s administrator and accounting agent, performing general administrative tasks for the Fund, including, but not limited to, keeping financial books and records of the Fund. The Fund compensates the Administrator at rates that are determined based on the aggregate net assets of the funds in the Stone Ridge fund complex, with each fund paying a pro rata portion of the fee allocated on the basis of the funds’ net assets.

**Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.** Ernst & Young, LLP, 220 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402, serves as the Fund’s Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, and is registered with, and subject to regular inspection by, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

**Legal Counsel.** Ropes & Gray LLP, located at 800 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts, acts as legal counsel to the Fund.

## **Distributions**

The Fund intends to declare and pay dividends from net investment income and net realized capital gains at least annually, although the Fund may declare and pay dividends more frequently (*e.g.*, quarterly). The Fund intends to distribute substantially all net investment income to shareholders at least once a year. Unless shareholders specify otherwise, dividends will be reinvested in Shares of the Fund. The Fund may pay distributions from sources that may not be available in the future and that are unrelated to the Fund’s performance, such as from offering proceeds.

## **SHAREHOLDER GUIDE**

### **HOW TO BUY SHARES**

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

Shares generally are available for investment only by clients of registered investment advisers and a limited number of certain other Eligible Investors. Certain investors may purchase Shares directly from the Fund by first contacting the Adviser at (855) 609-3680 to notify the Adviser of the proposed investment. Once notification has occurred, if approved, the investor will be directed to the Fund’s Transfer Agent to complete the purchase transaction.



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

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

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

Shares are offered to the following groups of investors ("Eligible Investors"):

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

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

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

### **Investment Minimums**

The minimum initial account size is \$15 million. This minimum investment requirement may be modified or reduced. For eligibility groups 3, 4 and 5 described above under "How to Buy Shares," there is no minimum investment requirement.

### **Other Policies**

**No Share Certificates.** The issuance of Shares is recorded electronically on the books of the Fund. You will receive a confirmation of, or account statement reflecting, each new transaction in your account, which will also show the total number of Shares of the Fund you own. You can rely on these statements in lieu of certificates. The Fund does not issue certificates representing Shares of the Fund.

**Involuntary Redemptions.** The Fund reserves the right to redeem an account if the value of the Shares is \$1,000 or less for any reason, including market fluctuations. Before the Fund redeems such Shares and sends the



proceeds to the shareholder, it will notify the shareholder that the value of the Shares in the account is less than the minimum amount and will allow the shareholder 60 days to make an additional investment in an amount that will increase the value of the account(s) to the minimum amount specified above before the redemption is processed. As a sale of your Fund Shares, the redemption may have tax consequences.

In addition, the Fund reserves the right under certain circumstances to redeem all or a portion of an account, without consent or other action by the shareholder.

### **Customer Identification Program**

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

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

If the identity of a customer cannot be verified, the account will be rejected or the customer will not be allowed to perform a transaction on the account until the customer's identity is verified. The Fund may also reserve the right to close the account within 5 business days if clarifying information/documentation is not received.

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

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

### **Fund Closings; Priority**

The Fund may close at any time to new investments and, during such closings, only the reinvestment of dividends by existing shareholders will be permitted. The Fund may re-open to new investment and subsequently close again to new investment at any time at the discretion of the Adviser. During the time the Fund is closed to new investments, Fund shareholders will continue to be able to participate in periodic repurchase offers, as described below.

The Fund is made available for investment on a priority basis to a group of investors (the "Consortium") who have participated in educational sessions regarding the Fund its investment strategy. If capacity allows, once orders are fulfilled for the Consortium, the Fund is then made available for investment by other investors. If the Fund closes to new investments, the Fund may also prioritize and allocate capacity to the Consortium upon any subsequent re-opening of the Fund. The Consortium members do not have any special rights to offering price, dividends or liquidation. The Consortium consists of a selected group of registered investment advisers who have discretionary authority to invest on their clients' behalf and a fiduciary duty to their clients, and with whom the Adviser has a previous relationship. Members of the Consortium and their clients are not obligated to invest in the Fund.

## PERIODIC REPURCHASE OFFERS

The Fund is a closed-end interval fund and, to provide liquidity and the ability to receive NAV on a disposition of at least a portion of your Shares, makes periodic offers to repurchase Shares. Except as permitted by the Fund's interval structure, no shareholder has the right to require the Fund to repurchase its Shares. No public market for Shares exists, and none is expected to develop in the future. Consequently, shareholders generally are not able to liquidate their investment other than as a result of repurchases of their Shares by the Fund.

The Fund has adopted, pursuant to Rule 23c-3 under the 1940 Act, a fundamental policy, which cannot be changed without shareholder approval, requiring the Fund to offer to repurchase at least 5% and up to 25% of its Shares at NAV on a regular schedule. Although the policy permits repurchases of between 5% and 25% of the Fund's outstanding Shares, for each quarterly repurchase offer, the Fund currently expects to offer to repurchase 10% of the Fund's outstanding Shares at NAV subject to approval of the Board. The schedule requires the Fund to make repurchase offers every three months.

### Repurchase Process

The Fund makes quarterly repurchase offers in the months of March, June, September and December. Upon the commencement of a repurchase offer (which the Fund expects to commence approximately mid-month in each of the foregoing months), the Fund will send written notice to each shareholder setting forth, among other things:

- The percentage of outstanding Shares that the Fund is offering to repurchase and how the Fund will purchase Shares on a pro rata basis if the offer is oversubscribed,
- The Repurchase Request Deadline and the Repurchase Pricing Date (see below),
- The date by which the Fund will pay to shareholders the proceeds from their Shares accepted for repurchase,
- The NAV of the Shares as of a date no more than seven days before the date of the written notice and the means by which shareholders may ascertain the NAV,
- The procedures by which shareholders may tender their Shares and the right of shareholders to withdraw or modify their tenders before the Repurchase Request Deadline and
- The circumstances in which the Fund may suspend or postpone the repurchase offer.

This notice may be included in a shareholder report or other Fund document.

The repurchase request deadline, which is the date by which shareholders wishing to tender Shares for repurchase must respond to the repurchase offer (the "Repurchase Request Deadline"), will be approximately 21 days after the commencement of the applicable repurchase offer. **The Repurchase Request Deadline will be strictly observed.** If a shareholder fails to submit a repurchase request in good order by the Repurchase Request Deadline, the shareholder will be unable to liquidate Shares until a subsequent repurchase offer, and will have to resubmit a request in the next repurchase offer. Shareholders may withdraw or change a repurchase request with a proper instruction submitted in good form at any point before the Repurchase Request Deadline.

The Fund anticipates that the repurchase pricing date, the date on which the repurchase price for Shares is determined (the "Repurchase Pricing Date"), will ordinarily be the same day as the Repurchase Request Deadline, but in no event will be (i) prior to the close of business on the day of the Repurchase Request Deadline or (ii) more than 14 days after the Repurchase Request Deadline (or the next business day, if the 14th day is not a business day).

The Fund typically distributes payment to shareholders between one and three business days after the Repurchase Pricing Date and will distribute such payment no later than seven (7) calendar days after such date (the "Repurchase Payment Deadline"). The Fund's NAV per share may change materially between the date a

repurchase offer is mailed and the Repurchase Request Deadline, and it may also change materially between the Repurchase Request Deadline and the Repurchase Pricing Date (if they are different dates) or between the Repurchase Pricing Date and Repurchase Payment Deadline. The method by which the Fund calculates NAV is discussed below under “Determination of Net Asset Value.” During the period an offer to repurchase is open, shareholders may obtain the current NAV by calling the Fund’s Transfer Agent at (855) 609-3680.

The Fund does not currently charge a repurchase fee.

### **Suspension or Postponement of Repurchase Offers**

The Fund may suspend or postpone a repurchase offer in limited circumstances set forth in Rule 23c-3 under the 1940 Act, as described below, but only with the approval of a majority of the Trustees, including a majority of Trustees who are not “interested persons” of the Fund, as defined in the 1940 Act.

The Fund may suspend or postpone a repurchase offer only: (1) if making or effecting the repurchase offer would cause the Fund to lose its status as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of Chapter 1 of the Code; (2) for any period during which the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) or any other market in which the securities owned by the Fund are principally traded is closed, other than customary weekend and holiday closings, or during which trading in such market is restricted; (3) for any period during which an emergency exists as a result of which disposal by the Fund of securities owned by it is not reasonably practicable, or during which it is not reasonably practicable for the Fund fairly to determine the value of its net assets; or (4) for such other periods as the Commission may by order permit for the protection of shareholders of the Fund.

### **Oversubscribed Repurchase Offers**

There is no minimum number of Shares that must be tendered before the Fund will honor repurchase requests. However, the Fund’s Trustees set for each repurchase offer a maximum percentage of Shares that may be repurchased by the Fund. In the event a repurchase offer by the Fund is oversubscribed, the Fund may repurchase, but is not required to repurchase, additional Shares up to a maximum amount of 2% of the outstanding Shares of the Fund. If the Fund determines not to repurchase additional Shares beyond the repurchase offer amount, or if shareholders tender an amount of Shares greater than that which the Fund is entitled to repurchase, the Fund will repurchase the Shares tendered on a pro rata basis.

If any Shares that you wish to tender to the Fund are not repurchased because of proration, you will have to wait until the next repurchase offer and resubmit a new repurchase request, and your repurchase request will not be given any priority over other shareholders’ requests. Thus, there is a risk that the Fund may not purchase all of the Shares you wish to have repurchased in a given repurchase offer or in any subsequent repurchase offer. In anticipation of the possibility of proration, some shareholders may tender more Shares than they wish to have repurchased in a particular quarter, increasing the likelihood of proration.

**There is no assurance that you will be able to tender your Shares when or in the amount that you desire.**

### **Consequences of Repurchase Offers**

From the time the Fund distributes or publishes each repurchase offer notification until the Repurchase Pricing Date for that offer, the Fund must maintain liquid assets at least equal to the percentage of its Shares subject to the repurchase offer. For this purpose, “liquid assets” means assets that may be sold or otherwise disposed of in the ordinary course of business, at approximately the price at which the Fund values them, within the period between the Repurchase Request Deadline and the Repurchase Payment Deadline, or which mature by the Repurchase Payment Deadline. The Fund is also permitted to borrow up to the maximum extent permitted under the 1940 Act to fund Share repurchases.

If the Fund borrows money to finance repurchases, interest on that borrowing will negatively affect shareholders who do not tender their Shares by increasing the Fund's expenses and reducing any net investment income. There is no assurance that the Fund will be able to sell a significant amount of additional Shares so as to mitigate these effects.

These and other possible risks associated with the Fund's repurchase offers are described under "Principal Risks of Investment in the Fund — Repurchase Offers Risk" above. In addition, the repurchase of Shares by the Fund will be a taxable event to shareholders, potentially even to those shareholders that do not participate in the repurchase. For a discussion of these tax consequences, see "Distributions and Federal Income Tax Matters" below and "Tax Status" in the Statement of Additional Information.

## **DISTRIBUTION AND SERVICING ARRANGEMENTS**

ALPS Distributors, Inc., located at 1290 Broadway, Suite 1100, Denver, Colorado 80203 (the "Distributor"), is the principal underwriter and distributor of Shares of the Fund. The Distributor acts as the distributor of Shares for the Fund on a best efforts basis, subject to various conditions, pursuant to the terms of its contract with the Fund. The Distributor is not obligated to sell any specific amount of Shares of the Fund, or to buy any of the Shares. Shares of the Fund are continuously offered through the Distributor, as the exclusive distributor. The Distributor also acts as agent for the Fund in connection with repurchases of Shares. The Fund has agreed to indemnify the Distributor and its affiliates against certain liabilities, including certain liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("1933 Act"), and the 1940 Act. The Distributor has agreed to indemnify the Fund, the Adviser and each Trustee against certain liabilities arising from the Distributor's willful misfeasance, bad faith, negligence or reckless disregard in the performance of its duties, obligations or responsibilities under the distribution agreement.

No market currently exists for the Fund's Shares. The Fund's Shares are not listed, and the Fund does not currently intend to list its Shares, for trading on any national securities exchange. There is currently no secondary market for the Fund's Shares, and the Fund does not expect a secondary market in its Shares to develop. Neither the Adviser nor the Distributor intends to make a market in the Fund's Shares.

Financial intermediaries may provide varying investment products, programs, platforms and accounts through which investors may purchase and sell Shares. The Fund pays fees to compensate such financial intermediaries in connection with (i) personal and account maintenance services rendered to Fund shareholders, including but not limited to electronic processing of client orders, electronic fund transfers between clients and the Fund, account reconciliations with the Fund's Transfer Agent, facilitation of electronic delivery to clients of Fund documentation, monitoring client accounts for back-up withholding and any other special tax reporting obligations, maintenance of books and records with respect to the foregoing, and such other information and liaison services as the Fund or the Adviser may reasonably request (fees for such services, "servicing fees") and/or (ii) activities or expenses primarily intended to result in the sale of Shares (fees for such services, if any, "distribution fees"). The Fund does not believe that any portion of fees currently paid to financial intermediaries are distribution fees.

Servicing fees and distribution fees may be paid pursuant to a Distribution and Servicing Plan adopted by the Fund at the maximum annual rate of 0.05% and servicing fees may be paid pursuant to a Services Agreement between the Fund and the Adviser, under which the Fund has appointed the Adviser as "servicing agent" to compensate financial intermediaries, at an annual rate of 0.05%, in each case calculated as a percentage of the Fund's average daily net assets. These fees are paid out of the Fund's assets on an ongoing basis and may be administered or facilitated by the Distributor. Intermediaries generally receive payments pursuant to both the Distribution and Servicing Plan and the Services Agreement. The Adviser performs certain services and incurs certain expenses through its employees who are registered representatives of a broker-dealer with respect to the promotion of the Fund's Shares and the Adviser also performs certain services in connection with the servicing of shareholders. If amounts remain from the servicing fees and/or distribution fees after the intermediaries have been paid, such amounts may be used to compensate the Adviser for the services it provides and for the expenses

it bears. The Distributor does not retain any portion of any servicing fees or distribution fees. To the extent that there are expenses associated with shareholder services that exceed the amounts payable pursuant to the Services Agreement or the Distribution and Servicing Plan, the Fund will bear such expenses.

#### DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

The NAV per share of the Fund's Shares is determined by dividing the total value of the Fund's portfolio investments, cash and other assets, less any liabilities (including accrued expenses or dividends), by the total number of Shares outstanding. The Fund's Shares are valued as of a particular time (the "Valuation Time") on the last day of each week and last day of each month (if different) that the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") opens for business.<sup>1</sup> During any period when the Fund is offering its Shares, it is the current intention of the Fund that the NAV per share of the Shares shall be computed no less frequently than once daily, Monday through Friday, as of the Valuation Time, except on days on which the NYSE does not open for business; *provided*, that the Fund reserves the right to calculate the net asset value more or less frequently if deemed desirable, subject to the requirements of Rule 23c-3. The Valuation Time is ordinarily at the close of regular trading on the NYSE (normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time). Current net asset values per share of the Fund may be obtained by contacting the Transfer Agent by telephone at (855) 609-3680.

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

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

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

Short-term debt instruments, such as commercial paper, bankers' acceptances and U.S. Treasury Bills, having a maturity of 60 days or less, are generally valued at amortized cost.

Other debt securities, including corporate and government debt securities (of U.S. or foreign issuers) and municipal debt securities in each case having a remaining maturity in excess of 60 days, loans, mortgage-backed securities, collateralized mortgage obligations and other asset-backed securities (except event-linked bonds) are valued by an independent pricing service at an evaluated (or estimated) mean between the closing bid and asked prices.

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

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

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<sup>1</sup> The NYSE is generally open from Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Eastern time. NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE Bonds and NYSE Arca Options markets will generally close on, and in observation of the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Washington's Birthday, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

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

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

If market quotations are not readily available or available market quotations or other information are deemed to be unreliable by the Adviser Valuation Committee, and if the valuation of the applicable instrument is not covered by the valuation methods described above or if the valuation methods are described above, but such methods are deemed unreliable by the Adviser Valuation Committee, then such instruments will be valued as determined in good faith by the Adviser Valuation Committee. In these circumstances, the Fund determines fair value in a manner that seeks to reflect the market value of the security on the valuation date based on consideration by the Adviser Valuation Committee of any information or factors it deems appropriate. For purposes of determining the fair value of securities, the Adviser Valuation Committee may generally consider, without limitation: (i) indications or quotes from brokers or other third-party sources, (ii) valuations provided by a third-party pricing agent, (iii) internal models that take into consideration different factors determined to be relevant by the Adviser, or (iv) any combination of the above.

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

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

## **DISTRIBUTIONS AND FEDERAL INCOME TAX MATTERS**

It is the Fund's policy to make distributions at least annually of all or substantially all of its net investment income and net realized capital gains, if any. If you elect to reinvest distributions, your distributions will be reinvested in additional Shares of the same share class of the Fund at the NAV calculated as of the payment date. The Fund will pay distributions on a per-share basis. As a result, on the ex-dividend date of such a payment, the NAV of the Fund will be reduced by the amount of the payment.

This section summarizes some of the important U.S. federal income tax consequences of investing in the Fund. This discussion does not address all aspects of taxation that may apply to shareholders or to specific types of shareholders such as tax-deferred retirement plans and persons who are not "U.S. persons" within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). You should consult your tax adviser for information concerning the possible application of federal, state, local or foreign (non-U.S.) tax laws to you. Please see the Statement of Additional Information for additional information regarding the tax aspects of investing in the Fund.



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

The Fund’s investment strategy will potentially be limited by its intention to qualify for treatment as a RIC. The tax treatment of certain of the Fund’s investments under one or more of the qualification or distribution tests applicable to RICs is not certain. An adverse determination or future guidance by the IRS or a change in law might affect the Fund’s ability to qualify for such treatment. Failure of the Fund to qualify and be eligible to be treated as a RIC would result in Fund-level taxation and, consequently, a reduced return on your investment. The Fund could in some cases cure such failure, including by paying a Fund-level tax or interest, making additional distributions or disposing of certain assets.

The Fund invests in a wholly-owned Subsidiary that is treated as a controlled foreign corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The Subsidiary will take steps to ensure that income recognized by the Fund in respect of the Subsidiary will be qualifying income and the Fund will limit its investments in the Subsidiary in the aggregate to 25% of the Fund’s total assets.

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

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

For federal income tax purposes, distributions of net investment income are generally taxable to shareholders as ordinary income. The tax treatment of Fund distributions of capital gains is determined by how long the Fund owned (or is deemed to have owned) the investments that generated them, rather than how long you owned your Shares. Distributions of net capital gains (the excess of the Fund’s net long-term capital gains over its net short-term capital losses) that are properly reported by the Fund as capital gain dividends (“Capital Gain Dividends”) will be taxable as long-term capital gains, includable in net capital gain and taxed to individuals at reduced rates. Distributions of net gains from the sale or deemed disposition of investments that the Fund owned (or is deemed to have owned) for one year or less will be taxable as ordinary income. Due to the Fund’s options strategies, a substantial portion of the Fund’s income potentially will consist of short-term capital gains. Distributions of the Fund’s short-term capital gains are taxable to shareholders as ordinary income, will not constitute qualified dividend income and will not qualify for the dividends-received deduction. In addition, shareholders will not be able to offset distributions of the Fund’s net short-term capital gains with capital losses that they recognize in respect of their other investments.

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

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

A 3.8% Medicare contribution tax is imposed on the “net investment income” of certain individuals, estates and trusts to the extent their income exceeds certain threshold amounts. “Net investment income” generally includes dividends, interest and net gains from the disposition of investment property (including the Fund’s ordinary

income dividends, Capital Gain Dividends and capital gains recognized on the sale, repurchase or exchange of Fund Shares). Shareholders should consult their own tax advisers regarding the effect, if any, that this provision may have on their investment in Fund Shares.

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

Distributions are taxable to you even if they are paid from income or gains earned by the Fund prior to your investment (and thus were included in the price you paid for your Shares). For example, if you purchase Shares on or just before the record date of a Fund distribution, you will pay full price for the Shares and could receive a portion of your investment back as a taxable distribution. In general, you will be taxed on the distributions you receive from the Fund, whether you receive them as additional Shares or in cash.

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

Shareholders who tender all of the Shares they hold or are deemed to hold in response to a repurchase offer generally will be treated as having sold their Shares and generally will recognize a capital gain or loss. If a shareholder tenders fewer than all of its Shares, it is possible that any amounts that the shareholder receives in such repurchase will be taxable as a dividend to such shareholder, and there is a risk that shareholders who do not tender any of their Shares for repurchase will be treated as having received a dividend distribution as a result of their proportionate increase in the ownership of the Fund. The Fund's use of cash to repurchase Shares could adversely affect its ability to satisfy the distribution requirements for treatment as a RIC. The Fund could also recognize income in connection with its liquidation of portfolio securities to fund Share repurchases. Any such income would be taken into account in determining whether the distribution requirements are satisfied.

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

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

Special tax rules, including certain minimum distribution requirements, apply to investments through defined contribution plans and other tax-qualified plans. The Fund's structure as an interval fund, pursuant to which the Fund conducts quarterly repurchase offers which may be oversubscribed, could cause a shareholder to be unable to tender its Shares when or in the amount that it desires, which inability may make it difficult for a shareholder

that is a tax-qualified plan to meet minimum distribution requirements. 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 such an investment on their particular tax situation.

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

### **DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN**

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

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

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE FUND**

The Fund is an investment portfolio of Stone Ridge Trust III (the "Trust"), a statutory trust established under the laws of State of Delaware by the Certificate of Trust dated December 17, 2014. The Trust's Declaration of Trust authorizes the issuance of an unlimited number of common Shares of beneficial interest, par value, unless the Trustees shall otherwise determine, \$0.001 per share. All Shares have equal rights to the payment of dividends and other distributions and the distribution of assets upon liquidation. Shares are, when issued, fully paid and non-assessable by the Fund and have no pre-emptive or conversion rights or rights to cumulative voting.

Shareholders are entitled to share equally in dividends declared by the Board payable to holders of Shares and in the net assets of the Fund available for distribution to holders of Shares upon liquidation after payment of the preferential amounts payable to holders of any outstanding preferred shares.

The Declaration of Trust provides for indemnification out of Fund property for all loss and expense of any shareholder or former shareholder held personally liable for the obligations of the Fund solely by reason of such person's status as a shareholder or former shareholder. Thus, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which the Fund would be unable to meet its obligations.

Shareholders have no pre-emptive or conversion rights. Upon liquidation of the Fund, after paying or adequately providing for the payment of all liabilities of the Fund, and upon receipt of such releases, indemnities and refunding agreements as they deem necessary for their protection, the Trustees may distribute the remaining assets of the Fund among the holders of the Shares.

The Board may classify or reclassify any issued or unissued Shares of the Fund into shares of any class by redesignating such Shares or by setting or changing in any one or more respects, from time to time, the preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends, qualifications or terms or conditions of repurchase of such Shares. Any such classification or reclassification will comply with the provisions of the Declaration of Trust and the 1940 Act.

As of January 31, 2019, the following number of Shares of the Fund was authorized for registration and outstanding:

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Title of Class	Amount Authorized	Amount Held by the Fund for its Account	Amount of Outstanding Exclusive of Amount Shown Under (3)
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	385,000,000	0	136,369,139

**Anti-Takeover Provisions.** The Declaration of Trust includes provisions that could have the effect of limiting the ability of other entities or persons to acquire control of the Trust or to change the composition of the Board by discouraging a third party from seeking to obtain control of the Trust. These provisions may have the effect of discouraging attempts to acquire control of the Trust, which attempts could have the effect of increasing the expenses of the Fund and interfering with the normal operation of the Fund. The Trustees are elected for indefinite terms and do not stand for reelection. A Trustee may be removed from office without cause only by a written instrument signed or adopted by a majority of the remaining Trustees or by a vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the class of Shares of the Trust that are entitled to elect a Trustee and that are entitled to vote on the matter. The Declaration of Trust does not contain any other specific inhibiting provisions that would operate only with respect to an extraordinary transaction such as a merger, reorganization, tender offer, sale or transfer of substantially all of the Fund's assets or liquidation. Reference should be made to the Declaration of Trust on file with the Commission for the full text of these provisions.

#### REPORTS TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Fund sends to common shareholders unaudited semi-annual and audited annual reports, including a consolidated list of investments held.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The prospectus and the Statement of Additional Information do not contain all of the information set forth in the Registration Statement that the Fund has filed with the Commission. The complete Registration Statement may be obtained from the Commission upon payment of the fee prescribed by its rules and regulations. The Statement of Additional Information can be obtained without charge by calling (855) 609-3680.

Statements contained in this prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other document referred to are not necessarily complete, and, in each instance, reference is made to the copy of such contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement of which this prospectus forms a part, each such statement being qualified in all respects by such reference.

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## STONE RIDGE'S PRIVACY NOTICE<sup>1</sup>

### Stone Ridge's Commitment to Its Customers<sup>2</sup>

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

### Information Stone Ridge Collects About Its Customers

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

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

### How Stone Ridge Handles Its Customers' Personal Information

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

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

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<sup>1</sup> Provided by Stone Ridge, Stone Ridge Trust, Stone Ridge Trust II, Stone Ridge Trust III, Stone Ridge Trust IV and Stone Ridge Trust V.

<sup>2</sup> For purposes of this notice, the term "customer" or "customers" includes both individuals who have investments with a Stone Ridge-affiliated company and individuals who have provided non-public personal information to a Stone Ridge affiliated company, but did not invest with a Stone Ridge affiliated company.



### **How Stone Ridge Safeguards Its Customers' Personal Information**

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

### **Keeping Its Customers Informed**

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

## Stone Ridge All Asset Variance Risk Premium Fund

For More Information

To obtain other information and for shareholder inquiries:

By telephone: (855) 609-3680

By mail: Stone Ridge All Asset Variance Risk Premium Fund  
c/o U.S. Bank Global Fund Services  
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

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[www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)



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