

STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ANCHOR SERIES TRUST

Anchor Series Trust (the “Trust”), a Massachusetts business trust, is a registered open-end, management investment company currently consisting of 8 portfolios. This Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) relates to the following portfolios:

- SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio
- SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio (formerly, Asset Allocation Portfolio)
- SA Wellington Capital Appreciation Portfolio (formerly, Capital Appreciation Portfolio)
- SA Wellington Government and Quality Bond Portfolio (formerly, Government and Quality Bond Portfolio)
- SA Wellington Growth and Income Portfolio (formerly, Growth and Income Portfolio)
- SA Wellington Growth Portfolio (formerly, Growth Portfolio)
- SA Wellington Natural Resources Portfolio (formerly, Natural Resources Portfolio)
- SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio (formerly, SA Wellington Multi-Asset Income Portfolio  
which was formerly, Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio)

This SAI is not a prospectus, but should be read in conjunction with the current Prospectus (Class 1, Class 2 and/or Class 3 Shares) of the Trust dated May 1, 2018 (the “Prospectus”). This SAI expands upon and supplements the information contained in the current Prospectus of the Trust. Capitalized terms used herein but not defined have the meanings assigned to them in the Prospectus. The audited Financial Statements of the Trust have been incorporated by reference into this SAI from the Trust’s 2017 Annual Report to shareholders. You may request a copy of the annual report, semi-annual report and/or Prospectus at no charge by calling (800) 445-7862 or writing the Trust at the address below.

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## THE TRUST

The Trust, organized as a Massachusetts business trust on August 26, 1983, is an open-end management investment company. The Trust is composed of eight separate portfolios (each, a “Portfolio” and collectively, the “Portfolios”). Each Portfolio is diversified. Shares of the Trust are issued and redeemed only in connection with investments in and payments under variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies (collectively, “Variable Contracts”) of American General Life Insurance Company, a Texas life insurer (“AGL”), The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York, a New York life insurer (“USL”), The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company, a Texas life insurer (“VALIC”) (the “Separate Accounts”) and variable annuity contracts issued by Phoenix Life Insurance Company (“Phoenix”) (see “Account Information” in the Prospectus). The life insurance companies listed above are collectively referred to as the “Life Companies.”

On December 1, 1992, the Board of Trustees of the Trust (the “Board of Trustees,” the “Board,” or the “Trustees”) approved a change of the names of the Aggressive Growth Portfolio and the Aggressive Multi-Asset Portfolio to the Capital Appreciation Portfolio and the Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio, respectively. On February 16, 1995, the Board of Trustees of the Trust approved a change of the name of the Convertible Securities Portfolio to the Growth and Income Portfolio. The Target ‘98 Portfolio ceased operations on December 11, 1998. On August 6, 1999, the shares of the Fixed Income Portfolio and Foreign Securities Portfolio were substituted with shares of the Government and Quality Bond Portfolio and Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio, respectively.

On May 30, 2001, the Board of Trustees approved the creation of Class B shares and the renaming of all issued and outstanding shares as Class A shares. On July 16, 2002, the Board of Trustees approved the creation of Class 3 shares and the renaming of the Class A and B shares to Class 1 and 2, respectively.

Class 1 shares of each Portfolio are offered only in connection with certain Variable Contracts. Class 2 and 3 shares of a given Portfolio are identical in all respects to Class 1 shares of the same Portfolio, except that (i) each class may bear differing amounts of certain class-specific expenses; (ii) Class 2 and 3 shares are subject to service fees, while Class 1 shares are not; and (iii) Class 2 and 3 shares have voting rights on matters that pertain to the Rule 12b-1 plans adopted with respect to Class 2 and 3 shares. The Board of Trustees may establish additional portfolios or classes in the future.

On December 21, 2001, the High Yield Bond Portfolio was liquidated.

On June 17, 2003, the Board of Trustees approved the creation of the Asset Allocation Portfolio. The Asset Allocation Portfolio is the survivor of a reorganization involving itself and the corresponding series of SunAmerica Series Trust (referred to herein as the “Prior Asset Allocation Portfolio”) which became effective on November 24, 2003. This means that the Asset Allocation Portfolio adopted the financial statements and performance record of the Prior Asset Allocation Portfolio as of November 24, 2003.

On November 18, 2011, the Money Market Portfolio was liquidated.

On June 22, 2012, the Board of Trustees approved the creation of Class 3 Shares of the Multi-Asset Portfolio.

On September 30, 2014, the Board of Trustees approved a change in the name of the Multi-Asset Portfolio to the SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio, along with certain changes to the Portfolio’s investment goal and principal investment strategies, which became effective on January 12, 2015.

On March 2, 2016, the Board of Trustees approved the creation of Class 3 shares of the Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio.

On June 7 2017, the Board of Trustees approved the change in the name of the Asset Allocation Portfolio of the Trust to SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio, the name of the Capital Appreciation Portfolio of the Trust to SA Wellington Capital Appreciation Portfolio, the name of the Government and Quality Bond Portfolio of the Trust to SA Wellington Government and Quality Bond Portfolio, the name of the Growth and Income Portfolio of the Trust to SA Wellington Growth and Income Portfolio, the name of the Growth Portfolio of the Trust to SA Wellington Growth Portfolio, the name of the Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio of the Trust to SA Wellington Multi-Asset Income Portfolio, and the name of the Natural Resources Portfolio of the Trust to SA Wellington Natural Resources Portfolio, which became effective on October 9, 2017.

On March 6, 2018, the Board of Trustees approved a name change in the name of the SA Wellington Multi-Asset Income Portfolio to SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio, which will become effective on May 1, 2018.

SunAmerica Asset Management, LLC (“SunAmerica” or the “Adviser”) serves as investment adviser and manager for the Portfolios. As described in the Prospectus, SunAmerica retains BlackRock Investment Management, LLC (“BlackRock”), Wellington

Management Company LLP (“Wellington Management”) and Edge Asset Management, a specialized boutique at Principal Global Investors, LLC (“Edge”), (each, a “Subadviser,” and collectively, the “Subadvisers”) to provide investment advisory services to the Portfolios pursuant to Subadvisory Agreements with SunAmerica.

## INVESTMENT GOALS AND STRATEGIES

The investment goal(s) of each Portfolio are non-fundamental and may be changed by the Board of Trustees without shareholder approval. Except for those investment restrictions and operating policies specifically identified as fundamental below, the investment goal(s), restrictions and operating policies set forth in the Prospectus and SAI are non-fundamental and may be changed without shareholder approval. The investment goal and principal investment strategy for each of the Portfolios, along with certain types of investments the Portfolios make under normal market conditions and for efficient portfolio management, are described under “Portfolio Summaries” and “Additional Information About the Portfolios’ Investment Strategies and Investment Risks” in the Prospectus.

The following information is provided for those investors wishing to have more comprehensive information than that contained in the Prospectus.

## SUPPLEMENTAL INVESTMENT/RISK CHARTS

The following charts and information supplement the information contained in the Prospectus and also provide information concerning investments the Portfolios may make on a periodic basis which include infrequent investments or investments in which the Portfolios reserve the right to invest. We have also included a supplemental glossary to detail additional investments the Portfolios reserve the right to make as well as to define investment and risk terminology used in the charts below that do not otherwise appear in the Prospectus under the section entitled “Glossary.” In addition, the supplemental glossary also provides additional and/or more detailed information about certain investment and risk terminology that appears in the Prospectus under the section entitled “Glossary.” Unless otherwise indicated, investment restrictions, including percentage limitations, are based on the net assets of each Portfolio and, except for the Portfolios’ borrowing policy, apply at the time of purchase.

### Equity Portfolios

	SA Wellington Growth and Income	SA Wellington Growth	SA Wellington Capital Appreciation	SA Wellington Natural Resources
In what other types of investments may the Portfolio periodically invest?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Futures</li> <li>• Options</li> <li>• Real estate investment trusts (“REITs”)</li> <li>• Hybrid instruments (up to 10%)</li> <li>• Borrowing for temporary or emergency purposes (up to 10%)</li> <li>• Fixed income securities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fixed income securities</li> <li>• Futures</li> <li>• Options</li> <li>• Short-term investments</li> <li>• REITs</li> <li>• Hybrid instruments (up to 10%)</li> <li>• Borrowing for temporary or emergency purposes (up to 10%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fixed income securities</li> <li>• Futures</li> <li>• Short-term investments</li> <li>• REITs</li> <li>• Hybrid instruments (up to 10%)</li> <li>• Borrowing for temporary or emergency purposes (up to 10%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fixed income securities</li> <li>• U.S. government securities</li> <li>• Foreign fixed income securities</li> <li>• Futures</li> <li>• Options</li> <li>• Asset and mortgage backed securities</li> <li>• Investment grade corporate bonds</li> <li>• Short-term investments</li> <li>• Registered investment companies</li> <li>• Hybrid instruments (up to 10%)</li> <li>• Borrowing for temporary or emergency purposes (up to 20%)</li> </ul>
What other types of risks may potentially or periodically affect the Portfolio?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Derivatives</li> <li>• Hedging</li> <li>• Initial public offering (“IPO”) investing</li> <li>• Credit quality</li> <li>• Interest rate fluctuations</li> <li>• Real estate industry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Credit quality</li> <li>• Derivatives</li> <li>• Hedging</li> <li>• Prepayment</li> <li>• Extension</li> <li>• Interest rate fluctuations</li> <li>• IPO investing</li> <li>• Real estate industry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Credit quality</li> <li>• Prepayment</li> <li>• Extension</li> <li>• Derivatives</li> <li>• Interest rate fluctuations</li> <li>• IPO investing</li> <li>• Emerging markets</li> <li>• Real estate industry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Credit quality</li> <li>• Prepayment</li> <li>• Extension</li> <li>• Derivatives</li> <li>• Hedging</li> <li>• Interest rate fluctuations</li> <li>• IPO investing</li> <li>• Investment risk</li> </ul>

## Asset Allocation Portfolios

	SA Edge Asset Allocation	SA Blackrock Multi-Asset Income	SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset
In what other types of investments may the Portfolio periodically invest?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Borrowing for temporary or emergency purposes (up to 33½%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Borrowing for temporary or emergency purposes (up to 10%)</li> <li>Forward commitments and when-issued/delayed delivery transactions</li> <li>Illiquid securities</li> <li>Credit default swaps</li> <li>IPO investing</li> <li>Reverse repurchase agreements</li> <li>Dollar rolls</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zero coupon bonds</li> <li>REITs</li> <li>Hybrid instruments (up to 10%)</li> <li>Junk bonds (up to 5%)</li> <li>Borrowing for temporary or emergency purposes (up to 10%)</li> </ul>
What other types of risks may potentially or periodically affect the Portfolio?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IPO investing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Credit default swap risk</li> <li>IPO investing</li> <li>Illiquidity risk</li> <li>Reverse repurchase agreements risk</li> <li>Roll transactions risk</li> <li>Settlement risk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IPO investing</li> <li>Junk bond risk</li> </ul>

## Fixed Income Portfolio

	SA Wellington Government and Quality Bond
In what other types of investments may the Portfolio periodically invest?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hybrid instruments (up to 10%)</li> <li>Short-term investments</li> <li>Borrowing for temporary or emergency purposes (up to 10%)</li> </ul>
What other types of risks may potentially or periodically affect the Portfolio?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interest rate fluctuations</li> </ul>

## SUPPLEMENTAL GLOSSARY

The investment goals and policies of each of the Portfolios are described in the Prospectus. Certain types of securities in which the Portfolios may invest and certain investment practices that the Portfolios may employ are described under “Additional Information About the Portfolios’ Investment Strategies and Investment Risks” in the Prospectus, and are discussed more fully below. Unless otherwise specified, each Portfolio may invest in the following securities. The stated percentage limitations are applied to an investment at the time of purchase unless indicated otherwise.

**Asset-Backed Securities.** Asset-backed securities issued by trusts and special purpose corporations are backed by a pool of assets, such as credit card and automobile loan receivables, representing the obligations of a number of different parties. Asset-backed securities present certain risks. For instance, in the case of credit card receivables, these securities may not have the benefit of any security interest in the related collateral. Credit card receivables are generally unsecured and the debtors are entitled to the protection of a number of state and federal consumer credit laws, many of which give such debtors the right to set off certain amounts owed on the credit cards, thereby reducing the balance due. Most issuers of automobile receivables permit the servicer to retain possession of the underlying obligations. If the servicer were to sell these obligations to another party, there is a risk that the purchaser would acquire an interest superior to that of the holders of the related automobile receivables. In addition, because of the large number of vehicles involved in a typical issuance and technical requirements under state laws, the trustee for the holders of the automobile receivables may not have a proper security interest in all of the obligations backing such receivables. Therefore, there is the possibility that recoveries on repossessed collateral may not, in some cases, be available to support payments on these securities.

Asset-backed securities typically are created by an originator of loans or owner of accounts receivable that sells such underlying assets to a special purpose entity in a process called a securitization. The special purpose entity issues securities that are backed by the payments on the underlying assets, and have a minimum denomination and specific term. These securities, in turn, are either privately placed or publicly offered. One example of an asset-backed security is a structured investment vehicle (“SIV”). A SIV is an investment vehicle that buys high-rated, long-dated assets using funding from a combination of commercial paper, medium-term notes and capital notes.

Asset-backed securities are often backed by a pool of assets representing the obligations of a number of different parties. To lessen the effect of failures by obligors to make payments on underlying assets, the securities may contain elements of credit support that fall into two categories: (i) liquidity protection and (ii) protection against losses resulting from ultimate default by an obligor on the underlying assets. Liquidity protection refers to the provision of advances, generally by the entity administering the pool of assets, to

ensure that the receipt of payments on the underlying pool occurs in a timely fashion. Protection against losses resulting from ultimate default ensures payment through insurance policies or letters of credit obtained by the issuer or sponsor from third parties. A Portfolio will not pay any additional or separate fees for credit support. The degree of credit support provided for each issue is generally based on historical information respecting the level of credit risk associated with the underlying assets. Delinquency or loss in excess of that anticipated or failure of the credit support could adversely affect the return on an investment in such a security.

Instruments backed by pools of receivables may be subject to unscheduled prepayments of principal prior to maturity. When the obligations are prepaid, a Portfolio must reinvest the prepaid amounts in securities the yields of which reflect interest rates prevailing at the time of purchase. Therefore, a Portfolio's ability to maintain a portfolio that includes high-yielding asset-backed securities will be adversely affected to the extent that prepayments of principal must be reinvested in securities that have lower yields than the prepaid obligations. Moreover, prepayments of securities purchased at a premium could result in a realized loss.

**Borrowing.** The SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio is authorized to borrow money to the extent permitted by applicable law. The Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), permits the Portfolio to borrow up to 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of its total assets from banks for temporary or emergency purposes. In seeking to enhance performance, the SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio may borrow for investment purposes and may pledge assets to secure such borrowings.

In the event that asset coverage for the Portfolio's borrowings falls below 300%, the Portfolio will reduce within three days the amount of its borrowings in order to provide for 300% asset coverage.

To the extent the SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio borrows for investment purposes, borrowing creates leverage which is a speculative characteristic. Although the Portfolio is authorized to borrow, it will do so only when the Subadviser believes that borrowing will benefit the Portfolio after taking into account considerations such as the costs of borrowing and the likely investment returns on securities purchased with borrowed monies. Borrowing by the Portfolio will create the opportunity for increased net income but, at the same time, will involve special risk considerations. Leveraging results from borrowing and will magnify declines as well as increases in a Portfolio's net asset value per share ("NAV") and net yield. The Portfolio expects that all of its borrowing will be made on a secured basis. The Portfolio will segregate cash or other liquid assets securing the borrowing for the benefit of the lenders. If assets used to secure a borrowing decrease in value, the Portfolio may be required to pledge additional collateral to the lender in the form of cash or securities to avoid liquidation of those assets.

Each of the SA Wellington Growth and Income, SA Wellington Growth, SA Wellington Capital Appreciation, SA Wellington Natural Resources, SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income, SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset and SA Wellington Government and Quality Bond Portfolios may not borrow except for temporary or emergency purposes and then only in an amount not in excess of 10% of the value of its assets, in which case it may pledge, mortgage or hypothecate any of its assets as security for such borrowing, but not to an extent greater than 5% of the value of the assets, except with respect to the SA Wellington Natural Resources Portfolio, which may borrow money or pledge its assets in an amount not in excess of 20% of the value of its assets. (Also see the "Investment Restrictions" section.)

**Convertible Securities.** A convertible security is a bond, debenture, note, preferred stock or other security that may be converted into or exchanged for a prescribed amount of common stock or other equity security of the same or a different issuer within a particular period of time at a specified price or formula. A convertible security entitles the holder to receive interest paid or accrued on debt or the dividend paid on preferred stock until the convertible security matures or is redeemed, converted or exchanged. Before conversion, convertible securities have characteristics similar to nonconvertible income securities in that they ordinarily provide a stable stream of income with generally higher yields than those of common stocks of the same or similar issuers, but lower yields than comparable nonconvertible securities. The value of a convertible security is influenced by changes in interest rates, with investment value declining as interest rates increase and increasing as interest rates decline. The credit standing of the issuer and other factors also may have an effect on the convertible security's investment value. Convertible securities rank senior to common stock in a corporation's capital structure but are usually subordinated to comparable nonconvertible securities. Convertible securities may be subject to redemption at the option of the issuer at a price established in the convertible security's governing instrument.

Holders of convertible securities generally have a claim on the assets of the issuer prior to the common stockholders but may be subordinated to other debt securities of the same issuer. A convertible security may be subject to redemption at the option of the issuer at a price established in a charter provision, indenture or other governing instrument pursuant to which the convertible security was issued. If a convertible security is called for redemption, a Portfolio will be required to redeem the security, convert it into the underlying common stock or sell it to a third party.



Certain preferred and debt securities may include loss absorption characteristics that make the securities more equity like. This is particularly true in the financial services sector. While loss absorption characteristics are relatively rare in the preferred and debt markets today, they may become more prevalent. One preferred or debt structure with loss absorption characteristics is the contingent capital security (sometimes referred to as a “CoCo”). These securities provide for mandatory conversion into common stock of the issuer under certain circumstances. The mandatory conversion might be automatically triggered, for instance, if a company fails to meet the capital minimum described in the security, the company’s regulator makes a determination that the security should convert, or the company receives specified levels of extraordinary public support. Since the common stock of the issuer may not pay a dividend, investors in these instruments could experience a reduced income rate, potentially to zero; and conversion would deepen the subordination of the investor, hence worsening standing in a bankruptcy. In addition, some such instruments have a set stock conversion rate that would cause an automatic write down of capital if the price of the stock is below the conversion price on the conversion date. In another version of a security with loss absorption characteristics, the liquidation value of the security may be adjusted downward to below the original par value under certain circumstances similar to those that would trigger a CoCo. The write down of the par value would occur automatically and would not entitle the holders to seek bankruptcy of the company.

**Currency Volatility.** The value of a Portfolio’s foreign investments may fluctuate due to changes in currency rates. A decline in the value of foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar generally can be expected to depress the value of the Portfolio’s non-U.S. dollar denominated securities.

**Cyber Security Risk.** As the use of the Internet and other technologies has become more prevalent in the course of business, each Portfolio has become more susceptible to operational and financial risks associated with cyber security. Cyber security incidents can result from deliberate attacks such as gaining unauthorized access to digital systems (e.g., through “hacking” or malicious software coding) for purposes of misappropriating assets or sensitive information, corrupting data, or causing operational disruption, or from unintentional events, such as the inadvertent release of confidential information. Cyber security failures or breaches of a Portfolio or its service providers, financial intermediaries, or the issuers of securities in which the Portfolio invests have the ability to cause disruptions and impact business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses, the inability of Portfolio shareholders to transact business, violations of applicable privacy and other laws, regulatory fines, penalties, reputational damage, reimbursement or other compensation costs, and/or additional compliance costs. While measures have been developed that are designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security, there is no guarantee that those measures will be effective, particularly since a Portfolio does not directly control the cyber security defenses or plans of its service providers, financial intermediaries and companies in which it invests or with which it does business.

**Derivatives.** A derivative is any financial instrument whose value is based on, and determined by, another security, index or benchmark (i.e., stock options, futures, caps, floors, swaps, etc.). In recent years, derivative securities have become increasingly important in the field of finance. Futures and options are now actively traded on many different exchanges. Forward contracts, swaps, and many different types of options are regularly traded outside of exchanges by financial institutions in what are termed “over-the-counter” (“OTC”) markets. Other more specialized derivative securities often form part of a bond or stock issue. To the extent a contract is used to hedge another position in a Portfolio, the Portfolio will be exposed to the risks associated with hedging as described in this glossary. To the extent an option or futures contract is used to enhance return, rather than as a hedge, a Portfolio will be directly exposed to the risks of the contract. Gains or losses from non-hedging positions may be substantially greater than the cost of the position. See discussion herein under “Options and Futures.”

**Emerging Markets.** Investments in companies domiciled in emerging market countries may be subject to additional risks. Specifically, volatile social, political and economic conditions may expose investments in emerging or developing markets to economic structures that are generally less diverse and mature. Emerging market countries may have less stable political systems than those of more developed countries. As a result, it is possible that recent favorable economic developments in certain emerging market countries may be suddenly slowed or reversed by unanticipated political or social events in such countries. Moreover, the economies of individual emerging market countries may differ favorably or unfavorably from the U.S. economy in such respects as the rate of growth in gross domestic product, the rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments position.

Another risk is that the small current size of the markets for such securities and the currently low or nonexistent volume of trading can result in a lack of liquidity and in greater price volatility. Until recently, there has been an absence of a capital market structure or market-oriented economy in certain emerging market countries. If a Portfolio’s securities will generally be denominated in foreign currencies, the value of such securities to the Portfolio will be affected by changes in currency exchange rates and in exchange control regulations. A change in the value of a foreign currency against the U.S. dollar will result in a corresponding change in the U.S. dollar value of a Portfolio’s securities. In addition, some emerging market countries may have fixed or managed currencies that are not free-floating against the U.S. dollar. Further, certain emerging market currencies may not be internationally traded. Certain of these currencies have experienced a steady devaluation relative to the U.S. dollar. Many emerging market countries have experienced

substantial, and in some periods extremely high, rates of inflation for many years. 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.

A further risk is that the existence of national policies may restrict a Portfolio's investment opportunities and may include restrictions on investment in issuers or industries deemed sensitive to national interests. Also, some emerging market countries may not have developed structures governing private or foreign investment and may not allow for judicial redress for injury to private property.

*Chinese Securities.* A Portfolio may invest in securities of companies domiciled in the People's Republic of China ("China" or the "PRC"). Investing in these securities involves special risks, including, but not limited to, an authoritarian government, less developed or less efficient trading markets, nationalization of assets, currency fluctuations or blockage, and restrictions on the repatriation of invested capital. In addition, there is no guarantee that the current rapid growth rate of the Chinese economy will continue, and the trend toward economic liberalization and disparities in wealth may result in social disorder. China is considered to be an emerging market and therefore carries high levels of risk associated with emerging markets. These and other factors could have a negative impact on the Portfolio's performance and increase the volatility of an investment in the Portfolio. See also "Foreign Securities."

A Portfolio may invest in local Chinese securities, referred to as China A-Shares, of certain Chinese companies listed and traded on the Shanghai Stock Exchange ("SSE") through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program ("Stock Connect") or on such other stock exchanges in China which participate in Stock Connect from time to time. Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing program developed by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited ("HKEX"), the SSE and the China Securities Depository Clearing Corporation Limited that, among other things, permits foreign investment in the PRC via brokers in Hong Kong.

Stock Connect, which launched in November 2014, is a new program, and the regulations governing it are untested and subject to change. In addition, there is no certainty as to how these regulations will be applied or interpreted. Significant risks exist with respect to investing in China A-Shares through Stock Connect. China A-Shares may only be bought from, or sold to, a Portfolio when both the PRC and Hong Kong markets are open for trading and when banks in both markets are open on the corresponding settlement days. Accordingly, if one or both markets are closed on a U.S. trading day, a Portfolio may not be able to dispose of its shares in a timely manner and this could adversely affect the Portfolio's performance. In addition, same day trading is not permitted on the China A-Shares market, which may inhibit a Portfolio's ability to enter into or exit trades on a timely basis. PRC regulations require the pre-delivery of cash or securities to a broker before the market opens on the day of selling. If the cash or securities are not in the broker's possession before the market opens on that day, the sell order will be rejected, which may limit a Portfolio's ability to dispose of its China A-Shares purchased through Stock Connect in a timely manner. Trading through Stock Connect is subject to aggregate and daily investment quota limitations, which may change. Once these quota limitations are reached, buy orders for China A-Shares through Stock Connect will be rejected, which could adversely affect a Portfolio's ability to pursue its investment strategy. China A-Shares purchased through Stock Connect may only be sold through Stock Connect and are not otherwise transferrable. Although China A-Shares must be designated as eligible to be traded on Stock Connect, such shares may lose their eligibility at any time, in which case they may be sold but cannot be purchased through Stock Connect. Moreover, since all trades of eligible China A-Shares through Stock Connect must be settled in Renminbi ("RMB"), a Portfolio must have timely access to a reliable supply of offshore RMB, which cannot be guaranteed. Notably, different fees, costs and taxes are imposed on foreign investors acquiring China A-Shares obtained through Stock Connect, and these fees, costs and taxes may be higher than comparable fees, costs and taxes imposed on owners of other securities providing similar investment exposure.

A Portfolio's China A-Shares are held in an omnibus account and registered in nominee name, with Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited ("HKSCC"), a clearing house operated by HKEX, serving as nominee for the Portfolio. The exact nature and rights of a Portfolio as the beneficial owner of shares through HKSCC as nominee is not well defined under PRC law, and the exact nature and enforcement methods of those rights under PRC law are also unclear. As a result, the title to these shares, or the rights associated with them (*i.e.*, participation in corporate actions, shareholder meetings, etc.) cannot be assured.

*Equity Securities.* Equity securities include common stock, preferred stock, securities convertible into common or preferred stock and warrants or rights to acquire common stock, including options. As part of its principal investment strategy, a Portfolio may invest in all types of equity securities. Equity securities are subject to financial and market risks and can be expected to fluctuate in value.

*Exchange Traded Funds ("ETFs").* ETFs are types of investment companies that may be bought and sold on a securities exchange. An ETF trades like common stock and represents a portfolio of securities designed to track a particular market index. Most ETFs are investment companies, and therefore, a Portfolio's purchase of ETF shares generally is subject to the limitations on, and the risks of, the Portfolio's investments in other investment companies. See "Other Investment Companies." The SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio may invest significantly in ETFs. The risks of owning an ETF generally reflect the risks of owning the underlying securities it is designed to track. In addition, ETFs are subject to the following risks that do not apply to conventional mutual funds: (1) the market price



of the ETF's shares may trade at a discount or a premium to their NAV; (2) an active trading market for an ETF's shares may not develop or be maintained; or (3) trading of an ETF's shares may be halted if the listing exchange's officials deem such action appropriate, the shares are de-listed from the exchange, or the activation of market-wide "circuit breakers" (which are tied to large decreases in stock prices) halts stock trading generally. ETFs have management fees that increase their cost.

**Fixed Income Securities.** Each of the Portfolios may invest in fixed income securities. Debt securities are considered high-quality if they are rated at least Aa by Moody's Investor Service ("Moody's") or its equivalent by any other nationally recognized statistical rating organization ("NRSRO") or, if unrated, are determined to be of equivalent investment quality. If more than one rating has been assigned to a security by different NRSROs, the security will be deemed to be of the highest rating assigned to it. High-quality debt securities are considered to have a very strong capacity to pay principal and interest. Debt securities are considered investment grade if they are rated, for example, at least Baa3 by Moody's or BBB- by S&P Global Ratings ("S&P"), a Division of S&P Global Inc., or their equivalent by any other NRSRO or, if not rated, are determined to be of equivalent investment quality. Investment grade debt securities are regarded as having an adequate capacity to pay principal and interest. Lower-medium quality and lower-quality securities rated, for example, Ba and B by Moody's or its equivalent by any other NRSRO are regarded on balance as high risk and predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's continuing ability to meet principal and interest payments. The Subadvisers will not necessarily dispose of an investment grade security that has been downgraded to below investment grade. See the Appendix for a description of each rating category and a more complete description of lower-medium quality and lower-quality debt securities and their risks.

The maturity of debt securities may be considered long- (ten-plus years), intermediate- (three to ten years), or short-term (less than three years). In general, the principal values of longer-term securities fluctuate more widely in response to changes in interest rates than those of shorter-term securities, providing greater opportunity for capital gain or risk of capital loss. A decline in interest rates usually produces an increase in the value of debt securities, while an increase in interest rates generally reduces their value.

#### **Lower-Rated, Fixed Income Securities**

The SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income, SA Edge Asset Allocation, SA Wellington Growth and Income and the SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolios may invest in below investment grade debt securities. Issuers of lower-rated or non-rated securities (high-yield securities, commonly known as "junk bonds") may be highly leveraged and may not have available to them more traditional methods of financing. Therefore, the risks associated with acquiring the securities of such issuers generally are greater than is the case with higher rated securities. For example, during an economic downturn or a sustained period of rising interest rates, issuers of high yield securities may be more likely to experience financial stress, especially if such issuers are highly leveraged. During such periods, such issuers may not have sufficient revenues to meet their interest payment obligations. The issuer's ability to service its debt obligations also may be adversely affected by specific issuer developments, or the issuer's inability to meet specific projected business forecasts, or the unavailability of additional financing. The risk of loss due to default by the issuer is significantly greater for the holders of lower rated securities because such securities may be unsecured and may be subordinated to other creditors of the issuer.

Lower-rated, fixed income securities frequently have call or redemption features which would permit an issuer to repurchase the security from a Portfolio. If a call were exercised by the issuer during a period of declining interest rates, a Portfolio likely would have to replace such called security with a lower yielding security, thus decreasing the net investment income to the Portfolio and dividends to shareholders.

A Portfolio may have difficulty disposing of certain lower-rated, fixed income securities because there may be a thin trading market for such securities. The secondary trading market for high-yield securities is generally not as liquid as the secondary market for higher-rated securities. Reduced secondary market liquidity may have an adverse impact on market price and a Portfolio's ability to dispose of particular issues when necessary to meet the Portfolio's liquidity needs or in response to a specific economic event such as deterioration in the creditworthiness of the issuer.

Adverse publicity and investor perceptions, which may not be based on fundamental analysis, also may decrease the value and liquidity of lower-rated, fixed income securities, particularly in a thinly traded market. Factors adversely affecting the market value of lower-rated, fixed income securities are likely to adversely affect a Portfolio's NAV. In addition, a Portfolio may incur additional expenses to the extent it is required to seek recovery upon the default of a portfolio holding or participate in the restructuring of the obligation.

There are risks involved in applying credit ratings as a method for evaluating lower-rated, fixed income securities. For example, credit ratings evaluate the safety of principal and interest payments, not the market risks involved in lower-rated, fixed income securities. Since credit rating agencies may fail to change the credit ratings in a timely manner to reflect subsequent events, the Adviser or a Subadviser will monitor the issuers of lower-rated, fixed income securities in a Portfolio to determine if the issuers will have sufficient

cash flow and profits to meet required principal and interest payments, and to assure the debt securities' liquidity stays within the parameters of the Portfolio's investment policies. The Subadvisers will not necessarily dispose of a portfolio security when its ratings have been changed.

Investments in already defaulted securities pose an additional risk of loss should nonpayment of principal and interest continue in respect of such securities. Even if such securities are held to maturity, recovery of a Portfolio's initial investment and any anticipated income or appreciation is uncertain. In addition, a Portfolio may incur additional expenses to the extent that it is required to seek recovery relating to the default in the payment of principal or interest on such securities or otherwise protect its interests. A Portfolio may be required to liquidate other portfolio securities to satisfy annual distribution obligations of a Portfolio in respect of accrued interest income on securities which are subsequently written off, even though such Portfolio has not received any cash payments of such interest.

***Floating Rate Obligations.*** These securities have a coupon rate that changes at least annually and generally more frequently. The coupon rate is set in relation to money market rates. The obligations, issued primarily by banks, other corporations, governments and semi-governmental bodies, may have a maturity in excess of one year. In some cases, the coupon rate may vary with changes in the yield on Treasury bills or notes or with changes in LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate). The Subadvisers consider floating rate obligations to be liquid investments because a number of U.S. and foreign securities dealers make active markets in these securities.

***Foreign Securities.*** Investments in foreign securities offer potential benefits not available from investments solely in securities of domestic issuers by offering the opportunity to invest in foreign issuers that appear to offer growth potential, or in foreign countries with economic policies or business cycles different from those of the U.S., or to reduce fluctuations in portfolio value by taking advantage of foreign stock markets that do not move in a manner parallel to U.S. markets. Each Portfolio is authorized to invest in foreign securities. A Portfolio may purchase securities issued by issuers in any country.

Each Portfolio may invest in securities of foreign issuers in the form of American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs"), European Depositary Receipts ("EDRs"), Global Depositary Receipts ("GDRs") or other similar securities convertible into securities of foreign issuers. These securities may not necessarily be denominated in the same currency as the securities into which they may be converted. Each Portfolio, other than the SA Wellington Government and Quality Bond Portfolio, may invest in non-U.S. dollar denominated securities of foreign companies. ADRs are securities, typically issued by a U.S. financial institution, that evidence ownership interests in a security or a pool of securities issued by a foreign issuer and deposited with the depositary. ADRs may be sponsored or unsponsored. A sponsored ADR is issued by a depositary that has an exclusive relationship with the issuer of the underlying security. An unsponsored ADR may be issued by any number of U.S. depositaries. Holders of unsponsored ADRs generally bear all the costs associated with establishing the unsponsored ADR. The depositary of an unsponsored ADR is under no obligation to distribute shareholder communications received from the underlying issuer or to pass through to the holders of the unsponsored ADR voting rights with respect to the deposited securities or pool of securities. A Portfolio may invest in either type of ADR. Although the U.S. investor holds a substitute receipt of ownership rather than direct stock certificates, the use of the depositary receipts in the U.S. can reduce costs and delays as well as potential currency exchange and other difficulties. A Portfolio may purchase securities in local markets and direct delivery of these ordinary shares to the local depositary of an ADR agent bank in the foreign country. Simultaneously, the ADR agents create a certificate that settles at the Portfolio's custodian in three days. A Portfolio may also execute trades on the U.S. markets using existing ADRs. A foreign issuer of the security underlying an ADR is generally not subject to the same reporting requirements in the U.S. as a domestic issuer. Accordingly, the information available to a U.S. investor will be limited to the information the foreign issuer is required to disclose in its own country and the market value of an ADR may not reflect undisclosed material information concerning the issuer of the underlying security. For purposes of a Portfolio's investment policies, the Portfolio's investments in these types of securities will be deemed to be investments in the underlying securities. Generally ADRs, in registered form, are dollar denominated securities designed for use in the U.S. securities markets, which represent and may be converted into the underlying foreign security. EDRs, in bearer form, are designed for use in the European securities markets.

Investments in foreign securities, including securities of emerging market countries, present special additional investment risks and considerations not typically associated with investments in domestic securities, including reduction of income by foreign taxes; fluctuation in value of foreign portfolio investments due to changes in currency rates and control regulations (e.g., currency blockage); transaction charges for currency exchange; lack of public information about foreign issuers; lack of uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards comparable to those applicable to domestic issuers; less volume on foreign exchanges than on U.S. exchanges; greater volatility and less liquidity on foreign markets than in the U.S.; less regulation of foreign issuers, stock exchanges and brokers than the U.S.; greater difficulties in commencing lawsuits; higher brokerage commission rates and custodian fees than the U.S.; increased possibilities in some countries of expropriation, confiscatory taxation, political, financial or social instability or adverse diplomatic developments; the imposition of foreign taxes on investment income derived from such countries; and differences (which may be favorable or unfavorable) between the U.S. economy and foreign economies. Emerging market countries are deemed to be

those countries included within the MSCI Emerging Markets Index. Historical experience indicates that the markets of emerging market countries have been more volatile than more developed markets; however, such markets can potentially provide higher rates of return to investors.

The performance of investments in securities denominated in a foreign currency (“non-dollar securities”) will depend on, among other things, the strength of the foreign currency against the dollar and the interest rate environment in the country issuing the foreign currency. Absent other events that could otherwise affect the value of non-dollar securities (such as a change in the political climate or an issuer’s credit quality), appreciation in the value of the foreign currency generally can be expected to increase the value of a Portfolio’s non-dollar securities in terms of U.S. dollars. A rise in foreign interest rates or decline in the value of foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar generally can be expected to depress the value of a Portfolio’s non-dollar securities. Currencies are evaluated on the basis of fundamental economic criteria (*e.g.*, relative inflation levels and trends, growth rate forecasts, balance of payments status and economic policies) as well as technical and political data.

Because the Portfolios may invest in securities that are listed primarily on foreign exchanges that trade on weekends or other days when the Trust does not price its shares, the value of the Portfolios’ shares may change on days when a shareholder will not be able to purchase or redeem shares.

Additionally, foreign markets, especially emerging markets, may have less efficient clearance and settlement procedures, and in certain markets there have been times when settlements have been unable to keep pace with the volume of securities transactions, making it difficult to conduct transactions. Delays in settlement could result in temporary periods when a portion of the assets of a Portfolio is uninvested and no return is earned thereon. The inability of a Portfolio to make intended security purchases due to settlement delays could cause the Portfolio to miss attractive investment opportunities. The inability to dispose of Portfolio securities due to settlement problems could result in losses to a Portfolio due to subsequent declines in values of the securities or, if the Portfolio has entered into a contract to sell the security, possible liability to the purchaser.

**Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts.** Certain Portfolios may enter into forward foreign currency contracts (“Forward Contracts”) for various purposes, including to facilitate settlement of foreign currency denominated portfolio transactions, to attempt to protect securities and related receivables and payables against changes in future foreign exchange rates, to hedge portfolio exposure to benchmark currency allocation, to manage and/or gain exposure to certain foreign currencies or to enhance return. Forward Contracts involve bilateral obligations of one party to purchase, and another party to sell, a specific currency at a future date (which may be any fixed number of days from the date of the contract agreed upon by the parties), at a price set at the time the contract is entered into.

These contracts are traded in the interbank market conducted directly between currency traders (usually large commercial banks) and their customers. Institutions that deal in forward currency contracts, however, are not required to continue to make markets in the currencies they trade and these markets can experience periods of illiquidity. No price is paid or received upon the purchase or sale of a Forward Contract. The Portfolios may use Forward Contracts to reduce certain risks of their respective investments and/or to attempt to enhance return.

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (“Dodd-Frank”), which is described below, includes forward foreign exchange transactions (but not *bona fide* spot foreign exchange transactions) in the definition of “swap” and therefore contemplates that certain of these contracts may be exchange-traded, cleared by a clearinghouse and regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the “CFTC”). A limited category of forward foreign exchange transactions was excluded from certain of the Dodd-Frank regulations, as permitted thereunder, by the Secretary of the United States Department of the Treasury (“Treasury”) and therefore that class of forward foreign currency contracts as well as *bona fide* spot foreign exchange transactions will not be subject to full regulation by the CFTC. As a result, a Portfolio may not receive any benefit of CFTC regulation for certain of its trading activities, including certain Forward Contracts.

Forward Contracts are generally used to protect against uncertainty in the level of future exchange rates. The use of Forward Contracts does not eliminate fluctuations in the prices of the underlying securities a Portfolio owns or intends to acquire, but it does fix a rate of exchange in advance. In addition, although Forward Contracts limit the risk of loss due to a decline in the value of the hedged currencies, at the same time they limit any potential gain that might result should the value of the currencies increase.

Forward Contracts may also be entered into with respect to specific transactions. For example, when a Portfolio enters into a contract for the purchase or sale of a security denominated in (or affected by fluctuations in, in the case of ADRs) a foreign currency, or when a Portfolio anticipates receipt of dividend payments in a foreign currency, the Portfolio may desire to “lock-in” the U.S. dollar price of the security or the U.S. dollar equivalent of such payment by entering into a Forward Contract, for a fixed amount of U.S. dollars per unit of foreign currency, for the purchase or sale of the amount of foreign currency involved in the underlying transaction. A Portfolio

will thereby be able to protect itself against a possible loss resulting from an adverse change in the relationship between the currency exchange rates during the period between the date on which the security is purchased or sold, or on which the payment is declared, and the date on which such payments are made or received.

Forward Contracts are also used to lock in the U.S. dollar value of portfolio positions (“position hedge”). In a position hedge, for example, when a Portfolio believes that a particular foreign currency may suffer a substantial decline against the U.S. dollar, it may enter into a Forward Contract to sell an amount of that foreign currency approximating the value of some or all of the portfolio securities denominated in (or affected by fluctuations in, in the case of ADRs) such foreign currency, or when a Portfolio believes that the U.S. dollar may suffer a substantial decline against a foreign currency, it may enter into a Forward Contract to buy that foreign currency for a fixed dollar amount. In this situation, a Portfolio may, in the alternative, enter into a Forward Contract to sell a different foreign currency for a fixed U.S. dollar amount where the Portfolio believes that the U.S. dollar value of the currency to be sold pursuant to the Forward Contract will fall whenever there is a decline in the U.S. dollar value of the currency in which portfolio securities of the Portfolio are denominated (“cross-hedged”). A Portfolio may also hedge investments denominated in a foreign currency by entering into forward currency contracts with respect to a foreign currency that is expected to correlate to the currency in which the investments are denominated (“proxy hedging”).

The precise matching of the Forward Contract amounts and the value of the securities involved will not generally be possible because the future value of such securities in foreign currencies will change as a consequence of market movements in the value of these securities between the date the Forward Contract is entered into and the date it is sold. Accordingly, it may be necessary for a Portfolio to purchase additional foreign currency on the spot (i.e., cash) market (and bear the expense of such purchase), if the market value of the security is less than the amount of foreign currency a Portfolio is obligated to deliver and if a decision is made to sell the security and make delivery of the foreign currency. Conversely, it may be necessary to sell on the spot market some of the foreign currency received upon the sale of the portfolio security if its market value exceeds the amount of foreign currency a Portfolio is obligated to deliver. The projection of short-term currency market movements is extremely difficult, and the successful execution of a short-term hedging strategy is highly uncertain. Forward Contracts involve the risk that anticipated currency movements will not be accurately predicted, causing a Portfolio to sustain losses on these contracts and transaction costs.

Currency transactions are also subject to risks different from those of other portfolio transactions. Because currency control is of great importance to the issuing governments and influences economic planning and policy, purchases and sales of currency and related instruments can be adversely affected by government exchange controls, limitations or restrictions on repatriation of currency, and manipulations or exchange restrictions imposed by governments. These forms of governmental actions can result in losses to a Portfolio if it is unable to deliver or receive currency or monies in settlement of obligations and could also cause hedges it has entered into to be rendered useless, resulting in full currency exposure as well as incurring transaction costs. Buyers and sellers of currency futures contracts are subject to the same risks that apply to the use of futures contracts generally. Further settlement of a currency futures contract for the purchase of most currencies must occur at a bank based in the issuing nation. Trading options on currency futures contracts is relatively new, and the ability to establish and close out positions on these options is subject to the maintenance of a liquid market that may not always be available. Currency exchange rates may fluctuate based on factors extrinsic to that country’s economy.

At or before the maturity of a Forward Contract requiring a Portfolio to sell a currency, the Portfolio may either sell a portfolio security and use the sale proceeds to make delivery of the currency or retain the security and offset its contractual obligation to deliver the currency by purchasing a second contract pursuant to which the Portfolio will obtain, on the same maturity date, the same amount of the currency that it is obligated to deliver. Similarly, a Portfolio may close out a Forward Contract requiring it to purchase a specified currency by entering into a second contract entitling it to sell the same amount of the same currency on the maturity date of the first contract. A Portfolio would realize a gain or loss as a result of entering into such an offsetting Forward Contract under either circumstance to the extent the exchange rate or rates between the currencies involved moved between the execution dates of the first contract and offsetting contract.

The cost to a Portfolio of engaging in Forward Contracts varies with factors such as the currencies involved, the length of the contract period and the market conditions then prevailing. Because Forward Contracts are usually entered into on a principal basis, no fees or commissions are involved. Because such contracts are not traded on an exchange, a Portfolio must evaluate the credit and performance risk of each particular counterparty under a Forward Contract.

Although a Portfolio values its assets daily in terms of U.S. dollars, it does not intend to convert its holdings of foreign currencies into U.S. dollars on a daily basis. A Portfolio may convert foreign currency from time to time, and investors should be aware of the costs of currency conversion. Foreign exchange dealers do not charge a fee for conversion, but they do seek to realize a profit based on the difference between the prices at which they buy and sell various currencies. Thus, a dealer may offer to sell a foreign currency to a Portfolio at one rate, while offering a lesser rate of exchange should the Portfolio desire to resell that currency to the dealer.



**Hybrid Instruments.** Hybrid instruments, including indexed and structured securities, combine the elements of derivatives, including futures contracts or options, with those of debt, preferred equity or a depository instrument (each, a “Hybrid Instrument” and collectively, “Hybrid Instruments”). Generally, a Hybrid Instrument will be a debt security, preferred stock, depository share, trust certificate, certificate of deposit or other evidence of indebtedness on which a portion of or all interest payments, and/or the principal or stated amount payable at maturity, redemption or retirement, is determined by reference to prices, changes in prices, or differences between prices of securities, currencies, intangibles, goods, articles or commodities (collectively, “Underlying Assets”) or by another objective index, economic factor or other measure, such as interest rates, currency exchange rates, commodity indices, and securities indices (collectively, “Benchmarks”). Thus, Hybrid Instruments may take a variety of forms, including, but not limited to, debt instruments with interest or principal payments or redemption terms determined by reference to the value of a currency or commodity or securities index at a future point in time, preferred stock with dividend rates determined by reference to the value of a currency, or convertible securities with the conversion terms related to a particular commodity.

Hybrid Instruments may be an efficient means of creating exposure to a particular market, or segment of a market, with the objective of enhancing total return. For example, a Portfolio may wish to take advantage of expected declines in interest rates in several European countries, but avoid the transaction costs associated with buying and currency-hedging the foreign bond positions. One solution would be to purchase a U.S. dollar-denominated Hybrid Instrument whose redemption price is linked to the average three-year interest rate in a designated group of countries. The redemption price formula would provide for payoffs of greater than par if the average interest rate was lower than a specified level, and payoffs of less than par if rates were above the specified level. Furthermore, the Portfolio could limit the downside risk of the security by establishing a minimum redemption price so that the principal paid at maturity could not be below a predetermined minimum level if interest rates were to rise significantly. The purpose of this arrangement, known as a structured security with an embedded put option, would be to give the Portfolio the desired European bond exposure while avoiding currency risk, limiting downside market risk, and lowering transaction costs. Of course, there is no guarantee that the strategy will be successful and the Portfolio could lose money if, for example, interest rates do not move as anticipated or credit problems develop with the issuer of the Hybrid Instrument.

The risks of investing in Hybrid Instruments reflect a combination of the risks of investing in securities, options, futures and currencies. Thus, an investment in a Hybrid Instrument may entail significant risks that are not associated with a similar investment in a traditional debt instrument that has a fixed principal amount, is denominated in U.S. dollars or bears interest either at a fixed rate or a floating rate determined by reference to a common, nationally published Benchmark. The risks of a particular Hybrid Instrument will depend upon the terms of the instrument, but may include, without limitation, the possibility of significant changes in the Benchmarks or the prices of Underlying Assets to which the instrument is linked. Such risks generally depend upon factors unrelated to the operations or credit quality of the issuer of the Hybrid Instrument, which may not be readily foreseen by the purchaser, such as economic and political events, the supply and demand for the Underlying Assets and interest rate movements. In recent years, various Benchmarks and prices for Underlying Assets have been highly volatile, and such volatility may be expected in the future. Reference is also made to the discussion of futures, options, and Forward Contracts herein for a discussion of the risks associated with such investments.

Hybrid Instruments are potentially more volatile and carry greater market risks than traditional debt instruments. Depending on the structure of the particular Hybrid Instrument, changes in a Benchmark may be magnified by the terms of the Hybrid Instrument and have an even more dramatic and substantial effect upon the value of the Hybrid Instrument. Also, the prices of the Hybrid Instrument and the Benchmark or Underlying Asset may not move in the same direction or at the same time.

Hybrid Instruments may bear interest or pay preferred dividends at below market (or even relatively nominal) rates. Alternatively, Hybrid Instruments may bear interest at above market rates but bear an increased risk of principal loss (or gain). The latter scenario may result if “leverage” is used to structure the Hybrid Instrument. Leverage risk occurs when the Hybrid Instrument is structured so that a given change in a Benchmark or Underlying Asset is multiplied to produce a greater value change in the Hybrid Instrument, thereby magnifying the risk of loss as well as the potential for gain.

Hybrid Instruments may also carry liquidity risk since the instruments are often “customized” to meet the portfolio needs of a particular investor, and therefore, the number of investors that are willing and able to buy such instruments in the secondary market may be smaller than that for more traditional debt securities. Under certain conditions, the redemption (or sale) value of such an investment could be zero. In addition, because the purchase and sale of Hybrid Instruments could take place in an OTC market without the guarantee of a central clearing organization or in a transaction between a Portfolio and the issuer of the Hybrid Instrument, the creditworthiness of the counterparty or issuer of the Hybrid Instrument would be an additional risk factor the Portfolio would have to consider and monitor. Hybrid Instruments also may not be subject to regulation by the CFTC, (which generally regulates the trading of commodity interests by U.S. persons), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), (which regulates the offer and sale of securities by and to U.S. persons), or any other governmental regulatory authority.

The various risks discussed above, particularly the market risk of such instruments, may in turn cause significant fluctuations in the NAV of a Portfolio. Accordingly, a Portfolio that so invests will limit its investments in Hybrid Instruments to 10% of its total assets.

Hybrid Instruments include structured investments, which are securities having a return tied to an underlying index or other security or asset. Structured investments are organized and operated to restructure the investment characteristics of the underlying security. This type of restructuring involves the deposit with or purchase by an entity, such as a corporation or trust, of specified instruments (such as commercial bank loans) and the issuance by that entity of one or more classes of securities (“Structured Securities”) backed by, or representing interests in, the underlying instruments. The cash flow on the underlying instruments may be apportioned among the newly issued Structured Securities to create securities with different investment characteristics, such as varying maturities, payment priorities and interest rate provisions, and the extent of the payments made with respect to Structured Securities is dependent on the extent of the cash flow on the underlying instruments. Because Structured Securities typically involve no credit enhancement, their credit risk generally will be equivalent to that of the underlying instruments. The Portfolios may invest in classes of Structured Securities that are either subordinated or unsubordinated to the right of payment of another class. Subordinated Structured Securities typically have higher yields and present greater risks than unsubordinated Structured Securities. Structured Securities are typically sold in private placement transactions, and there currently is no active trading market for Structured Securities. Investments in government and government-related and restructured debt instruments are subject to special risks, including the inability or unwillingness to repay principal and interest, requests to reschedule or restructure outstanding debt and requests to extend additional loan amounts. Hybrid instruments also include “market access products,” which may be structured as zero-strike warrants, zero-strike options, linked notes, or total return swaps. A market access product is a derivative security with synthetic exposure to an underlying local foreign stock. Market access products are subject to the same risks as direct investments in securities of foreign issuers. If the underlying stock decreases in value, the market access product will decrease commensurately. In addition, market access products are subject to counterparty risk due to the fact that the security is issued by a broker. If the broker suffers a significant credit event and cannot perform under the terms of the agreement, an access product may lose value regardless of the strength of the underlying stock. In addition, the liquidity of a market access product may be limited because the issuing dealer typically creates the market for its access products.

***Illiquid and Restricted Securities.*** Each of the Portfolios, other than the SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio, may invest no more than 10% (15% for SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio) of its net assets, determined as of the date of purchase, in illiquid securities, including repurchase agreements that have a maturity of longer than seven days, certain interest rate swaps, currency swaps, floors and collars, or in other securities that are illiquid by virtue of the absence of a readily available market or legal or contractual restrictions on resale. Historically, illiquid securities have included securities subject to contractual or legal restrictions on resale because they have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), securities that are otherwise not readily marketable and repurchase agreements having a maturity of longer than seven days. Repurchase agreements subject to demand are deemed to have a maturity equal to the notice period. Securities that have not been registered under the Securities Act are referred to as “private placements” or “restricted securities” and are purchased directly from the issuer or in the secondary market. Illiquid securities include restricted, privately placed securities that, under the federal securities laws, generally may be resold only to qualified institutional buyers. Mutual funds do not typically hold a significant amount of these restricted or other illiquid securities because of the potential for delays on resale and uncertainty in valuation. Limitations on resale may have an adverse effect on the marketability of portfolio securities and a mutual fund might be unable to dispose of restricted or other illiquid securities promptly or at reasonable prices and might thereby experience difficulty satisfying redemptions within seven days. A mutual fund might also have to register such restricted securities in order to dispose of them, resulting in additional expense and delay. There will generally be a lapse of time between a mutual fund’s decision to sell an unregistered security and the registration of such security promoting the sale. Adverse market conditions could impede a public offering of such securities. When purchasing unregistered securities, the Portfolios will seek to obtain the right of registration at the expense of the issuer (except in the case of “Rule 144A securities,” as described below).

A large institutional market has developed for certain securities that are not registered under the Securities Act, including repurchase agreements, commercial paper, foreign securities, municipal securities and corporate bonds and notes. Institutional investors depend on an efficient institutional market in which the unregistered security can be readily resold or on an issuer’s ability to honor a demand for repayment. The fact that there are contractual or legal restrictions on resale to the general public or to certain institutions may not be indicative of the liquidity of such investments.

For example, restricted securities that the Board or Subadviser, pursuant to guidelines established by the Board, has determined to be marketable, such as securities eligible for resale pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act, or certain private placements of commercial paper issued in reliance on an exemption from the Securities Act pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) thereof, may be deemed to be liquid for purposes of this restriction. This investment practice could have the effect of increasing the level of illiquidity in a Portfolio to the extent that qualified institutional buyers (as defined in Rule 144A) become uninterested in purchasing these restricted securities. In addition, a repurchase agreement that by its terms can be liquidated before its nominal fixed-term on notice of seven days or less is regarded as a liquid instrument. The Subadviser will monitor the liquidity of such restricted securities subject to the supervision of the



Board of Trustees of the Trust. In reaching liquidity decisions, the Subadviser will consider, *inter alia*, pursuant to guidelines and procedures established by the Trustees, the following factors: (1) the frequency of trades and quotes for the security; (2) the number of dealers wishing to purchase or sell the security and the number of other potential purchasers; (3) dealer undertakings to make a market in the security; and (4) the nature of the security and the nature of the marketplace trades (*e.g.*, the time needed to dispose of the security, the method of soliciting offers and the mechanics of the transfer).

Commercial paper issues in which a Portfolio may invest include securities issued by major corporations without registration under the Securities Act in reliance on the exemption from such registration afforded by Section 3(a)(3) thereof, and commercial paper issued in reliance on the so-called private placement exemption from registration afforded by Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act (“Section 4(a)(2) paper”). Section 4(a)(2) paper is restricted as to disposition under the federal securities laws in that any resale must similarly be made in an exempt transaction. Section 4(a)(2) paper is normally resold to other institutional investors through or with the assistance of investment dealers who make a market in Section 4(a)(2) paper, thus providing liquidity. Section 4(a)(2) paper that is issued by a company that files reports under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is generally eligible to be sold in reliance on the safe harbor of Rule 144A described above. The Portfolios’ 10% (15% for the SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio) limitation on investments in illiquid securities includes Section 4(a)(2) paper that the Subadvisers have not determined to be liquid pursuant to guidelines established by the Board of Trustees. The Trust’s Board of Trustees has delegated to the Subadvisers the function of making day-to-day determinations of liquidity with respect to Section 4(a)(2) paper, pursuant to guidelines approved by the Board that require the Subadvisers to take into account the same factors described above for other restricted securities and require the Subadvisers to perform the same monitoring and reporting functions.

The staff of the SEC has taken the position that purchased OTC options and the assets used as “cover” for written OTC options are illiquid. The assets used as cover for OTC options written by a Portfolio will be considered illiquid unless the OTC options are sold to qualified dealers who agree that the Portfolio may repurchase any OTC option it writes at a maximum price to be calculated by a formula set forth in the option agreement. The cover for an OTC option written subject to this procedure will be considered illiquid only to the extent that the maximum repurchase price under the option formula exceeds the intrinsic value of the option.

***Interfund Borrowing and Lending Program.*** The Trust has received exemptive relief from the SEC which permits a Portfolio to participate in an interfund lending program among investment companies advised by SunAmerica or an affiliate. The interfund lending program allows the participating Portfolios to borrow money from and loan money to each other for temporary or emergency purposes. The program is subject to a number of conditions designed to ensure fair and equitable treatment of participating Portfolios, including the requirement that no Portfolio may borrow from the program unless it receives a more favorable interest rate than would be available to any of the participating Portfolios from a typical bank for a comparable transaction. In addition, a Portfolio may participate in the program only if and to the extent that such participation is consistent with the Portfolio’s investment objective and policies (for instance, money market funds would normally participate only as lenders). Interfund loans and borrowings may extend overnight but could have a maximum duration of seven days. Loans may be called on one business day’s notice. A Portfolio may have to borrow from a bank at a higher interest rate if an interfund loan is called or not renewed. Any delay in repayment to a lending Portfolio could result in a lost investment opportunity or additional costs. The program is subject to the oversight and periodic review of the Board of the participating Portfolios. To the extent a Portfolio is actually engaged in borrowing through the interfund lending program, the Portfolio will comply with its investment policy on borrowing.

***Inverse Floaters.*** Inverse floaters are leveraged inverse floating rate debt instruments. The interest rate on an inverse floater resets in the opposite direction from the market rate of interest to which the inverse floater is indexed. An inverse floater may be considered to be leveraged to the extent that its interest rate varies by a magnitude that exceeds the magnitude of the change in the index rate of interest. The higher degree of leverage inherent in inverse floaters is associated with greater volatility in their market values. Accordingly, the duration of an inverse floater may exceed its stated final maturity. Certain inverse floaters may be deemed to be illiquid securities for purposes of a Portfolio’s 10% (15% for SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio) limitation on investments in such securities.

***IPO Investing.*** A Portfolio’s purchase of shares issued as part of, or a short period after, a company’s initial public offering (“IPOs”) exposes it to the risks associated with companies that have little operating history as public companies, as well as to the risks inherent in those sectors of the market where these new issuers operate. The market for IPO issuers may be volatile, and share prices of newly public companies have fluctuated in significant amounts over short periods of time. The effect of IPOs on a Portfolio’s performance depends on a variety of factors, including the number of IPOs the Portfolio invests in relative to the size of the Portfolio and whether and to what extent a security purchased in an IPO appreciates or depreciates in value. As a Portfolio’s asset base increases, IPOs often have a diminished effect on the Portfolio’s performance. Companies offering stock in IPOs generally have limited operating histories and purchase of their securities may involve greater investment risk.

**Loan Participations and Assignments.** Loan participations and assignments include investments in fixed and floating rate loans (“Loans”) arranged through private negotiations between an issuer of sovereign or corporate debt obligations and one or more financial institutions (“Lenders”). Investments in Loans are expected in most instances to be in the form of participations in Loans (“Participations”) and assignments of all or a portion of Loans (“Assignments”) from third parties. In the case of Participations, a Portfolio will have the right to receive payments of principal, interest and any fees to which it is entitled only from the Lender selling the Participation and only upon receipt by the Lender of the payments from the borrower. In the event of the insolvency of the Lender selling a Participation, a Portfolio may be treated as a general creditor of the Lender and may not benefit from any setoff between the Lender and the borrower. A Portfolio will acquire Participations only if the Lender interpositioned between the Portfolio and the borrower is determined by the Subadviser to be creditworthy. When a Portfolio purchases Assignments from Lenders it will acquire direct rights against the borrower on the Loan. Because Assignments are arranged through private negotiations between potential assignees and potential assignors, however, the rights and obligations acquired by a Portfolio as the purchaser of an Assignment may differ from, and be more limited than, those held by the assigning Lender. Because there is no liquid market for such securities, the Portfolio anticipates that such securities could be sold only to a limited number of institutional investors. The lack of a liquid secondary market may have an adverse impact on the value of such securities and the Portfolio’s ability to dispose of particular Assignments or Participations when necessary to meet the Portfolio’s liquidity needs or in response to a specific economic event such as a deterioration in the creditworthiness of the borrower. The lack of a liquid secondary market for Assignments and Participations also may make it more difficult for the Portfolios to assign a value to these securities for purposes of valuing the Portfolios and calculating their NAV.

In certain circumstances, Loans may not be deemed to be securities, and in the event of fraud or misrepresentation by a borrower or an arranger, Lenders and purchasers of interests in Loans, such as the Portfolios, will not have the protection of the anti-fraud provisions of the federal securities laws, as would be the case for bonds or stocks, and there may be less publicly available information about Loans than about securities. Instead, in such cases, Lenders generally rely on the contractual provisions in the Loan agreement itself and common-law fraud protections under applicable state law.

**Master Limited Partnerships (“MLPs”).** Certain companies are organized as master limited partnerships in which ownership interests are publicly traded. MLPs often own several properties or businesses (or directly own interests) that are related to real estate development and oil and gas industries, but they also may finance motion pictures, research and development and other projects. Generally, an MLP is operated under the supervision of one or more managing general partners. Limited partners (including a Portfolio if it invests in an MLP) are not involved in the day-to-day management of the partnership. They are allocated income and capital gains associated with the partnership project in accordance with the terms established in the partnership agreement.

The risks of investing in an MLP are generally those inherent in investing in a partnership as opposed to a corporation. For example, state law governing partnerships is often less restrictive than state law governing corporations. Accordingly, there may be less protections afforded investors in an MLP than investors in a corporation. Additional risks involved with investing in an MLP are risks associated with the specific industry or industries in which the partnership invests, such as the risks of investing in real estate, or the oil and gas industries.

**Mortgage-Backed Securities.** Mortgage-backed securities include investments in mortgage-related securities, including certain U.S. government securities such as Government National Mortgage Association (“GNMA”), Federal National Mortgage Association (“FNMA”) or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“FHLMC”) certificates (as defined below), and private mortgage-related securities which represent an undivided ownership interest in a pool of mortgages. The mortgages backing these securities include conventional thirty-year fixed rate mortgages, fifteen-year fixed rate mortgages, graduated payment mortgages and adjustable rate mortgages. The U.S. government or the issuing agency guarantees the payment of interest and principal of these securities. However, the guarantees do not extend to the securities’ yield or value, which are likely to vary inversely with fluctuations in interest rates. These certificates are in most cases pass-through instruments, through which the holder receives a share of all interest and principal payments, including prepayments, on the mortgages underlying the certificate, net of certain fees.

Each of the Portfolios, except the SA Wellington Growth and SA Wellington Capital Appreciation Portfolios, also may invest in privately issued mortgage-backed securities, which are not backed by the U.S. Government or guaranteed by any issuing agency. Volatility in the market for privately issued mortgage-backed securities and concomitant issues regarding the value and liquidity of these instruments may adversely impact the assets of the Portfolios.

The yield on mortgage-backed securities is based on the average expected life of the underlying pool of mortgage loans. Because the prepayment characteristics of the underlying mortgages vary, it is not possible to predict accurately the average life of a particular issue of pass-through certificates. Mortgage-backed securities are often subject to more rapid repayment than their stated maturity date would indicate as a result of the pass-through of prepayments of principal on the underlying mortgage obligations. Thus, the actual life of any particular pool will be shortened by any unscheduled or early payments of principal and interest. Principal prepayments generally

result from the sale of the underlying property or the refinancing or foreclosure of underlying mortgages. The occurrence of prepayments is affected by a wide range of economic, demographic and social factors and, accordingly, it is not possible to predict accurately the average life of a particular pool. Yield on such pools is usually computed by using the historical record of prepayments for that pool, or, in the case of newly-issued mortgages, the prepayment history of similar pools. The actual prepayment experience of a pool of mortgage loans may cause the yield realized by a Portfolio to differ from the yield calculated on the basis of the expected average life of the pool.

Prepayments tend to increase during periods of falling interest rates, while during periods of rising interest rates prepayments will most likely decline. When prevailing interest rates rise, the value of a pass-through security may decrease as does the value of other debt securities, but, when prevailing interest rates decline, the value of a pass-through security is not likely to rise on a comparable basis with other debt securities because of the prepayment feature of pass-through securities. The reinvestment of scheduled principal payments and unscheduled prepayments that the Portfolio receives may occur at higher or lower rates than the original investment, thus affecting the yield of the Portfolio. Monthly interest payments received by the Portfolio have a compounding effect, which may increase the yield to shareholders more than debt obligations that pay interest semi-annually. Because of those factors, mortgage-backed securities may be less effective than U.S. Treasury bonds of similar maturity at maintaining yields during periods of declining interest rates. Accelerated prepayments adversely affect yields for pass-through securities purchased at a premium (*i.e.*, at a price in excess of the principal amount) and may involve additional risk of loss of principal because the premium may not have been fully amortized at the time the obligation is repaid. The opposite is true for pass-through securities purchased at a discount. A Portfolio may purchase mortgage-backed securities at a premium or at a discount.

The following is a description of GNMA, FNMA and FHLMC certificates, the most widely available mortgage-backed securities:

*GNMA Certificates (“GNMA Certificates”).* GNMA Certificates are mortgage-backed securities that evidence an undivided interest in a pool or pools of mortgages. GNMA Certificates that a Portfolio may purchase are the modified pass-through type, which entitle the holder to receive timely payment of all interest and principal payments due on the mortgage pool, net of fees paid to the issuer and GNMA, regardless of whether or not the mortgagor actually makes the payment.

GNMA guarantees the timely payment of principal and interest on securities backed by a pool of mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration (“FHA”) or the Farmers Home Administration, or guaranteed by the Veterans Administration (“VA”). The GNMA guarantee is authorized by the National Housing Act and is backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. The GNMA is also empowered to borrow without limitation from the U.S. Treasury if necessary to make any payments required under its guarantee.

The average life of a GNMA Certificate is likely to be substantially shorter than the original maturity of the mortgages underlying the securities. Prepayments of principal by mortgagors and mortgage foreclosure will usually result in the return of the greater part of principal investment long before the maturity of the mortgages in the pool. Foreclosures impose no risk to principal investment because of the GNMA guarantee, except to the extent that a Portfolio has purchased the certificates at a premium in the secondary market. As prepayment rates of the individual mortgage pools vary widely, it is not possible to predict accurately the average life of a particular issue of GNMA Certificates.

The coupon rate of interest of GNMA Certificates is lower than the interest rate paid on the VA-guaranteed or FHA-insured mortgages underlying the GNMA Certificates by the amount of the fees paid to GNMA and the issuer. The coupon rate by itself, however, does not indicate the yield which will be earned on GNMA Certificates. First, GNMA Certificates may trade in the secondary market at a premium or discount. Second, interest is earned monthly, rather than semiannually as with traditional bonds; monthly compounding raises the effective yield earned. Finally, the actual yield of a GNMA Certificate is influenced by the prepayment experience of the mortgage pool underlying it. For example, if the higher-yielding mortgages from the pool are prepaid, the yield on the remaining pool will be reduced.

*FHLMC Certificates.* The FHLMC issues two types of mortgage pass-through securities: mortgage participation certificates (“PCs”) and guaranteed mortgage certificates (“GMCs”) (collectively, “FHLMC Certificates”). PCs resemble GNMA Certificates in that each PC represents a pro rata share of all interest and principal payments made and owed on the underlying pool. The FHLMC guarantees timely monthly payment of interest (and, under certain circumstances, principal) of PCs and the ultimate payment of principal.

GMCs also represent a pro rata interest in a pool of mortgages. However, these instruments pay interest semi-annually and return principal once a year in guaranteed minimum payments. The expected average life of these securities is approximately 10 years. The FHLMC guarantee is not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government.

*FNMA Certificates.* The FNMA issues guaranteed mortgage pass-through certificates (“FNMA Certificates”). FNMA Certificates represent a pro rata share of all interest and principal payments made and owed on the underlying pool. FNMA guarantees timely payment of interest and principal on FNMA Certificates. The FNMA guarantee is not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. In September 2008, FNMA and FHLMC were placed into conservatorship by their regulator, the Federal Housing Finance Agency. It is unclear what effect this conservatorship will have on the securities issued or guaranteed by FNMA or FHLMC.

Although the U.S. government has provided financial support to FHLMC and FNMA, there can be no assurance that it will support these or other government-sponsored enterprises in the future.

Other types of mortgage-backed securities include:

*Conventional Mortgage Pass-Through Securities* (“Conventional Mortgage Pass-Throughs”) represent participation interests in pools of mortgage loans that are issued by trusts formed by originators of the institutional investors in mortgage loans (or represent custodial arrangements administered by such institutions). These originators and institutions include commercial banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, savings banks, insurance companies, investment banks or special purpose subsidiaries of the foregoing. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, such trusts are generally treated as grantor trusts or real estate mortgage investment conduits (“REMICs”) and, in either case, are generally not subject to any significant amount of U.S. federal income tax at the entity level.

The mortgage pools underlying Conventional Mortgage Pass-Throughs consist of conventional mortgage loans evidenced by promissory notes secured by first mortgages or first deeds of trust or other similar security instruments creating a first lien on residential or mixed residential and commercial properties. Conventional Mortgage Pass-Throughs (whether fixed or adjustable rate) provide for monthly payments that are a “pass-through” of the monthly interest and principal payments (including any prepayments) made by the individual borrowers on the pooled mortgage loans, net of any fees or other amount paid to any guarantor, administrator and/or servicer of the underlying mortgage loans. A trust fund with respect to which a REMIC election has been made may include regular interests in other REMICs, which in turn will ultimately evidence interests in mortgage loans.

Conventional mortgage pools generally offer a higher rate of interest than government and government-related pools because of the absence of any direct or indirect government or agency payment guarantees. However, timely payment of interest and principal of mortgage loans in these pools may be supported by various forms of insurance or guarantees, including individual loans, title, pool and hazard insurance and letters of credit. The insurance and guarantees may be issued by private insurers and mortgage poolers. Although the market for such securities is becoming increasingly liquid, mortgage-related securities issued by private organizations may not be readily marketable.

*Collateralized Mortgage Obligations* (“CMOs”). CMOs are fully collateralized bonds that are the general obligations of the issuer thereof (e.g., the U.S. government, a U.S. government instrumentality, or a private issuer). Such bonds generally are secured by an assignment to a trustee (under the indenture pursuant to which the bonds are issued) of collateral consisting of a pool of mortgages. Payments with respect to the underlying mortgages generally are made to the trustee under the indenture. Payments of principal and interest on the underlying mortgages are not passed through to the holders of the CMOs as such (i.e., the character of payments of principal and interest is not passed through, and therefore payments to holders of CMOs attributable to interest paid and principal repaid on the underlying mortgages do not necessarily constitute income and return of capital, respectively, to such holders), but such payments are dedicated to payment of interest on and repayment of principal of the CMOs.

Principal and interest on the underlying mortgage assets may be allocated among the several classes of CMOs in various ways. In certain structures (known as “sequential pay” CMOs), payments of principal, including any principal prepayments, on the mortgage assets generally are applied to the classes of CMOs in the order of their respective final distribution dates. Thus, no payment of principal will be made on any class of sequential pay CMOs until all other classes having an earlier final distribution date have been paid in full.

Additional structures of CMOs include, among others, “parallel pay” CMOs. Parallel pay CMOs are those that are structured to apply principal payments and prepayments of the mortgage assets to two or more classes concurrently on a proportionate or disproportionate basis. These simultaneous payments are taken into account in calculating the final distribution date of each class.

A wide variety of CMOs may be issued in the parallel pay or sequential pay structures. These securities include accrual certificates (also known as “Z-Bonds”), which accrue interest at a specified rate only until all other certificates having an earlier final distribution date have been retired and are converted thereafter to an interest-paying security, and planned amortization class (“PAC”) certificates, which are parallel pay CMOs, which generally require that specified amounts of principal be applied on each payment date to one or more classes of CMOs (the “PAC Certificates”), even though all other principal payments and prepayments of the mortgage assets are then required to be applied to one or more other classes of the certificates. The scheduled principal payments for the PAC Certificates



generally have the highest priority on each payment date after interest due has been paid to all classes entitled to receive interest currently. Shortfalls, if any, are added to the amount payable on the next payment date. The PAC Certificate payment schedule is taken into account in calculating the final distribution date of each class of PAC. In order to create PAC tranches, one or more tranches generally must be created to absorb most of the volatility in the underlying mortgage assets. These tranches tend to have market prices and yields that are much more volatile than the PAC classes.

**Stripped Mortgage-Backed Securities (“SMBS”).** SMBS are often structured with two classes that receive different proportions of the interest and principal distributions on a pool of mortgage assets. SMBS have greater market volatility than other types of U.S. government securities in which a Portfolio invests. A common type of SMBS has one class receiving some of the interest and all or most of the principal (the “principal-only” class) from the mortgage pool, while the other class will receive all or most of the interest (the “interest-only” class). The yield to maturity on an interest only class is extremely sensitive not only to changes in prevailing interest rates, but also to the rate of principal payments, including principal prepayments, on the underlying pool of mortgage assets, and a rapid rate of principal payment may have a material adverse effect on a Portfolio’s yield. While interest-only and principal-only securities are generally regarded as being illiquid, such securities may be deemed to be liquid if they can be disposed of promptly in the ordinary course of business at a value reasonably close to that used in the calculation of a Portfolio’s NAV. Only U.S. government interest-only and principal-only securities backed by fixed rate mortgages and determined to be liquid under guidelines and standards established by the Board may be considered liquid securities not subject to a Portfolio’s limitation on investments in illiquid securities.

**Newly Developed Securities.** Each Portfolio may invest in securities and other instruments that do not presently exist but may be developed in the future, provided that each such investment is consistent with the Portfolio’s investment objectives, policies and restrictions and is otherwise legally permissible under federal and state laws. The Prospectus and SAI, as appropriate, will be amended or supplemented as appropriate to discuss any such new investments.

**Options and Futures.** Options and futures are contracts involving the right to receive or the obligation to deliver assets or money depending on the performance of one or more underlying assets or a market or economic index. An option gives its owner the right, but not the obligation, to buy (“call”) or sell (“put”) a specified amount of a security at a specified price within a specified time period. A futures contract is an exchange-traded legal contract to buy or sell a standard quantity and quality of a commodity, financial instrument, index, etc., at a specified future date and price. Options and Futures (defined below) are generally used for either hedging or income enhancement purposes. Portfolios may also use Options and Futures for other purposes, including, without limitation, to facilitate trading, to increase or decrease a Portfolio’s market exposure, to seek higher investment returns, to seek protection against a decline in the value of a Portfolio’s securities or an increase in prices of securities that may be purchased, or to generate income.

Options may be traded on a national securities exchange or in the OTC market. Risks to the Portfolios of entering into option contracts include counterparty risk, market risk and, with respect to OTC options, illiquidity risk. Counterparty risk arises from the potential inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts. If the counterparty defaults, the Portfolio’s loss will consist of the net amount of contractual payments that the Portfolio has not yet received. Market risk is the risk that there will be an unfavorable change in the value of the underlying securities. There is also the risk the Portfolio may not be able to enter into a closing transaction because of an illiquid market. In addition, unlisted options are not traded on an exchange and may not be as actively traded as listed options, making the valuation of such securities more difficult. An unlisted option also entails a greater risk that the party on the other side of the option transaction may default, which would make it impossible to close out an unlisted option position in some cases, and profits related to the transaction lost thereby.

Options can be either purchased or written (*i.e.*, sold). A call option written by a Portfolio obligates the Portfolio to sell specified securities to the holder of the option at a specified price if the option is exercised at any time before the expiration date. The purpose of writing covered call options is to realize greater income than would be realized on portfolio securities transactions alone. However, in writing covered call options for additional income, a Portfolio may forgo the opportunity to profit from an increase in the market price of the underlying security. A Portfolio may only write call options up to 25% of its total assets.

A put option written by a Portfolio obligates a Portfolio to purchase specified securities from the option holder at a specified price if the option is exercised at any time before the expiration date. The purpose of writing such options is to generate additional income for a Portfolio. However, in return for the option premium, a Portfolio accepts the risk that it may be required to purchase the underlying securities at a price in excess of the securities’ market value at the time of purchase.

The following is more detailed information concerning options, futures and options on futures:

**Options on Securities.** When a Portfolio writes (*i.e.*, sells) a call option (“call”) on a security it receives a premium and agrees to sell the underlying security to a purchaser of a corresponding call on the same security during the call period (usually not more than nine

months) at a fixed price (which may differ from the market price of the underlying security), regardless of market price changes during the call period. A Portfolio has retained the risk of loss should the price of the underlying security decline during the call period, which may be offset to some extent by the premium.

To terminate its obligation on a call it has written, a Portfolio may purchase a corresponding call in a “closing purchase transaction.” A profit or loss will be realized, depending upon whether the net of the amount of the option transaction costs and the premium received on the call written was more or less than the price of the call subsequently purchased. A profit may also be realized if the call expires unexercised, because a Portfolio retains the underlying security and the premium received. If a Portfolio could not effect a closing purchase transaction due to lack of a market, it would hold the callable securities until the call expired or was exercised.

When a Portfolio purchases a call (other than in a closing purchase transaction), it pays a premium and has the right to buy the underlying investment from a seller of a corresponding call on the same investment during the call period at a fixed exercise price. A Portfolio benefits only if the call is sold at a profit or if, during the call period, the market price of the underlying investment is above the sum of the call price plus the transaction costs and the premium paid and the call is exercised. If the call is not exercised or sold (whether or not at a profit), it will become worthless at its expiration date and a Portfolio will lose its premium payment and the right to purchase the underlying investment.

A put option on securities gives the purchaser the right to sell, and the writer the obligation to buy, the underlying investment at the exercise price during the option period. Writing a put covered by segregated liquid assets equal to the exercise price of the put has the same economic effect to a Portfolio as writing a covered call. The premium a Portfolio receives from writing a put option represents a profit as long as the price of the underlying investment remains above the exercise price. However, a Portfolio has also assumed the obligation during the option period to buy the underlying investment from the buyer of the put at the exercise price, even though the value of the investment may fall below the exercise price. If the put expires unexercised, a Portfolio (as the writer of the put) realizes a gain in the amount of the premium. If the put is exercised, a Portfolio must fulfill its obligation to purchase the underlying investment at the exercise price, which will usually exceed the market value of the investment at that time. In that case, a Portfolio may incur a loss equal to the sum of the sale price of the underlying investment and the premium received minus the sum of the exercise price and any transaction costs incurred.

A Portfolio may effect a closing purchase transaction to realize a profit on an outstanding put option it has written or to prevent an underlying security from being put. Furthermore, effecting such a closing purchase transaction will permit a Portfolio to write another put option to the extent that the exercise price thereof is secured by the deposited assets, or to utilize the proceeds from the sale of such assets for other investments by the Portfolio. A Portfolio will realize a profit or loss from a closing purchase transaction if the cost of the transaction is less or more than the premium received from writing the option.

When a Portfolio purchases a put, it pays a premium and has the right to sell the underlying investment to a seller of a corresponding put on the same investment during the put period at a fixed exercise price. Buying a put on an investment a Portfolio owns enables the Portfolio to protect itself during the put period against a decline in the value of the underlying investment below the exercise price by selling such underlying investment at the exercise price to a seller of a corresponding put. If the market price of the underlying investment is equal to or above the exercise price and as a result the put is not exercised or resold, the put will become worthless at its expiration date, and the Portfolio will lose its premium payment and the right to sell the underlying investment pursuant to the put. The put may, however, be sold prior to expiration (whether or not at a profit).

Buying a put on an investment a Portfolio does not own permits the Portfolio either to resell the put or buy the underlying investment and sell it at the exercise price. The resale price of the put will vary inversely with the price of the underlying investment. If the market price of the underlying investment is above the exercise price and as a result the put is not exercised, the put will become worthless on its expiration date. In the event of a decline in the stock market, a Portfolio could exercise or sell the put at a profit to attempt to offset some or all of its loss on its portfolio securities.

When writing put options on securities, to secure its obligation to pay for the underlying security, a Portfolio will segregate liquid assets with a value equal to or greater than the exercise price of the underlying securities. As long as the obligation of a Portfolio as the put writer continues, it may be assigned an exercise notice by the broker-dealer through whom such option was sold, requiring a Portfolio to take delivery of the underlying security against payment of the exercise price. A Portfolio has no control over when it may be required to purchase the underlying security, since it may be assigned an exercise notice at any time prior to the termination of its obligation as the writer of the put. This obligation terminates upon expiration of the put, or such earlier time at which a Portfolio effects a closing purchase transaction by purchasing a put of the same series as that previously sold. Once a Portfolio has been assigned an exercise notice, it is thereafter not allowed to effect a closing purchase transaction.



The purchase of a spread option gives a Portfolio the right to put, or sell, a security that it owns at a fixed dollar spread or fixed yield spread in relationship to another security that the Portfolio does not own, but which is used as a benchmark. The risk to a Portfolio in purchasing covered spread options is the cost of the premium paid for the spread option and any transaction costs. In addition, there is no assurance that closing transactions will be available. The purchase of spread options will be used to protect a Portfolio against adverse changes in prevailing credit quality spreads (*i.e.*, the yield spread between high quality and lower quality securities). Such protection is provided only during the life of the spread option.

*Options on Foreign Currencies.* Puts and calls are also written and purchased on foreign currencies in an attempt to protect against declines in the U.S. dollar value of foreign portfolio securities and against increases in the U.S. dollar cost of foreign securities to be acquired.

As with other kinds of option transactions, the writing of an option on currency will constitute only a partial hedge, up to the amount of the premium received. A Portfolio could be required to purchase or sell currencies at disadvantageous exchange rates, thereby incurring losses. The purchase of an option on currency may constitute an effective hedge against exchange rate fluctuations; however, in the event of exchange rate movements adverse to a Portfolio's position, the Portfolio may forfeit the entire amount of the premium plus related transaction costs.

In addition to using options for the hedging purposes described above, a Portfolio may use options on currency to seek to increase total return. A Portfolio may write (sell) covered put and call options on any currency in an attempt to realize greater income than would be realized on portfolio securities transactions alone. However, in writing covered call options for additional income, a Portfolio risks forgoing the opportunity to profit from an increase in the market value of the underlying currency. Also, when writing put options, a Portfolio accepts, in return for the option premium, the risk that it may be required to purchase the underlying currency at a price in excess of the currency's market value at the time of purchase. A Portfolio may purchase call options to seek to increase total return in anticipation of an increase in the market value of a currency. A Portfolio would ordinarily realize a gain if, during the option period, the value of such currency exceeded the sum of the exercise price, the premium paid and the transaction costs. Otherwise a Portfolio would realize either no gain or a loss on the purchase of the call option. Put options may be purchased by a Portfolio for the purpose of benefiting from a decline in the value of currencies which it does not own. A Portfolio would ordinarily realize a gain if, during the option period, the value of the underlying currency decreased below the exercise price sufficiently to more than cover the premium and transaction costs. Otherwise, a Portfolio would realize either no gain or a loss on the purchase of the put option.

*Options on Securities Indices.* Puts and calls on broad-based securities indices are similar to puts and calls on securities except that all settlements are in cash and gain or loss depends on changes in the index in question (and thus on price movements in the securities market generally) rather than on price movements in individual securities or Futures (as defined below). When a Portfolio buys a call on a securities index, it pays a premium. During the call period, upon exercise of a call by a Portfolio, a seller of a corresponding call on the same investment will pay the Portfolio an amount of cash to settle the call if the closing level of the securities index upon which the call is based is greater than the exercise price of the call. That cash payment is equal to the difference between the closing price of the index and the exercise price of the call times a specified multiple (the "multiplier") which determines the total dollar value for each point of difference. When a Portfolio buys a put on a securities index, it pays a premium and has the right during the put period to require a seller of a corresponding put, upon the Portfolio's exercise of its put, to deliver to the Portfolio an amount of cash to settle the put if the closing level of the securities index upon which the put is based is less than the exercise price of the put. That cash payment is determined by the multiplier, in the same manner as described above as to calls.

The use of options would subject a Portfolio to certain risks. The Subadviser's predictions of movements in the direction of the securities markets may be inaccurate, and the adverse consequences to the Portfolio (*e.g.*, a reduction in the Portfolio's NAV or a reduction in the amount of income available for distribution) may leave the Portfolio in a worse position than if the option had not been used. Other risks of using options include contractions and unexpected movements in the prices of the securities included in the indices underlying the options.

*Yield Curve Options.* The trading of yield curve options is subject to all of the risks associated with the trading of other types of options. In addition, however, such options present risk of loss even if the yield of one of the underlying securities remains constant, if the spread moves in a direction or to an extent not anticipated. Yield curve options are traded OTC and because they have been only recently introduced, established trading markets for these securities have not yet developed. Because these securities are traded OTC, the SEC has taken the position that yield curve options are illiquid and, therefore, cannot exceed the illiquidity ceiling (10% for all Portfolios except SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio, for which it is 15%). A Portfolio that may enter into yield curve options transactions will cover such transactions as described above.

*Reset Options.* Reset options are options on U.S. Treasury securities that provide for periodic adjustment of the strike price and may also provide for the periodic adjustment of the premium during the term of each such option. Like other types of options, these transactions, which may be referred to as “reset” options or “adjustable strike” options grant the purchaser the right to purchase (in the case of a call) or sell (in the case of a put), a specified type of U.S. Treasury security at any time up to a stated expiration date (or, in certain instances, on such date). In contrast to other types of options, however, the price at which the underlying security may be purchased or sold under a “reset” option is determined at various intervals during the term of the option, and such price fluctuates from interval to interval based on changes in the market value of the underlying security. As a result, the strike price of a “reset” option, at the time of exercise, may be less advantageous than if the strike price had been fixed at the initiation of the option. In addition, if the premium paid for the purchase of the option may be determined at the termination, the Portfolio assumes the risk that (i) the premium may be less than the premium that would otherwise have been received at the initiation of the option because of such factors as the volatility in yield of the underlying Treasury security over the term of the option and adjustments made to the strike price of the option, and (ii) the option purchaser may default on its obligation to pay the premium at the termination of the option. Conversely, where the Portfolio purchases a reset option, it could be required to pay a higher premium than would have been the case at the initiation of the option.

*Futures.* Certain of the Portfolios may enter into futures contracts for various purposes including to increase or decrease exposure to equity or bond markets, to hedge against changes in interest rates, prices of stocks, bonds or other instruments, or rates to manage duration and yield curve positioning, or to enhance income or total return. Interest rate futures contracts, foreign currency futures contracts and stock and bond index futures contracts, including futures on U.S. Government securities (together, “Futures”) are used primarily for hedging purposes from time to time for return enhancement. Futures are also often used to adjust exposure to various equity or fixed income markets or as a substitute for investments in underlying cash markets. Upon entering into a Futures transaction, a Portfolio will be required to segregate an initial margin payment of cash or other liquid securities with the futures commission merchant (the “futures broker”). As the Future is marked to market to reflect changes in its market value, subsequent margin payments, known as “variation margin,” are made or received by the Portfolio as a result of changes in the value of the contract and /or changes in the value of the initial margin requirement. Prior to expiration of the Future, if a Portfolio elects to close out its position by taking an opposite position, a final determination of variation margin is made, additional cash is required to be paid by or released to the Portfolio, and any loss or gain is realized for tax purposes. All Futures transactions are effected through a clearinghouse associated with the exchange on which the Futures are traded.

Interest rate futures contracts are purchased or sold generally to manage duration and yield curve positioning and for hedging purposes to attempt to protect against the effects of interest rate changes on a Portfolio’s current or intended investments in fixed income securities, as well as for other purposes. For example, if a Portfolio owned long-term bonds and interest rates were expected to increase, that Portfolio might sell interest rate futures contracts. Such a sale would have much the same effect as selling some of the long-term bonds in that Portfolio’s portfolio. However, since the Futures market is more liquid than the cash market, the use of interest rate futures contracts as a hedging technique allows a Portfolio to hedge its interest rate risk without having to sell its portfolio securities. If interest rates did increase, the value of the debt securities in the portfolio would decline, but the value of that Portfolio’s interest rate futures contracts would be expected to increase at approximately the same rate, thereby keeping the NAV of that Portfolio from declining as much as it otherwise would have. On the other hand, if interest rates were expected to decline, interest rate futures contracts may be purchased to hedge in anticipation of subsequent purchases of long-term bonds at higher prices. Since the fluctuations in the value of the interest rate futures contracts should be similar to that of long-term bonds, a Portfolio could protect itself against the effects of the anticipated rise in the value of long-term bonds without actually buying them until the necessary cash became available or the market had stabilized. At that time, the interest rate futures contracts could be liquidated and that Portfolio’s cash reserves could then be used to buy long-term bonds on the cash market.

Purchases or sales of stock or bond index futures contracts are used for hedging purposes to attempt to protect a Portfolio’s current or intended investments from broad fluctuations in stock or bond prices. For example, a Portfolio may sell stock or bond index futures contracts in anticipation of or during a market decline to attempt to offset the decrease in market value of the Portfolio’s securities portfolio that might otherwise result. If such decline occurs, the loss in value of portfolio securities may be offset, in whole or in part, by gains on the Futures position. When a Portfolio is not fully invested in the securities market and anticipates a significant market advance, it may purchase stock or bond index futures contracts in order to gain rapid market exposure that may, in part or entirely, offset increases in the cost of securities that the Portfolio intends to purchase. As such purchases are made, the corresponding positions in stock or bond index futures contracts will be closed out.

Foreign currency futures contracts are generally entered into for hedging or income enhancement purposes to attempt to protect a Portfolio’s current or intended investments from fluctuations in currency exchange rates. Such fluctuations could reduce the dollar value of portfolio securities denominated in foreign currencies, or increase the cost of foreign-denominated securities to be acquired, even if the value of such securities in the currencies in which they are denominated remains constant. For example, a Portfolio may sell futures

contracts on a foreign currency when it holds securities denominated in such currency and it anticipates a decline in the value of such currency relative to the dollar. In the event such decline occurs, the resulting adverse effect on the value of foreign-denominated securities may be offset, in whole or in part, by gains on the Futures contracts. However, if the value of the foreign currency increases relative to the dollar, the Portfolio's loss on the foreign currency futures contract may or may not be offset by an increase in the value of the securities since a decline in the price of the security stated in terms of the foreign currency may be greater than the increase in value as a result of the change in exchange rates.

Conversely, a Portfolio could protect against a rise in the dollar cost of foreign-denominated securities to be acquired by purchasing Futures contracts on the relevant currency, which could offset, in whole or in part, the increased cost of such securities resulting from a rise in the dollar value of the underlying currencies. When a Portfolio purchases futures contracts under such circumstances, however, and the price of securities to be acquired instead declines as a result of appreciation of the dollar, the Portfolio will sustain losses on its futures position, which could reduce or eliminate the benefits of the reduced cost of portfolio securities to be acquired.

*Options on Futures.* Options on Futures include options on interest rate futures contracts, stock and bond index futures contracts and foreign currency futures contracts.

The writing of a call option on a Futures contract constitutes a partial hedge against declining prices of the securities in the portfolio. If the Futures price at expiration of the option is below the exercise price, the Portfolio will retain the full amount of the option premium, which provides a partial hedge against any decline that may have occurred in the portfolio holdings. The writing of a put option on a Futures contract constitutes a partial hedge against increasing prices of the securities or other instruments required to be delivered under the terms of the Futures contract. If the Futures price at expiration of the put option is higher than the exercise price, a Portfolio will retain the full amount of the option premium that provides a partial hedge against any increase in the price of securities the Portfolio intends to purchase. If a put or call option a Portfolio has written is exercised, the Portfolio will incur a loss, which will be reduced by the amount of the premium it receives. Depending on the degree of correlation between changes in the value of its portfolio securities and changes in the value of its options on Futures positions, a Portfolio's losses from exercised options on Futures may to some extent be reduced or increased by changes in the value of portfolio securities.

A Portfolio may purchase options on Futures for hedging purposes, instead of purchasing or selling the underlying Futures contract. For example, where a decrease in the value of portfolio securities is anticipated as a result of a projected market-wide decline or changes in interest or exchange rates, a Portfolio could, in lieu of selling a Futures contract, purchase put options thereon. In the event that such decrease occurs, it may be offset, in whole or part, by a profit on the option. If the market decline does not occur, the Portfolio will suffer a loss equal to the price of the put. Where it is projected that the value of securities to be acquired by a Portfolio will increase prior to acquisition, due to a market advance or changes in interest or exchange rates, a Portfolio could purchase call options on Futures, rather than purchasing the underlying Futures contract. If the market advances, the increased cost of securities to be purchased may be offset by a profit on the call. However, if the market declines, the Portfolio will suffer a loss equal to the price of the call but the securities the Portfolio intends to purchase may be less expensive.

*Limitations on entering into Futures Contracts and Options on Futures.* Transactions in options on Futures by a Portfolio are subject to limitations established by the CFTC and each of the exchanges governing the maximum number of options that may be written or held by a single investor or group of investors acting in concert, regardless of whether the options were written or purchased on the same or different exchanges or are held in one or more accounts or through one or more exchanges or brokers. Thus, the number of options a Portfolio may write or hold may be affected by options written or held by other entities, including other investment companies having the same or an affiliated investment adviser. Position limits also apply to Futures contracts. An exchange may order the liquidation of positions found to be in violation of those limits and may impose certain other sanctions.

No Portfolio will enter into futures contracts or write put or call options with respect to futures contracts unless such transactions are either "covered" or subject to appropriate asset segregation requirements. Each Portfolio bases its asset segregation policies on methods permitted by the SEC staff and may modify these policies in the future to comply with any changes in the guidance articulated from time to time by the SEC or its staff. Generally, these require that the Portfolio segregate an amount of assets equal to its obligations relative to the position involved, adjusted daily on a mark-to-market basis. With respect to futures contracts that are not contractually required to "cash-settle," the Portfolio covers its open positions by setting aside liquid assets equal to the contracts' full notional value. With respect to futures contracts that are contractually required to "cash-settle," however, the Portfolio sets aside liquid assets in an amount equal to the Portfolio's daily mark-to-market (net) obligation (*i.e.*, a Portfolio's daily net liability, if any), rather than the notional value.

*Commodity Exchange Act Regulation.* Each Portfolio is operated by persons who have claimed an exclusion, granted to operators of registered investment companies like the Portfolios, from registration as a "commodity pool operator" with respect to each Portfolio under the Commodity Exchange Act (the "CEA"), and, therefore, are not subject to registration or regulation with respect to the Portfolio

under the CEA. As a result, each Portfolio is limited in its ability to use commodity futures (which include futures on broad-based securities indexes and interest rate futures) or options on commodity futures, engage in certain swaps transactions or make certain other investments (whether directly or indirectly through investments in other investment vehicles) for purposes other than “bona fide hedging,” as defined in the rules of the CFTC. With respect to transactions other than for bona fide hedging purposes, either: (1) the aggregate initial margin and premiums required to establish the Portfolio’s positions in such investments may not exceed 5% of the liquidation value of its portfolio (after accounting for unrealized profits and unrealized losses on any such investments); or (2) the aggregate net notional value of such instruments, determined at the time the most recent position was established, may not exceed 100% of the liquidation value of its portfolio (after accounting for unrealized profits and unrealized losses on any such positions). In addition to meeting one of the foregoing trading limitations, no Portfolio may market itself as a commodity pool or otherwise as a vehicle for trading in the futures, options or swaps markets.

**Other Investment Companies.** The Portfolios may invest in securities of other investment companies (including ETFs) subject to statutory limitations prescribed by the 1940 Act. ETFs are a widely used type of other investment company. These limitations include a prohibition on a Portfolio acquiring more than 3% of the voting shares of any other investment company, and a prohibition on investing more than 5% of the Portfolio’s total assets in securities of any one investment company or more than 10% of its total assets in securities of all investment companies. A Portfolio will indirectly bear its proportionate share of any management fees and other expenses paid by such other investment companies. Pursuant to certain exemptive relief granted by the SEC, the SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio’s investments in certain ETFs may exceed certain of the limits described above. See also “Exchange Traded Funds.”

**Portfolio Turnover.** A Portfolio may purchase and sell securities whenever necessary to seek to accomplish its investment objectives. Portfolio turnover generally involves some expense to a Portfolio and its shareholders, including brokerage commissions and other transaction costs on the purchase and sale of securities and reinvestment in other securities.

A Portfolio’s turnover rate would equal 100% if each security in the Portfolio were replaced once per year.

**Real Estate Investment Trusts (“REITs”).** REITs pool investors’ funds for investment primarily in income producing real estate or real estate-related loans or interests. A REIT is not taxed on income distributed to shareholders if it complies with various requirements relating to its organization, ownership, assets and income and with the requirement that it distribute to its shareholders at least 95% of its taxable income (other than net capital gains) for each taxable year. REITs can generally be classified as Equity REITs, Mortgage REITs and Hybrid REITs. Equity REITs invest the majority of their assets directly in real property and derive their income primarily from the collection of rents. Equity REITs can also realize capital gains by selling property that has appreciated in value. Mortgage REITs invest the majority of their assets in real estate mortgages and derive their income primarily from interest payments. Hybrid REITs combine the characteristics of both Equity REITs and Mortgage REITs. Equity REITs may be affected by changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the trusts, while Mortgage REITs may be affected by the quality of credit extended. Equity and Mortgage REITs are dependent upon management skill, may not be diversified and are subject to project financing risks. Such trusts are also subject to heavy cash flow dependency, defaults by borrowers, self-liquidation and the possibility of failing to qualify for tax-free pass-through of income under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”) and to maintain exemption from registration under the 1940 Act. Changes in interest rates may also affect the value of the REIT securities in the Portfolio’s portfolio. By investing in REITs indirectly through a Portfolio, a shareholder will bear not only his proportionate share of the expense of the Portfolio, but also, indirectly, similar expenses of the REITs, including compensation of management. REITs may be leveraged, which increases risk.

**Reverse Repurchase Agreements.** Reverse repurchase agreements may be entered into with brokers, dealers, domestic and foreign banks or other financial institutions that have been determined by a Subadviser to be creditworthy. In a reverse repurchase agreement, the Portfolio sells a security and agrees to repurchase it at a mutually agreed upon date and price, reflecting the interest rate effective for the term of the agreement. It may also be viewed as the borrowing of money by the Portfolio. The Portfolio’s investment of the proceeds of a reverse repurchase agreement is the speculative factor known as leverage. A Portfolio will enter into a reverse repurchase agreement only if the interest income from investment of the proceeds is expected to be greater than the interest expense of the transaction and the proceeds are invested for a period no longer than the term of the agreement. In order to minimize any risk involved, the Portfolio will segregate cash or other liquid securities in an amount at least equal to its purchase obligations under these agreements (including accrued interest). In the event that the buyer of securities under a reverse repurchase agreement files for bankruptcy or becomes insolvent, the buyer or its trustee or receiver may receive an extension of time to determine whether to enforce the Portfolio’s repurchase obligation, and the Portfolio’s use of proceeds of the agreement may effectively be restricted pending such decision. Reverse repurchase agreements are considered to be borrowings and are subject to the percentage limitations on borrowings. See “Investment Restrictions.”

**Roll Transactions.** Roll transactions involve the sale of mortgage or other asset-backed securities (“roll securities”) with the commitment to purchase substantially similar (same type, coupon and maturity) securities on a specified future date. During the roll period, a Portfolio forgoes principal and interest paid on the roll securities. The Portfolio is compensated by the difference between the



current sales price and the lower forward price for the future purchase (often referred to as the “drop”) as well as by the interest earned on the cash proceeds of the initial sale. The Portfolio also could be compensated through the receipt of fee income equivalent to a lower forward price. A “covered roll” is a specific type of dollar roll for which there is an offsetting cash position or a cash equivalent security position that matures on or before the forward settlement date of the dollar roll transaction. A Portfolio will enter only into covered rolls. Because roll transactions involve both the sale and purchase of a security, they may cause the reported portfolio turnover rate to be higher than that reflecting typical portfolio management activities.

Roll transactions involve certain risks, including the following: if the broker-dealer to whom the Portfolio sells the security becomes insolvent, the Portfolio’s right to purchase or repurchase the security subject to the dollar roll may be restricted and the instrument that the Portfolio is required to repurchase may be worth less than an instrument that the Portfolio originally held. Successful use of roll transactions will depend upon the Subadviser’s ability to predict correctly interest rates and, in the case of mortgage dollar rolls, mortgage prepayments. For these reasons, there is no assurance that dollar rolls can be successfully employed.

**Sector Risk.** Companies with similar characteristics may be grouped together in broad categories called sectors. Sector risk is the possibility that a certain sector may underperform other sectors or the market as a whole. As a Portfolio allocates more of its portfolio holdings to a particular sector, the Portfolio’s performance will be more susceptible to any economic, business or other developments that generally affect that sector.

**Securities Lending.** Consistent with applicable regulatory requirements, each Portfolio may lend portfolio securities in amounts up to 33⅓% of total assets to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions, provided that such loans are callable at any time by a Portfolio and are at all times secured by cash, U.S. government securities or certain bank letters of credit. In lending its portfolio securities, a Portfolio receives income while retaining the securities’ potential for capital appreciation. The advantage of such loans is that a Portfolio continues to receive the interest and dividends on the loaned securities while at the same time earning interest on the collateral, which, in the case of cash collateral, will be invested in short-term highly liquid obligations. The market value of loaned securities is monitored daily and the borrower is required to deposit additional collateral whenever the market value of the loaned securities rises or the value of the non-cash collateral declines. A borrower is not required to deposit additional collateral if a loan becomes under-collateralized as a result of declines in the market value of securities in which the cash collateral is invested. A loan may be terminated by the borrower on one business day’s notice or by the Portfolio at any time. As with any extensions of credit, there are risks of delay in recovery and in some cases even loss of rights in the collateral should the borrower of the securities fail financially. However, these loans of portfolio securities will be made only to firms deemed by the Adviser to be creditworthy. On termination of the loan, the borrower is required to return the securities to the Portfolio, and any gain or loss in the market price of the loaned security during the loan would inure to the Portfolio. The Portfolio may also suffer losses if the value of the securities in which cash collateral is invested declines. In addition to the fees paid to the lending agent, the Portfolio may pay reasonable finders’, administrative and custodial fees in connection with a loan of its securities.

Since voting or consent rights that accompany loaned securities pass to the borrower, each such Portfolio will follow the policy of calling the loan, in whole or in part as may be appropriate, to permit the exercise of such rights if the Adviser or Subadviser determines that the matters involved would have a material effect on the Portfolio’s investment in the securities that are the subject of the loan and that it is feasible to recall the loan on a timely basis.

**Short Sales.** Short sales are effected by selling a security that a Portfolio does not own. The SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio may engage in short sales “against the box.” A short sale is “against the box” to the extent that the Portfolio contemporaneously owns, or has the right to obtain without payment, securities identical to those sold short. A short sale against the box of an “appreciated financial position” (e.g., appreciated stock) is generally treated as a sale by the Portfolio for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The Portfolio will generally recognize any gain (but not loss) for U.S. federal income tax purposes at the time that it makes a short sale against the box. The Portfolio may not enter into a short sale against the box, if, as a result, more than 25% of its total assets would be subject to such short sales.

**Short-Term Investments.** Short-term investments, including both U.S. and non-U.S. dollar denominated money market instruments, are invested in for reasons that may include (a) liquidity purposes (to meet redemptions and expenses); (b) to generate a return on idle cash held by a Portfolio during periods when the Subadviser is unable to locate favorable investment opportunities; or (c) temporary defensive purposes. Each Portfolio may invest in short-term instruments, including:

**Money Market Securities.** Money market securities may include securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities, repurchase agreements, commercial paper, bankers’ acceptances, time deposits and certificates of deposit.

**Commercial Bank Obligations.** Commercial bank obligations are certificates of deposit (“CDs”) (interest-bearing time deposits issued by domestic banks, foreign branches of domestic banks, U.S. branches of foreign banks and non-U.S. branches of foreign banks),

bankers' acceptances (time drafts drawn on a commercial bank where the bank accepts an irrevocable obligation to pay at maturity) and documented discount notes (corporate promissory discount notes accompanied by a commercial bank guarantee to pay at maturity) representing direct or contingent obligations of commercial banks.

*Savings Association Obligations.* Certificates of deposit (interest-bearing time deposits) issued by mutual savings banks or savings and loan associations with assets in excess of \$1 billion and whose deposits are insured by the FDIC.

*Commercial Paper.* Short-term notes (up to 12 months) issued by domestic and foreign corporations or governmental bodies, including variable amount master demand notes and floating rate or variable rate notes. This includes commercial paper that is (a) rated in one of the two highest categories by any two or more NRSROs or by one NRSRO if only one has rated the security or (b) other commercial paper deemed on the basis of the issuer's creditworthiness to be of an appropriate quality. See the Appendix for a description of the ratings.

*Extendible Commercial Notes ("ECNs").* ECNs are very similar to commercial paper except that with ECNs the issuer has the option to extend maturity to 390 days. ECNs are issued at a discount rate with an initial redemption of not more than 90 days from the date of issue. The issuer of an ECN has the option to extend maturity to 390 days. If ECNs are not redeemed by the issuer on the initial redemption date the issuer will pay a premium (step-up) rate based on the ECNs' credit rating at the time.

A Portfolio may purchase ECNs only if judged by the Subadviser to be of suitable investment quality. This includes ECNs that are (a) rated in the two highest categories by S&P and by Moody's, or (b) deemed on the basis of the issuer's creditworthiness to be of a quality appropriate for the Portfolio. No more than 5% of a Portfolio's assets may be invested in ECNs in the second highest rating category; no more than the greater of 1% of the Portfolio's assets or \$1 million may be invested in such securities of any one issuer. See the Appendix for a description of the ratings. A Portfolio will not purchase ECNs described in (b) above if such paper would in the aggregate exceed 15% of its total assets after such purchase.

*Variable Amount Master Demand Notes.* Variable amount master demand notes permit a Portfolio to invest varying amounts at fluctuating rates of interest pursuant to the agreement in the master note. These are direct lending obligations between the lender and borrower, they are generally not traded, and there is no secondary market for such obligations. Such instruments are payable with accrued interest in whole or in part on demand. The amounts of the instruments are subject to daily fluctuations as the participants increase or decrease the extent of their participation. In connection with variable amount master demand note arrangements, a Subadviser, subject to the direction of the Trustees, monitors on an ongoing basis the earning power, cash flow and other liquidity ratios of the borrower, and its ability to pay principal and interest on demand. A Subadviser also considers the extent to which the variable amount master demand notes are backed by bank letters of credit. These notes generally are not rated by Moody's or S&P and a Portfolio may invest in them only if it is determined that at the time of investment the notes are of comparable quality to the other commercial paper in which a Portfolio may invest.

*Corporate Bonds and Notes.* A Portfolio may purchase corporate obligations that mature or that may be redeemed in 397 days or less. These obligations originally may have been issued with maturities in excess of such period. See the Appendix for a description of investment-grade ratings by S&P and Moody's.

*U.S. Government Securities.* Debt securities maturing generally within 12 months of the date of purchase and include adjustable-rate mortgage securities backed by GNMA, FNMA, FHLMC and other non-agency issuers. Although certain floating or variable rate obligations (securities whose coupon rate changes at least annually and generally more frequently) have maturities in excess of one year, they are also considered short-term debt securities.

*Repurchase Agreements.* A Portfolio will enter into repurchase agreements involving only securities in which it could otherwise invest, and with selected banks and securities dealers whose financial condition is monitored by a Subadviser, subject to the guidance of the Board. In such agreements, the seller agrees to repurchase the security at a mutually agreed-upon time and price. The period of maturity is usually quite short, either overnight or a few days, although it may extend over a number of months. The repurchase price is in excess of the purchase price by an amount that reflects an agreed-upon rate of return effective for the period of time a Portfolio's money is invested in the security. Whenever a Portfolio enters into a repurchase agreement, it obtains appropriate collateral. The instruments held as collateral are valued daily and if the value of the instruments declines, the Portfolio will require additional collateral. If the seller under the repurchase agreement defaults, the Portfolio may incur a loss if the value of the collateral securing the repurchase agreement has declined, and may incur disposition costs in connection with liquidating the collateral. In addition, if bankruptcy proceedings are commenced with respect to the seller of the security, realization of the collateral by the Portfolio may be delayed or limited. The Trustees have established guidelines to be used by a Subadviser in connection with transactions in repurchase agreements and will regularly monitor each Portfolio's use of repurchase agreements. A Portfolio will not invest in repurchase agreements maturing in more than seven



days if the aggregate of such investments along with other illiquid securities exceeds 10% (15% for the SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio) of the value of its total assets. However, repurchase agreements having a maturity of seven days or less for temporary defensive purposes are not subject to the limits on illiquid securities.

**Special Situations.** As described in the Prospectus, certain Portfolios may invest in “special situations.” A special situation arises when, in the opinion of a Subadviser, the securities of a particular issuer will be recognized and appreciate in value due to a specific development with respect to that issuer. Developments creating a special situation might include, among others, a new product or process, a technological breakthrough, a management change or other extraordinary corporate event, or differences in market supply of and demand for the security. Investments in special situations may carry an additional risk of loss in the event that the anticipated development does not occur or does not attract the expected attention.

**Standby Commitments.** Standby commitment agreements are similar to put options that commit the Portfolio, for a stated period of time, to purchase a stated amount of a security that may be issued and sold to the Portfolio at the option of the issuer. The price of the security is fixed at the time of the commitment. At the time of entering into the agreement, the Portfolio is paid a commitment fee, regardless of whether the security ultimately is issued. The Portfolio may enter into standby commitment agreements to enhance the liquidity of portfolio securities, but only when the issuers of the commitment agreements present minimal risk of default. Ordinarily, the Portfolio may not transfer a standby commitment to a third party, although it could sell the underlying security to a third party at any time. The Portfolio may purchase standby commitments separate from or in conjunction with the purchase of securities subject to such commitments. In the latter case, the Portfolio would pay a higher price for the securities acquired, thus reducing their yield to maturity. Issuers or financial intermediaries may obtain letters of credit or other guarantees to support their ability to buy securities on demand. A Subadviser may rely upon its evaluation of a bank’s credit in determining whether to support an instrument supported by a letter of credit. Standby commitments are subject to certain risks, including: the ability of issuers of standby commitments to pay for securities at the time the commitments are exercised; the fact that standby commitments are not marketable by the Portfolios; and the possibility that the maturities of the underlying securities may be different from those of the commitments.

### **Swaps.**

*Credit Default Swaps, Inflation Swaps, Total Return Swaps, Interest-Rate Swaps, Mortgage Swaps, and Interest-Rate Caps, Floors and Collars.* Entering into interest-rate swaps or mortgage swaps or purchasing interest-rate caps, floors or collars is often done to protect against interest rate fluctuations and hedge against fluctuations in the fixed income market. A Portfolio will generally enter into these hedging transactions primarily to preserve a return or spread on a particular investment or portion of the portfolio and to protect against any increase in the price of securities the Portfolio anticipates purchasing at a later date. Interest-rate swaps involve the exchange by the Portfolio with another party of their respective commitments to pay or receive interest, e.g., an exchange of floating rate payments for fixed rate payments. Interest-rate swaps are either individually negotiated, or certain swaps are standardized and must be executed on an electronic trading facility or exchange and centrally cleared. However, in each case, the Portfolios expect to achieve an acceptable degree of correlation between their respective portfolio investments and their interest-rate positions. The Portfolios will enter into interest-rate swaps only on a net basis, which means that the two payment streams are netted out, with the Portfolios receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments. Interest-rate swaps do not involve the delivery of securities, other underlying assets or principal. Accordingly, the risk of loss with respect to interest-rate swaps is limited to the net amount of interest payments that a Portfolio is contractually obligated to make, if any. If the other party to an interest-rate swap defaults, the Portfolio’s risk of loss consists of the net amount of interest payments that the Portfolio is contractually entitled to receive, if any. The use of interest-rate swaps is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions.

The purchase of an interest-rate cap entitles the purchaser, to the extent that a specified index exceeds a predetermined interest rate, to receive payment of interest on a notional principal amount from the party selling such interest-rate cap. The purchase of an interest-rate floor entitles the purchaser, to the extent that a specified index falls below a predetermined interest rate, to receive payments of interest on a notional principal amount from the party selling such interest rate floor. An interest-rate collar is the combination of a cap and a floor that preserves a certain return within a predetermined range of interest rates. Mortgage swaps are similar to interest-rate swaps in that they represent commitments to pay and receive interest. The notional principal amount, upon which the value of the interest payments is based, is tied to a reference pool or pools of mortgages. The Portfolios will not enter into any mortgage swap, interest-rate swap, cap or floor transaction unless the unsecured commercial paper, senior debt, or the claims-paying ability of the other party thereto is rated either AA or A-1 or better by S&P or Fitch Ratings, Inc. (“Fitch”) or Aa or P-1 or better by Moody’s, or is determined to be of equivalent quality by the applicable Subadviser.

*Credit Default Swaps.* Credit default swap agreements involve one party making a stream of payments (referred to as the buyer of protection) to another party (the seller of protection) in exchange for the right to receive a specified return in the event of a default or

other credit event for the referenced entity, obligation or index. As a seller of protection on credit default swap agreements, a Portfolio will generally receive from the buyer of protection a fixed rate of income throughout the term of the swap provided that there is no credit event. As the seller, a Portfolio would effectively add leverage to its portfolio because, in addition to its total net assets, a Portfolio would be subject to investment exposure on the notional amount of the swap.

If a Portfolio is a seller of protection and a credit event occurs, as defined under the terms of that particular swap agreement, a Portfolio will either (i) pay to the buyer of protection an amount equal to the notional amount of the swap and take delivery of the referenced obligation, other deliverable obligations or underlying securities comprising the referenced index or (ii) pay a net settlement amount in the form of cash or securities equal to the notional amount of the swap less the recovery value of the referenced obligation or underlying securities comprising the referenced index. If a Portfolio is a buyer of protection and a credit event occurs, as defined under the terms of that particular swap agreement, a Portfolio will either (i) receive from the seller of protection an amount equal to the notional amount of the swap and deliver the referenced obligation, other deliverable obligations or underlying securities comprising the referenced index or (ii) receive a net settlement amount in the form of cash or securities equal to the notional amount of the swap less the recovery value of the referenced obligation or underlying securities comprising the referenced index.

Credit default swap agreements on corporate issues or sovereign issues of an emerging country involve one party making a stream of payments to another party in exchange for the right to receive a specified return in the event of a default or other credit event. If a credit event occurs and cash settlement is not elected, a variety of other deliverable obligations may be delivered in lieu of the specific referenced obligation. The ability to deliver other obligations may result in a cheapest-to-deliver option (the buyer of protection's right to choose the deliverable obligation with the lowest value following a credit event). A Portfolio may use credit default swaps on corporate issues or sovereign issues of an emerging country to provide a measure of protection against defaults of the issuers (*i.e.*, to reduce risk where a Portfolio owns or has exposure to the referenced obligation) or to take an active long or short position with respect to the likelihood of a particular issuer's default.

Credit default swap agreements on asset-backed securities involve one party making a stream of payments to another party in exchange for the right to receive a specified return in the event of a default or other credit event. Unlike credit default swaps on corporate issues or sovereign issues of an emerging country, deliverable obligations in most instances would be limited to the specific referenced obligation as performance for asset-backed securities can vary across deals. Prepayments, principal pay-downs, and other write-down or loss events on the underlying mortgage loans will reduce the outstanding principal balance of the referenced obligation. These reductions may be temporary or permanent as defined under the terms of the swap agreement and the notional amount for the swap agreement will be adjusted by corresponding amounts. A Portfolio may use credit default swaps on asset-backed securities to provide a measure of protection against defaults of the referenced obligation or to take an active long or short position with respect to the likelihood of a particular referenced obligation's default.

Credit default swap agreements on credit indices (CDXs) involve one party making a stream of payments to another party in exchange for the right to receive a specified return in the event of a write-down, principal shortfall, interest shortfall or default of all or part of the referenced entities comprising the credit index. A credit index is a list of a basket of credit instruments or exposures designed to be representative of some part of the credit market as a whole. These indices are made up of reference credits that are judged by a poll of dealers to be the most liquid entities in the credit default swap market based on the sector of the index. Components of the indices may include, but are not limited to, investment grade securities, high yield securities, asset-backed securities, emerging markets, and/or various credit ratings within each sector. Credit indices are traded using credit default swaps with standardized terms including a fixed spread and standard maturity dates. An index credit default swap references all the names in the index, and if there is a default, the credit event is settled based on that name's weight in the index. The composition of the indices changes periodically, usually every six months, and for most indices, each name has an equal weight in the index. A Portfolio may use credit default swaps on credit indices to hedge a portfolio of credit default swaps or bonds with a credit default swap on indices which is less expensive than it would be to buy many credit default swaps to achieve a similar effect. Credit-default swaps on indices are benchmarks for protecting investors owning bonds against default, and traders use them to speculate on changes in credit quality.

Implied credit spreads, represented in absolute terms, utilized in determining the market value of credit default swap agreements on corporate issues or sovereign issues of an emerging country as of period end are disclosed in the footnotes to the Schedules of Investments (in the Annual Report), if applicable, and serve as an indicator of the current status of the payment/performance risk and represent the likelihood or risk of default for the credit derivative. The implied credit spread of a particular referenced entity reflects the cost of buying /selling protection and may include upfront payments required to be made to enter into the agreement. For credit default swap agreements on asset-based securities and credit indices, the quoted market prices and resulting values serve as the indicator of the current status of the payment/performance risk. Wider credit spreads and increasing market values, in absolute terms when compared to the notional amount of the swap, represent a deterioration of the referenced entity's credit soundness and a greater likelihood or risk of default or other credit event occurring as defined under the terms of the agreement.

The maximum potential amount of future payments (undiscounted) that a Portfolio as a seller of protection could be required to make under a credit default swap agreement would be an amount equal to the notional amount of the agreement. Notional amounts of all credit default swap agreements outstanding as of the most recent fiscal year end and most recent semi-annual fiscal period for which a Portfolio is the seller of protection, if any, are disclosed in the footnotes to the Schedules of Investments in the Annual Report and Semi-Annual Report, respectively. These potential amounts would be partially offset by any recovery values of the respective referenced obligations, upfront payments received upon entering into the agreement, or net amounts received from the settlement of buy protection credit default swap agreements entered into by a Portfolio for the same referenced entity or entities.

If a Portfolio writes (sells) a credit default swap, then the Portfolio will, during the term of the swap agreement, segregate assets equal to the full notional amount of the swap.

*Equity Swaps Agreements.* Certain Portfolios may enter into equity swap agreements (“equity swaps”) for various purposes, including to hedge exposure to market risk or to gain exposure to a security or market index. Equity swaps, a type of total return swap, are contracts that are typically entered into for the purpose of investing in a security or index without owning or taking physical custody of securities. The counterparty to an equity swap will typically be a bank, investment banking firm or broker/dealer. Equity swaps may be structured in different ways. The counterparty will generally agree to pay the Portfolio the amount, if any, by which the notional amount of the equity swap contract would have increased in value had it been invested in particular stocks (or an index of stocks), plus the dividends that would have been received on those stocks. In these cases, the Portfolio may agree to pay to the counterparty a floating rate of interest on the notional amount of the equity swap contract plus the amount, if any, by which that notional amount would have decreased in value had it been invested in such stocks. Therefore, the return to the Portfolio on any equity swap should be the gain or loss on the notional amount plus dividends on the stocks less the interest paid by the Portfolio on the notional amount. In other cases, the counterparty and the Portfolio may agree to pay the other the difference between the relative investment performances that would have been achieved if the notional amount of the equity swap contract had been invested in different stocks (or indices of stocks).

A Portfolio will generally enter into equity swaps only on a net basis, which means that the two payment streams are netted out, with the Portfolio receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments. Payments may be made at the conclusion of an equity swap contract or periodically during its term. Equity swaps normally do not involve the delivery of securities or other underlying assets. Accordingly, the risk of loss with respect to equity swaps is normally limited to the net amount of payments that a Portfolio is contractually obligated to make. If the other party to an equity swap defaults, the Portfolio’s risk of loss consists of the net amount of payment that the Portfolio is contractually entitled to receive, if any. The Portfolio will segregate cash or other liquid securities in an amount having an aggregate NAV at least equal to the accrued excess of the Portfolio’s obligations over its entitlements with respect to each equity swap.

*Inflation Swaps.* Inflation swap agreements are contracts in which one party agrees to pay the cumulative percentage increase in a price index, such as the Consumer Price Index (“CPI”), over the term of the swap (with some lag on the referenced inflation index), and the other pays a compounded fixed rate. The Portfolios intend to utilize inflation swap agreements where there is no exchange of cash payments until the maturity of the swap. These are sometimes called zero coupon inflation swaps. Inflation swap agreements may be used to protect the NAV of a Portfolio against an unexpected change in the rate of inflation measured by an inflation index.

Inflation swap agreements entail the risk that a party will default on its payment obligations to the Portfolio thereunder. Swap agreements also bear the risk that the Portfolio will not be able to meet its obligation to the counterparty. The Portfolio will enter into inflation swaps on a net basis (*i.e.*, the two payment streams are netted out at maturity with the Portfolio receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments). The net amount of the excess, if any, of the Portfolio’s obligations over its entitlements with respect to each inflation swap will be accrued on a daily basis, and an amount of cash or liquid instruments having an aggregate NAV at least equal to the accrued excess will be segregated by the Portfolio. The value of inflation swap agreements are expected to change in response to changes in real interest rates. Real interest rates are tied to the relationship between nominal interest rates and the rate of inflation. If nominal interest rates increase at a faster rate than inflation, real interest rates may rise, leading to a decrease in value of an inflation swap agreement.

*Options on Swaps.* Certain Portfolios may enter into Swaptions. A Swaption is an option to enter into a swap agreement. Like other types of options, the buyer of a Swaption pays a non-refundable premium for the option and obtains the right, but not the obligation, to enter into an underlying swap on agreed-upon terms. The seller of a Swaption, in exchange for the premium, becomes obligated (if the option is exercised) to enter into an underlying swap on agreed-upon terms.

*Total Return Swaps.* Total return swaps are contracts that obligate a party to pay or receive interest in exchange for the payment by the other party of the total return generated by a security, a basket of securities, an index or an index component. To the extent the total

return of the security or index underlying the transaction exceeds or falls short of the offsetting interest rate obligation, a Portfolio will receive a payment from or make a payment to the counterparty.

**U.S. Government Securities.** Each Portfolio may invest in a variety of debt securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities. These securities include a variety of Treasury securities that differ primarily in their interest rates, the length of their maturities and dates of issuance. Treasury bills are obligations issued with maturities of one year or less. Treasury notes are generally issued with maturities from one to ten years. Treasury bonds are generally issued with maturities of more than ten years. Obligations issued by agencies and instrumentalities of the U.S. Government, which may be purchased by each Portfolio, also vary in terms of their maturities at the time of issuance.

U.S. Treasury obligations are backed by the “full faith and credit” of the U.S. Government and are generally considered to have minimal credit risk. Securities issued or guaranteed by federal agencies or authorities and U.S. Government-sponsored instrumentalities or enterprises may or may not be backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. For example, securities issued by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Banks are neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government. These securities may be supported by the ability to borrow from the U.S. Treasury or by the credit of the issuing agency, authority, instrumentality or enterprise and, as a result, are subject to greater credit risk than securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury.

**U.S. Treasury Inflation Protection Securities.** U.S. Treasury inflation protection securities are issued by the Treasury with a nominal return linked to the inflation rate in prices. The index used to measure inflation is the non-seasonally adjusted U.S. City Average All Items Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (“CPI-U”). The value of the principal is adjusted for inflation, and the securities pay interest every six months. The interest payment is equal to a fixed percentage of the inflation-adjusted value of the principal. The final payment of principal of the security will not be less than the original par amount of the security at issuance. The principal of the inflation-protection security is indexed to the non-seasonally adjusted CPI-U. To calculate the inflation-adjusted principal value for a particular valuation date, the value of the principal at issuance is multiplied by the index ratio applicable to that valuation date. The index ratio for any date is the ratio of the reference CPI applicable to such date to the reference CPI applicable to the original issue date. Semi-annual coupon interest is determined by multiplying the inflation-adjusted principal amount by one-half of the stated rate of interest on each interest payment date. Inflation-adjusted principal or the original par amount, whichever is larger, is paid on the maturity date as specified in the applicable offering announcement. If at maturity the inflation-adjusted principal is less than the original principal value of the security, an additional amount is paid at maturity so that the additional amount plus the inflation-adjusted principal equals the original principal amount. Some inflation-protection securities may be stripped into principal and interest components. In the case of a stripped security, the holder of the stripped principal component would receive this additional amount. The final interest payment, however, will be based on the final inflation-adjusted principal value, not the original par amount.

The reference CPI for the first day of any calendar month is the CPI-U for the third preceding calendar month. (For example, the reference CPI for December 1 is the CPI-U reported for September of the same year, which is released in October.) The reference CPI for any other day of the month is calculated by a linear interpolation between the reference CPI applicable to the first day of the month and the reference CPI applicable to the first day of the following month. Any revisions the Bureau of Labor Statistics (or successor agency) makes to any CPI-U number that has been previously released will not be used in calculations of the value of outstanding inflation-protection securities. In the case that the CPI-U for a particular month is not reported by the last day of the following month, the Treasury will announce an index number based on the last year-over-year CPI-U inflation rate available. Any calculations of the Treasury’s payment obligations on the inflation-protection security that need that month’s CPI-U number will be based on the index number that the Treasury has announced. If the CPI-U is rebased to a different year, the Treasury will continue to use the CPI-U series based on the base reference period in effect when the security was first issued as long as that series continues to be published. If the CPI-U is discontinued during the period the inflation-protection security is outstanding, the Treasury will, in consultation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics (or successor agency), determine an appropriate substitute index and methodology for linking the discontinued series with the new price index series. Determinations of the Secretary of the Treasury in this regard are final.

Inflation-protection securities will be held and transferred in either of two book-entry systems: the commercial book-entry system (TRADES) or TREASURY DIRECT. The securities will be maintained and transferred at their original par amount, *i.e.*, not at their inflation-adjusted value. Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities components will be maintained and transferred in TRADES at their value based on the original par amount of the fully constituted security.

**Warrants and Rights.** Warrants and rights give the holder of the warrant a right to purchase a given number of shares of a particular issue at a specified price until expiration. Such investments can generally provide a greater potential for profit or loss than investments of equivalent amounts in the underlying common stock. The prices of warrants do not necessarily move with the prices of the underlying securities. If the holder does not sell the warrant, it risks the loss of its entire investment if the market price of the underlying stock does



not, before the expiration date, exceed the exercise price of the warrant plus the cost thereof. Investment in warrants is a speculative activity. Warrants pay no dividends and confer no rights (other than the right to purchase the underlying stock) with respect to the assets of the issuer. Rights represent a preemptive right of stockholders to purchase additional shares of a stock at the time of a new issuance before the stock is offered to the general public, allowing the stockholder to retain the same ownership percentage after the new stock offering.

***When-Issued, Delayed-Delivery and Forward Commitment Securities.*** Each Portfolio may purchase securities on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis or purchase or sell securities on a forward commitment basis beyond the customary settlement time. These transactions involve a commitment by a Portfolio to purchase or sell securities at a future date. The price of the underlying securities (usually expressed in terms of yield) and the date when the securities will be delivered and paid for (the settlement date) are fixed at the time the transaction is negotiated. When-issued and delayed-delivery purchases and forward commitment transactions are negotiated directly with the other party, and such commitments are not traded on exchanges. The Portfolios will generally purchase securities on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis or purchase or sell securities on a forward commitment basis only with the intention of completing the transaction and actually purchasing or selling the securities. If deemed advisable as a matter of investment strategy, however, a Portfolio may dispose of or negotiate a commitment after entering into it. The Portfolios may realize capital gains or losses in connection with these transactions. Each Portfolio is generally required to segregate, until three days prior to settlement date, cash and liquid assets in an amount sufficient to meet the purchase price unless the Portfolio's obligations are otherwise covered. Alternatively, each Portfolio may enter into offsetting contracts for the forward sale of other securities that it owns. Securities purchased or sold on a when-issued or forward commitment basis involve a risk of loss if the value of the security to be purchased declines prior to the settlement date or if the value of the security to be sold increases prior to the settlement date.

***Zero Coupon Bonds, Step-Coupon Bonds, Deferred Interest Bonds and PIK Bonds.*** Fixed income securities in which a Portfolio may invest also include zero coupon bonds, step-coupon bonds, deferred interest bonds and bonds on which the interest is payable-in-kind ("PIK bonds"). Zero coupon and deferred interest bonds are debt obligations issued or purchased at a significant discount from face value. A step-coupon bond is one in which a change in interest rate is fixed contractually in advance. PIK bonds are debt obligations that provide that the issuer thereof may, at its option, pay interest on such bonds in cash or in the form of additional debt obligations. The higher yield and interest rates on PIK bonds reflects a payment deferral and increased credit risk associated with such instruments and that such investments may represent a significantly higher credit risk than coupon loans. PIK bonds may have unreliable valuations because their continuing accruals require continuing judgments about the collectability of the deferred payments and the value of any associated collateral. PIK interest has the effect of increasing the assets under management and, thereby, increasing the management fees at a compounding rate. In addition, the deferral of PIK interest also reduces the loan to value ratio at a compounding rate.

These investments may experience greater volatility in market value due to changes in interest rates and other factors than debt obligations that make regular payments of interest. A Portfolio will accrue income on such investments for tax and accounting purposes, as required, that is distributable to shareholders and that, because no cash is received at the time of accrual, may require the liquidation of other portfolio securities under disadvantageous circumstances to satisfy the Portfolio's distribution obligations.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ABOUT DERIVATIVES AND THEIR USE**

The Trust's custodian, State Street Bank and Trust Company ("State Street"), or a securities depository acting for the custodian, will act as each Portfolio's escrow agent, through the facilities of the Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC"), as to the securities on which the Portfolio has written options or as to other acceptable escrow securities, so that no margin will be required for such transaction. OCC will release the securities on the expiration of the option or upon a Portfolio's entering into a closing transaction.

An option position may be closed out only on a market that provides secondary trading for options of the same series and there is no assurance that a liquid secondary market will exist for any particular option. A Portfolio's option activities may affect its turnover rate and brokerage commissions. The exercise by a Portfolio of puts on securities will result in the sale of related investments, increasing portfolio turnover. Although such exercise is within a Portfolio's control, holding a put might cause the Portfolio to sell the related investments for reasons that would not exist in the absence of the put. A Portfolio will pay a brokerage commission each time it buys a put or call, sells a call, or buys or sells an underlying investment in connection with the exercise of a put or call. Such commissions may be higher than those that would apply to direct purchases or sales of such underlying investments. Premiums paid for options are small in relation to the market value of the related investments, and consequently, put and call options offer large amounts of leverage. The leverage offered by trading in options could result in a Portfolio's NAV being more sensitive to changes in the value of the underlying investments.

Transactions in options by a Portfolio are subject to limitations established by each of the exchanges and, in some cases, the CFTC governing the maximum number of options that may be written or held by a single investor or group of investors acting in concert,

regardless of whether the options were written or purchased on the same or different exchanges or are held in one or more accounts or through one or more exchanges or brokers. Thus, the number of options a Portfolio may write or hold may be affected by options written or held by other entities, including other investment companies having the same or an affiliated investment adviser. Position limits also apply to Futures. An exchange may order the liquidation of positions found to be in violation of those limits and may impose certain other sanctions.

Dodd-Frank, enacted in July 2010, includes provisions that comprehensively regulate OTC derivatives, such as OTC foreign currency transactions (other than a limited category of exempted trades), interest rate swaps, Swaptions, mortgage swaps, caps, collars and floors, and other OTC derivatives that a Portfolio may employ in the future. Dodd-Frank authorizes the SEC and the CFTC to mandate that a substantial portion of derivatives be executed through regulated markets or facilities, and/or be submitted for clearing to regulated clearinghouses (as discussed below, the CFTC has mandated that certain derivatives must be cleared and traded through a regulated market or facility and will impose these requirements on additional derivatives in the future). OTC derivatives submitted for clearing will be subject to minimum initial and variation margin requirements set by the relevant clearinghouse, as well as possible margin requirements mandated by the SEC or the CFTC. OTC derivatives intermediaries typically demand the unilateral ability to increase a counterparty's collateral requirements for cleared OTC derivatives beyond any regulatory and clearinghouse minimums. These requirements may increase the amount of collateral a Portfolio is required to provide and the costs associated with OTC derivatives transactions. Derivatives intermediaries also are required, for cleared derivatives, to post margin to the clearinghouses through which they clear their customers' trades instead of using such margin in their operations. With respect to swaps, regulations are now in effect that require derivatives dealers to post and collect variation margin (comprised of specified liquid instruments and subject to a required haircut) in connection with trading of OTC derivatives with a Portfolio. Shares of investment companies (other than certain money market funds) may not be posted as collateral under these regulations. The additional requirements for posting of initial margin in connection with OTC derivatives will be phased-in through 2020. In addition, regulations adopted by prudential regulators that will begin to take effect in 2019 will require certain bank-regulated counterparties and certain of their affiliates to include in certain financial contracts, including many derivatives contracts, terms that delay or restrict the rights of counterparties, such as a Portfolio, to terminate such contracts, foreclose upon collateral, exercise other default rights or restrict transfers of credit support in the event that the counterparty and/or its affiliates are subject to certain types of resolution or insolvency proceedings. It is possible that these new requirements, as well as potential additional government regulation and other developments in the market, could adversely affect the Portfolio's ability to terminate existing derivatives agreements or to realize amounts to be received under such agreements. The implementation of these requirements with respect to derivatives, along with additional regulations under Dodd-Frank regarding clearing, mandatory trading and reporting of derivatives, may increase the costs and risks to a Portfolio of trading in these instruments and, as a result, may affect returns to investors in the Portfolio.

As discussed above, OTC derivatives are subject to counterparty risk, whereas the exposure to default for cleared derivatives is assumed by the exchange's clearinghouse. However, a Portfolio will not face a clearinghouse directly but rather through an OTC derivatives intermediary that is registered with the CFTC or SEC to act as a clearing member. The Portfolio may therefore face the indirect risk of the failure of another clearing member customer to meet its obligations to its clearing member. Such scenario could arise due to a default by the clearing member on its obligations to the clearinghouse, triggered by a customer's failure to meet its obligations to the clearing member.

The SEC and CFTC also have required, or may in the future require, a substantial portion of derivative transactions that are currently executed on a bilateral basis in the OTC markets to be executed through a regulated securities, futures, or swap exchange or execution facility. Certain CFTC-regulated derivatives are already subject to these rules and the CFTC expects to subject additional OTC derivatives to such trade execution rules in the future. The SEC has not yet implemented clearing or trade execution requirements on the OTC derivatives that they regulate. Such requirements may make it more difficult and costly for a Portfolio to enter into highly tailored or customized transactions. They may also render certain strategies in which a Portfolio might otherwise engage impossible or so costly that they will no longer be economical to implement. If a Portfolio decides to become a direct member of one or more of these exchanges or execution facilities, the Portfolio will be subject to all of the rules of the exchange or execution facility, which would bring additional risks and liabilities, and potential additional regulatory requirements.

OTC derivatives dealers are currently required to register with the CFTC and will ultimately be required to register with the SEC. Dealers are subject to new minimum capital and margin requirements, business conduct standards, disclosure requirements, reporting and recordkeeping requirements, transparency requirements, position limits, limitations on conflicts of interest, and other regulatory burdens. These requirements further increase the overall costs for OTC derivatives dealers, which costs may be passed along to the Portfolios as market changes continue to be implemented. The overall impact of Dodd-Frank on the Portfolios remains highly uncertain and it is unclear how the OTC derivatives markets will adapt to this new regulatory regime, along with additional, sometimes overlapping, regulatory requirements imposed by non-U.S. regulators.



In addition, the CFTC and the United States commodities exchanges impose limits referred to as “speculative position limits” on the maximum net long or net short speculative positions that any person may hold or control in any particular futures or options contracts traded on United States commodities exchanges. For example, the CFTC currently imposes speculative position limits on a number of agricultural commodities (e.g., corn, oats, wheat, soybeans and cotton) and United States commodities exchanges currently impose speculative position limits on many other commodities. In December 2016, the CFTC repropose new rules regarding speculative position limits, replacing a prior proposal from November 2013. These rules, if adopted in substantially the same form, will impose position limits on certain futures and options on futures contracts, as well as physical commodity swaps that are “economically equivalent” to such contracts. A Portfolio could be required to liquidate positions it holds in order to comply with such limits, or may not be able to fully implement trading instructions generated by its trading models, in order to comply with such limits. Any such liquidation or limited implementation could result in substantial costs to a Portfolio.

**Asset Coverage for Certain Derivative Transactions.** The Portfolios will comply with guidelines established by the SEC with respect to coverage of certain derivative transactions. These guidelines may, in certain instances, require segregation by a Portfolio of cash or liquid securities with its custodian or a designated sub-custodian to the extent the Portfolio’s obligations with respect to these strategies are not otherwise “covered” through ownership of the underlying security, financial instrument or currency or by other portfolio positions or by other means consistent with applicable regulatory policies. With respect to futures and forward contracts that are not contractually required to “cash-settle,” for example, a Portfolio covers its open positions by setting aside liquid assets equal to the contracts’ full notional value. With respect to futures and forward contracts that are contractually required to “cash-settle,” however, a Portfolio sets aside liquid assets in an amount equal to the Portfolio’s daily mark-to-market (net) obligation (i.e., the Portfolio’s daily net liability, if any), rather than the notional value. Segregated assets cannot be sold or transferred unless an equivalent amount of assets are substituted in their place or it is no longer necessary to segregate them. As a result, there is a possibility that segregation of a large percentage of a Portfolio’s assets could impede portfolio management or the Portfolio’s ability to meet redemption requests or other current obligations.

As another example, a call option written by a Portfolio on securities may require the Portfolio to hold the securities subject to the call (or securities convertible into the securities without additional consideration) or to segregate assets (as described above) sufficient to purchase and deliver the securities if the call is exercised. A call option written by a Portfolio on an index may require the Portfolio to own portfolio securities that correlate with the index or to segregate assets (as described above) equal to the excess of the index value over the exercise price on a current basis. A put option written by a Portfolio may require the Portfolio to segregate assets (as described above) equal to the exercise price. The Portfolio could purchase a put option if the strike price of that option is the same or higher than the strike price of a put option sold by the Portfolio. If a Portfolio holds a futures or forward contract, the Portfolio could purchase a put option on the same futures or forward contract with a strike price as high or higher than the price of the contract held. A Portfolio may enter into fully or partially offsetting transactions so that its net position, coupled with any segregated assets (equal to any remaining obligation), equals its net obligation. Asset coverage may be achieved by other means when consistent with applicable regulatory policies. Each Portfolio’s Subadviser will monitor a Portfolio’s use of derivatives and will take action as necessary for the purpose of complying with the asset segregation policy stated above. Such actions may include the sale of the Portfolio’s portfolio investments.

In the future, each Portfolio may employ derivatives and strategies that are not presently contemplated but which may be developed, to the extent such investment methods are consistent with a Portfolio’s investment objectives, legally permissible and adequately disclosed.

**Possible Risk Factors in Derivatives.** Participation in the options or Futures markets and in currency exchange transactions involves investment risks and transaction costs to which a Portfolio would not be subject absent the use of these strategies. If the Subadviser’s predictions of movements in the direction of the securities, foreign currency and interest rate markets are inaccurate, the adverse consequences to a Portfolio may leave the Portfolio in a worse position than if such strategies were not used. There is also a risk in using short hedging by selling Futures to attempt to protect against decline in value of the portfolio securities (due to an increase in interest rates) that the prices of such Futures will correlate imperfectly with the behavior of the cash (i.e., market value) prices of the Portfolio’s securities. The ordinary spreads between prices in the cash and Futures markets are subject to distortions due to differences in the natures of those markets. First, all participants in the Futures markets are subject to margin deposit and maintenance requirements. Rather than meeting additional margin deposit requirements, investors may close Futures contracts through offsetting transactions, which could distort the normal relationship between the cash and Futures markets. Second, the liquidity of the Futures markets depends on participants entering into offsetting transactions rather than making or taking delivery. To the extent participants decide to make or take delivery, liquidity in the Futures markets could be reduced, thus producing distortion. Third, from the point of view of speculators, the deposit requirements in the Futures markets are less onerous than margin requirements in the securities markets. Therefore, increased participation by speculators in the Futures markets may cause temporary price distortions.

If a Portfolio establishes a position in the debt securities markets as a temporary substitute for the purchase of individual debt securities (long hedging) by buying Futures and/or calls on such Futures or on debt securities, it is possible that the market may decline; if a Subadviser then determines not to invest in such securities at that time because of concerns as to possible further market decline or for other reasons, the Portfolio will realize a loss that is not offset by a reduction in the price of the debt securities purchased.

**Limitations on Stock Index Futures and Related Options Transactions.** Each Portfolio authorized to invest in these instruments will not engage in transactions in stock index Futures contracts or related options for speculation but only as a hedge against changes resulting from market conditions in the values of securities held in the Portfolio or which it intends to purchase and where the transactions are economically appropriate to the reduction of risks inherent in the ongoing management of the Portfolio. Each Portfolio authorized to invest in these instruments presently intends to limit its transactions so that the aggregate market exposure of all Futures contracts does not exceed 30% of the Portfolio's total assets. In instances involving the purchase of stock index Futures contracts by those Portfolios, an amount of cash or liquid securities, equal to the market value of the Futures contracts, will be segregated by the Portfolio's custodian or in a margin account with a broker to collateralize the position and thereby ensure that the use of such futures is unleveraged.

### **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION CONCERNING HIGH-YIELD, HIGH RISK BONDS AND SECURITIES RATINGS**

**High-Yield, High Risk Bonds** may present certain risks, which are discussed below:

- *Sensitivity to Interest Rate and Economic Changes*—High-yield bonds are very sensitive to adverse economic changes and corporate developments. During an economic downturn or substantial period of rising interest rates, highly leveraged issuers may experience financial stress that would adversely affect their ability to service their principal and interest payment obligations, to meet projected business goals, and to obtain additional financing. If the issuer of a bond defaults on its obligations to pay interest or principal or enters into bankruptcy proceedings, a Portfolio may incur losses or expenses in seeking recovery of amounts owed to it. In addition, periods of economic uncertainty and changes can be expected to result in increased volatility of market prices of high-yield bonds and the Portfolio's NAV.
- *Payment Expectations*—High-yield bonds may contain redemption or call provisions. If an issuer exercised these provisions in a declining interest rate market, a Portfolio would have to replace the security with a lower yielding security, resulting in a decreased return for investors. Conversely, a high-yield bond's value will decrease in a rising interest rate market, as will the value of the Portfolio's assets. If the Portfolio experiences unexpected net redemptions, this may force it to sell high-yield bonds without regard to their investment merits, thereby decreasing the asset base upon which expenses can be spread and possibly reducing the Portfolio's rate of return.
- *Liquidity and Valuation*—There may be little trading in the secondary market for particular bonds, which may adversely affect a Portfolio's ability to value accurately or dispose of such bonds. Adverse publicity and investor perceptions, whether or not based on fundamental analysis, may decrease the values and liquidity of high-yield bonds, especially in a thin market. If the Portfolio experiences unexpected net redemptions, this may force it to sell high-yield bonds without regard to their investment merits, thereby decreasing the asset base upon which expenses can be spread and possibly reducing the Portfolio's rate of return. As a result of all these factors, the NAV of the SA Wellington Growth and Income, SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income, SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset and SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolios, to the extent each invests in high-yield bonds (junk bonds), is expected to be more volatile than the NAV of funds which invest solely in higher-rated debt securities. This volatility may result in an increased number of redemptions from time to time. High levels of redemptions in turn may cause a Portfolio to sell its portfolio securities at inopportune times and decrease the asset base upon which expenses can be spread. The Subadvisers attempt to reduce these risks through diversification of the applicable Portfolio and by credit analysis of each issuer, as well as by monitoring broad economic trends and corporate and legislative developments. If a high-yield bond previously acquired by a Portfolio is downgraded, a Subadviser, as appropriate, will evaluate the security and determine whether to retain or dispose of it.

The following are additional limitations and/or requirements concerning the ratings of securities:

- The convertible securities in which the SA Wellington Growth And Income Portfolio may invest are not subject to any limitations as to ratings and may include high, medium, lower and unrated securities. However, the Portfolio may not invest more than 20% of its total assets in convertible securities rated below "Baa" by Moody's or "BBB" by S&P (including convertible securities that have been downgraded), or in unrated convertible securities that are of comparable quality as

determined by the Subadviser. Convertible securities rated lower than “Baa” by Moody’s or “BBB” by S&P or unrated securities of comparable quality, commonly referred to as “junk bonds” or “high-yield securities,” are speculative and generally involve a higher risk of loss of principal and income than higher-rated securities. See above for a discussion of the risks associated with lower-rated, high-yield securities.

- The SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio may invest up to 5% in junk bonds.
- Up to 20% of the SA Wellington Government and Quality Bond Portfolio may be invested in bonds rated as low as “AA3” by Moody’s or “A-” by S&P or, if not rated, determined by the Subadviser to be of comparable quality.
- The SA Wellington Growth, SA Wellington Natural Resources and SA Wellington Capital Appreciation Portfolios will not invest in junk bonds.
- The SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio’s fixed income investments will consist of “investment grade” bonds, that is, bonds that are rated BBB or better by S&P or Fitch, or Baa or better by Moody’s. Up to 25% of the Portfolio’s fixed income assets may be invested in securities that are below investment grade as defined above, including securities rated as low as CC by S&P or Fitch, or Ca by Moody’s. Securities rated BB or below by S&P and CC/CA Fitch, or, Ba or below by Moody’s are considered to have speculative characteristics.

See the Appendix for a description of corporate bond and commercial paper ratings.

### INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

The Trust, on behalf of each Portfolio, has adopted certain fundamental investment restrictions which cannot be changed without approval by a majority of its outstanding voting securities. A majority of the outstanding voting securities is defined as the vote of the lesser of (i) 67% or more of the outstanding shares of the Portfolio present at a meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares are present in person or by proxy or (ii) more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Portfolio. A change in policy affecting only one Portfolio may be effected with the approval of a majority of the outstanding shares of such Portfolio.

In addition, the Portfolios may have non-fundamental investment restrictions or operating policies which have been approved by the Trust’s Board of Trustees. Non-fundamental investment restrictions or operating policies may be changed by the Board of Trustees without shareholder approval. The fundamental and non-fundamental investment restrictions and operating policies of each Portfolio are listed below. All percentage limitations expressed in the following investment restrictions or operating policies are measured immediately after the relevant transaction is made.

#### **Fundamental Investment Restrictions of the SA Wellington Growth and Income, SA Wellington Growth, SA Wellington Capital Appreciation, SA Wellington Natural Resources, SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income, SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset, and SA Wellington Government and Quality Bond Portfolios**

Each of these Portfolios may not:

1. With respect to 75% of its total assets, purchase the securities of any issuer (other than securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or any of its agencies or instrumentalities or securities of other investment companies) if, as a result, (a) more than 5% of the Portfolio’s total assets would be invested in the securities of that issuer, or (b) the Portfolio would hold more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of that issuer (in each case measured at market value at the time of each investment).
2. Acquire any security (other than obligations of the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities) if, as a result, more than 25% of its total assets (taken at current value) would then be invested in a single industry with the exception of the SA Wellington Natural Resources Portfolio, which will invest more than 25% of its total assets in securities of issuers in the natural resources group of industries.
3. Purchase securities on margin (but the Trust may obtain such short-term credits as may be necessary for the clearance of purchases and sales of securities).
4. Make short sales of securities or maintain a short position.
5. Purchase any security, if as a result, the Portfolio would then have more than 5% of its total assets (taken at current value) invested in securities of companies (including predecessors) that are less than three years old.

6. Buy or sell commodities or commodity contracts (except financial futures as described herein) or, with the exception of the SA Wellington Natural Resources Portfolio, real estate or interests in real estate, although a Portfolio may purchase and sell securities that are secured by real estate and securities of companies that invest or deal in real estate.
7. Act as underwriter except to the extent that, in connection with the disposition of portfolio securities, a Portfolio may be deemed to be an underwriter under certain federal securities laws.
8. Make investments for the purpose of exercising control or management.
9. Purchase any security restricted as to disposition under federal securities laws, if as a result, a Portfolio would have more than 10% of its total assets (taken at current value) invested in securities for which market quotations are not readily available and in repurchase agreements with a maturity of longer than seven days.
10. With the exception of the SA Wellington Natural Resources Portfolio, invest in interests in oil, gas or other mineral exploration or development programs, although to the extent consistent with its investment objectives and policies, a Portfolio may invest in the publicly traded securities of companies which invest in or sponsor such programs.
11. Make loans, except through (a) the purchase of bonds, debt obligations such as GNMA securities, debentures, commercial paper, corporate notes, and similar evidences of indebtedness of a type commonly sold to financial institutions; (b) repurchase agreements; and (c) as otherwise permitted by exemptive order of the SEC. The purchase of a portion of an issue of securities described under (a) above distributed publicly, whether or not the purchase is made on the original issuance, is not considered the making of a loan.
12. Borrow money or pledge Portfolio assets except for temporary or emergency purposes and then only in an amount not in excess of 10% of the value of its assets in which case it may pledge, mortgage or hypothecate any of its assets as security for such borrowing, but not to an extent greater than 5% of the value of the assets, except with respect to the SA Wellington Natural Resources Portfolio which may borrow money or pledge its assets in an amount not in excess of 20% of the value of its assets. (Neither the deposit in escrow of underlying securities in connection with the writing of call options, nor the deposit of U.S. Treasury bills in escrow in connection with the writing of put options, nor the deposit of cash and cash equivalents in a segregated account with the Trust's custodian or in a margin account with a broker in connection with futures, or related options transactions or in connection with the writing of call and put options in spread transactions, is deemed to be a pledge.)
13. Write, purchase or sell puts, calls or combinations thereof on stocks, except as described under Investment Goals and Strategies with respect to the SA Wellington Growth and Income, SA Wellington Growth, SA Wellington Capital Appreciation, SA Wellington Natural Resources, SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income, and SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolios.

It is the investment management policy of all the above Portfolios not to issue any senior securities other than as permitted by the 1940 Act.

Because most swaps are now considered commodity interests under the CEA and its rules, the Portfolio's fundamental investment restriction related to the purchase of commodities or commodity contracts is being interpreted to permit the Portfolio to engage in transactions in swaps and options on swaps related to financial instruments, such as securities, securities indices, currencies and other financial instruments, but not to engage in transactions in swaps or options on swaps related to physical commodities, such as oil or metals.

#### **Fundamental Investment Restrictions of the SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio**

This Portfolio may not:

1. Invest more than 5% of the value of its total assets in the securities of any one issuer, provided that this limitation shall apply only to 75% of the value of its total assets and, provided further, that the limitation shall not apply to obligations issued or guaranteed by the government of the United States or of any of its agencies or instrumentalities.
2. As to 75% of its total assets, purchase more than 10% of any class of the outstanding voting securities of an issuer.
3. Invest more than 25% of its total assets in the securities of issuers in the same industry. Obligations of the U.S. government, its agencies and instrumentalities are not subject to this 25% limitation on industry concentration. The Portfolio may, if deemed advisable, invest more than 25% of its assets in the obligations of domestic commercial banks. As to utility companies, the gas, electric, water and telephone businesses will be considered separate industries.
4. Invest in real estate (including limited partnership interests, but excluding securities of companies, such as real estate investment trusts, which deal in real estate or interests therein); provided that the Portfolio may hold or sell real estate acquired

as a result of the ownership of securities. This limitation shall not prevent the Portfolio from investing in securities secured by real estate or interests therein.

5. Purchase commodities or commodity contracts; except that the Portfolio may engage in transactions in put and call options on securities, indices and currencies, forward and futures contracts on securities, indices and currencies, put and call options on such futures contracts, forward commitment transactions, forward foreign currency exchange contracts, interest-rate, mortgage and currency swaps and interest-rate floors and caps.
6. Borrow money, except to the extent permitted by applicable law or regulatory approval.
7. Purchase securities or evidences of interest therein on margin, except that the Portfolio may obtain such short-term credit as may be necessary for the clearance of any transaction.
8. Make loans to others except for (a) the purchase of debt securities; (b) entering into repurchase agreements; (c) the lending of its portfolio securities; and (d) as otherwise permitted by exemptive order of the SEC.

Because most swaps are now considered commodity interests under the CEA and its rules, the Portfolio's fundamental investment restriction related to the purchase of commodities or commodity contracts is being interpreted to permit the Portfolio to engage in transactions in swaps and options on swaps related to financial instruments, such as securities, securities indices, currencies and other financial instruments, but not to engage in transactions in swaps or options on swaps related to physical commodities, such as oil or metals.

#### **Operating Policies of the SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio**

The SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio may not:

1. Enter into any repurchase agreement maturing in more than seven days or investing in any other illiquid security if, as a result, more than 15% of its total assets would be so invested.
2. Invest in securities of other investment companies, except to the extent permitted by applicable law and the Prospectuses and Statement of Additional Information, as amended from time to time.
3. Pledge, mortgage or hypothecate its assets, except to the extent necessary to secure permitted borrowings and, to the extent related to the segregation of assets in connection with the writing of covered put and call options and the purchase of securities or currencies on a forward commitment or delayed-delivery basis and collateral and initial or variation margin arrangements with respect to forward contracts, options, futures contracts and options on futures contracts.
4. Invest in companies for the purpose of exercising control or management.
5. Engage in underwriting of securities issued by others, except to the extent it may be deemed to be acting as an underwriter in the purchase and resale of portfolio securities.
6. Sell securities short except to the extent permitted by applicable law.
7. Invest in puts, calls, straddles, spreads or any combination thereof, except as permitted by the Prospectuses and SAI, as amended from time to time.
8. Issue any senior securities except as permitted by the 1940 Act, and except to the extent that issuing options or purchasing securities on a when-issued basis may be deemed to constitute issuing a senior security.

#### **SUNAMERICA ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC**

SunAmerica, located at Harborside 5, 185 Hudson Street, Suite 3300, Jersey City, New Jersey 07311, has been retained pursuant to an Investment Advisory and Management Agreement (the "Advisory Agreement") to supervise the management and investment programs of the Portfolios of the Trust.

SunAmerica is engaged in providing investment advice and management services to the Trust, other mutual funds, pension funds, and related assets and programs offered by affiliated companies. SunAmerica also provides investment advice to individual companies and clients. SunAmerica provides investment advisory services, office space, and other facilities for the management of the Trust's affairs, and pays all compensation of officers and Trustees of the Trust who are "interested persons" of SunAmerica (the "Interested Trustees"). The Trust pays all other expenses incurred in the operation of the Trust, including fees and expenses of Trustees who are not "interested persons," as defined by the 1940 Act, of the Trust (the "Independent Trustees"), except those affirmatively undertaken by



SunAmerica or the Subadvisers. For more information see the “Board of Trustees and Officers” section. SunAmerica is a wholly-owned subsidiary of AGL, which in turn is an indirect-wholly owned subsidiary of American International Group, Inc. (“AIG”), a U.S.-based international insurance organization.

AIG, a Delaware corporation, is a holding company that, through its subsidiaries, is engaged in a broad range of insurance and insurance-related activities in the United States and abroad. AIG’s primary activities include both general and life insurance operations. Other significant activities include financial services, retirement savings and asset management.

The Advisory Agreement provides that SunAmerica shall act as investment adviser to each Portfolio, manage each Portfolio’s investments, administer its business affairs, furnish offices, necessary facilities and equipment, provide clerical, bookkeeping and administrative services, and permit any of SunAmerica’s officers or employees to serve without compensation as Trustees or officers of the Trust if duly elected to such positions. Under the Advisory Agreement, the Trust agrees to assume and pay certain charges and expenses of its operations, including: the compensation of the Trustees (other than those affiliated with SunAmerica or the Subadvisers), the charges and expenses of independent accountants, legal counsel, expenses of registering or qualifying shares for sale, any transfer or dividend disbursing agent, any registrar of the Trust, the custodian (including fees for safekeeping of securities), costs of calculating NAV, all costs of acquiring and disposing of portfolio securities, interest (if any) on obligations incurred by the Trust, membership dues in the Investment Company Institute or any similar organization, reports and notices to shareholders, miscellaneous expenses and all taxes and fees to federal, state or other governmental agencies. Each Portfolio pays its actual expenses for custodian services and a portion of the custodian’s costs determined by the ratio of Portfolio assets to the total assets of the Trust, brokerage commissions or transaction costs, and registration fees. Subject to supervision of the Board of Trustees, fees for independent accountants, legal counsel, and costs of reports or notices to shareholders will be allocated based on the relative net assets of each Portfolio. With respect to audit or legal fees clearly attributable to one Portfolio, they will be assessed, subject to review by the Board of Trustees, against that Portfolio.

The Advisory Agreement, after initial approval with respect to each Portfolio, continues in effect for a period of two years, in accordance with its terms, unless terminated, and thereafter may be renewed from year to year as to each Portfolio for so long as such renewal is specifically approved at least annually by (i) the Board, or by the vote of a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the outstanding voting securities of each relevant Portfolio, and (ii) the vote of a majority of Trustees who are not parties to the Advisory Agreement or “interested persons” (as defined in the 1940 Act) of any such party, cast in person, at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. The Advisory Agreement provides that it may be terminated by either party without penalty upon the specified written notice contained in the Advisory Agreement. The Advisory Agreement also provides for automatic termination upon assignment.

Under the terms of the Advisory Agreement, SunAmerica is not liable to the Portfolios, or their shareholders, for any act or omission by it or for any losses sustained by the Portfolios or their shareholders, except in the case of willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of duty.

### Advisory Fee Schedules

As compensation for its services, the Adviser receives from the Trust a fee, accrued daily and payable monthly, based on the net assets of each Portfolio at the following annual rates:

Portfolio	Fee Rate (As a % of Average Daily Net Asset Value)
SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio <sup>1,2</sup>	1.00% on the first \$200 million .875% on the next \$300 million .800% thereafter
SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio	.750% on the first \$50 million .650% on the next \$100 million .600% on the next \$100 million .550% thereafter
SA Wellington Capital Appreciation Portfolio	.750% on the first \$50 million .725% on the next \$50 million .700% thereafter
SA Wellington Government and Quality Bond Portfolio	.625% on the first \$200 million .575% on the next \$300 million .500% thereafter

Portfolio	Fee Rate (As a % of Average Daily Net Asset Value)
SA Wellington Growth and Income Portfolio	.700% on the first \$100 million .650% on the next \$150 million .600% on the next \$250 million .575% thereafter
SA Wellington Growth Portfolio	.750% on the first \$250 million .675% on the next \$250 million .600% thereafter
SA Wellington Natural Resources Portfolio	.750% of net assets
SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio	1.00% on the first \$200 million .875% on the next \$300 million .800% thereafter

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to a Fee Waiver Agreement, SunAmerica is contractually obligated to waive a portion of its advisory fee with respect to the Portfolio so that the advisory fee rate payable by the Portfolio to SunAmerica under the Advisory Agreement is 0.80% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets on the first \$100 million, 0.77% on the next \$400 million, 0.75% on the next \$500 million and 0.72% thereafter. This Fee Waiver Agreement will continue in effect until April 30, 2019. In addition, the Fee Waiver Agreement will automatically terminate upon the termination of the Advisory Agreement. SunAmerica may not recoup any advisory fees waived with respect to the Portfolio pursuant to the Fee Waiver Agreement.

<sup>2</sup> SunAmerica has also contractually agreed to waive a portion of its advisory fee with respect to the Portfolio in an amount equal to the Portfolio's expenses related to investments in ETFs managed or advised by the Subadviser or an affiliate of the Subadviser.

The following table sets forth the total advisory fees received by SunAmerica from each Portfolio pursuant to the Advisory Agreement for the last three fiscal years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

PORTFOLIO	2017	2016	2015
SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio <sup>1</sup>	\$ 270,172	\$ 199,184	\$ 208,604
SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio	1,299,842	1,262,774	1,385,666
SA Wellington Capital Appreciation Portfolio	9,268,687	9,028,284	9,864,520
SA Wellington Government and Quality Bond Portfolio	8,300,979	8,316,188	7,606,911
SA Wellington Growth and Income Portfolio	1,312,490	1,307,820	1,305,999
SA Wellington Growth Portfolio	2,980,737	3,824,337	4,562,781
SA Wellington Natural Resources Portfolio	835,305	980,775	1,377,769
SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio <sup>1,2</sup>	228,493	178,701	203,487

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Expense Limitation Agreements, SunAmerica has contractually agreed to waive its fees and/or reimburse expenses until April 30, 2019, so that the "Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses After Fee Waivers and/or Reimbursements" do not exceed 0.58% for Class 1 shares and 0.83% for Class 3 shares of the SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio and 0.86% for Class 1 shares and 1.11% for Class 3 shares of the SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio. For purposes of the Expense Limitation Agreements, "Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses" shall not include extraordinary expenses (*i.e.*, expenses that are unusual in nature and/or infrequent in occurrence, such as litigation), or acquired fund fees and expenses, brokerage commissions and other transactional expenses relating to the purchase and sale of portfolio securities, interest, taxes and governmental fees, and other expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Trust's business on behalf of each Portfolio. Any waivers and/or reimbursements made by SunAmerica with respect to the Class 1 or Class 3 shares of each of the SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio and SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio are subject to recoupment from the applicable share class of the respective Portfolio within two years after the occurrence of any such waivers and/or reimbursements, provided that the recoupment does not cause the expense ratio of the applicable share class of such Portfolio to exceed the lesser of (a) the expense limitation in effect at the time the waivers and/or reimbursements occurred, or (b) the current expense limitation of that share class. The fee waivers and/or expense limitations may be modified or discontinued prior to April 30, 2019, only with the approval of the Board of the Trust, including a majority of the Independent Trustees.

<sup>2</sup> From July 1, 2014 to August 19, 2016, SunAmerica waived fees and/or reimbursed expenses, as necessary, for the SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio, so that the "Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses" did not exceed 1.20% for Class 1 shares. For purposes of these fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, "Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses" did not include extraordinary expenses (*i.e.*, expenses that are unusual in nature and/or infrequent in occurrence, such as litigation), or acquired fund fees and expenses, brokerage commissions and other transactional expenses relating to the purchase and sale of portfolio securities, interest, taxes and governmental fees, and other expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Trust's business on behalf of the Portfolio. Any waivers and/or reimbursements made by SunAmerica with respect to the SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio during this period are subject to recoupment from the Portfolio within two years after the occurrence of the waivers and/or reimbursements, provided that the Portfolio is able to effect such payment to SunAmerica and remain in compliance with the contractual expense limitations in effect at the time the waivers and/or reimbursements were made.

For the year ended December 31, 2017, SunAmerica waived fees and/or reimbursed expenses pursuant to contractual or voluntary expense limitations as follows:

Portfolio	2017	
	Class 1	Class 3
SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio	\$ 47,579	\$29,272
SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio	153,739	43,097

The Portfolios had recoupments for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, which are not included as part of the advisory fee table, as follows:

Portfolio	2017 Amount Recouped		2017 Balance Subject to Recoupment	
	Class 1	Class 3	Class 1	Class 3
SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio <sup>1</sup>	—	—	\$110,686	\$34,692
SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio <sup>2</sup>	—	—	332,680	44,890

<sup>1</sup> With respect to the SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio, SunAmerica has contractually agreed to waive its fees and/or reimburse expenses until April 30, 2019 to the extent the Portfolio's Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses exceed 0.58% and 0.83% for Class 1 and Class 3 shares, respectively.

<sup>2</sup> With respect to the SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio, SunAmerica has contractually agreed to waive its fees and/or reimburse expenses until April 30, 2019 to the extent the Portfolio's Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses exceed 0.86% and 1.11% for Class 1 and Class 3 shares, respectively.

## SUBADVISORY AGREEMENTS

BlackRock acts as Subadviser to the SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio pursuant to a Subadvisory Agreement with SunAmerica. Edge acts as Subadviser to the SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio pursuant to a Subadvisory Agreement with SunAmerica. Wellington Management acts as Subadviser to the SA Wellington Capital Appreciation, SA Wellington Government and Quality Bond, SA Wellington Growth and Income, SA Wellington Growth, SA Wellington Natural Resources and SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolios pursuant to a Subadvisory Agreement with SunAmerica. Under the Subadvisory Agreements, the Subadvisers manage the investment and reinvestment of their respective Portfolio(s). Each of the Subadvisers is independent of SunAmerica and discharges its responsibilities subject to the policies of the Trustees and the oversight and supervision of SunAmerica, which pays the Subadvisers' fees.

BlackRock is an affiliate of BlackRock Advisors, LLC, a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of BlackRock, Inc., one of the largest publicly traded investment management firms in the United States with approximately \$6.288 trillion in assets under management as of December 31, 2017. BlackRock, Inc. is an affiliate of PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. In managing the SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio, the Subadviser utilizes sub-subadvisers that are subsidiaries of BlackRock: BlackRock International Limited, BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited, and BlackRock (Singapore) Limited. Effective January 12, 2015, BlackRock replaced Wellington Management as the subadviser to the SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio.

Wellington Management is a Delaware limited liability partnership. Edge is a specialized boutique of Principal Financial Group, Inc. Principal Financial Group, Inc. is a global financial company offering businesses, individuals and institutional clients a wide range of products and services through a diverse family of financial services companies and a national network of financial professionals.

The Subadvisory Agreements, after initial approval with respect to a Portfolio, continue in effect for a period of two years, in accordance with their terms, unless terminated, and may thereafter be renewed from year to year as to a Portfolio for so long as such continuance is specifically approved at least annually in accordance with the requirements of the 1940 Act. Each Subadvisory Agreement may be terminated at any time, without penalty, by the Trustees, by the holders of a majority of the respective Portfolio's outstanding voting securities, by SunAmerica on not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' written notice to the respective Subadviser, or by the Subadviser on 90 days' written notice to SunAmerica and the Trust; provided, however, that each Subadvisory Agreement may not be terminated by a Subadviser unless another subadvisory agreement has been approved by the Trust in accordance with the 1940 Act, or after six months' written notice, whichever is earlier. Under the terms of the Subadvisory Agreements, the Subadvisers are not liable to their respective Portfolios, or their shareholders, for any act or omission by them or for any losses sustained by the Portfolios or their shareholders, except in the case of willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of obligations or duties.

### Subadvisory Fee Schedules

As compensation for its services, each Subadviser receives from the Adviser a fee, accrued daily and payable monthly, based on the net assets of its respective Portfolio(s) at the following annual rates:

Subadviser	Portfolio	Fee Rate (As a % of Average Daily Net Asset Value)
BlackRock <sup>1</sup>	SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio	.425% on the first \$100 million .400% on the next \$400 million .375% on the next \$500 million .35% over \$1 billion
Edge	SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio	.400% on the first \$50 million .300% on the next \$100 million .250% on the next \$100 million .200% over \$250 million
Wellington Management	SA Wellington Capital Appreciation Portfolio	.375% on the first \$50 million .275% on the next \$100 million .250% over \$150 million
Wellington Management	SA Wellington Government and Quality Bond Portfolio	.225% on the first \$50 million .125% on the next \$50 million .100% over \$100 million

<b>Subadviser</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Fee Rate (As a % of Average Daily Net Asset Value)</b>
Wellington Management	SA Wellington Growth and Income Portfolio	.325% on the first \$50 million .225% on the next \$100 million .200% on the next \$350 million .150% over \$500 million
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Wellington Management	SA Wellington Natural Resources Portfolio	.350% on the first \$50 million .250% on the next \$100 million .200% on the next \$350 million .150% over \$500 million
Wellington Management	SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio	.300% on the first \$50 million .200% on the next \$100 million .175% on the next \$350 million .150% over \$500 million

<sup>1</sup> The Subadviser has agreed to a contractual fee waiver arrangement pursuant to which it will waive all or a portion of its subadvisory fee in an amount equal to the Portfolio's expenses related to investments in ETFs managed or advised by the Subadviser or an affiliate of the Subadviser. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the subadvisory fee waiver will not exceed 100% of the subadvisory fee.

The following table sets forth the fees paid to the Subadvisers for the last three fiscal years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

<b>SUBADVISER</b>	<b>PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
BlackRock <sup>1</sup>	SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio	\$ 27,716	\$ 20,278	\$ 20,080
Edge	SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio	614,517	599,073	650,278
Wellington Management	SA Wellington Capital Appreciation Portfolio	3,384,353	3,298,494	3,597,150
Wellington Management	SA Wellington Government and Quality Bond Portfolio	1,640,196	1,643,238	1,501,382
Wellington Management	SA Wellington Growth and Income Portfolio	475,958	474,522	473,961
Wellington Management	SA Wellington Growth Portfolio	915,126	1,147,844	1,337,570
Wellington Management	SA Wellington Natural Resources Portfolio	328,435	375,986	492,307
Wellington Management	SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio	68,548	53,610	61,046

<sup>1</sup> Effective January 12, 2015, BlackRock replaced Wellington Management as the subadviser to the Portfolio.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

### Other Accounts

The portfolio managers primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Portfolios, all of whom are listed in the Prospectus ("Portfolio Managers"), are often engaged in the management of other accounts, which may include registered investment companies and pooled investment vehicles. The total number of other accounts managed by each Portfolio Manager (whether managed as part of a team or individually) and the total assets in those accounts, as of December 31, 2017 (unless otherwise noted), are provided in the table below. If applicable, the total number of accounts and total assets in accounts that have an advisory fee that is all or partly based on the account's performance are provided in parentheses.



Adviser/ Subadviser	Portfolio Managers	Other Accounts (As of December 31, 2017)					
		Registered Investment Companies		Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
		No. of Accounts	Total Assets in millions	No. of Accounts	Total Assets in millions	No. of Accounts	Total Assets in millions
BlackRock	Justin Christofel, CFA, CAIA	6	\$17,230	7	\$10,200	5	\$2,880
	Michael Fredericks	5	\$17,220	5	\$8,940	—	—
	Alex Shingler, CFA	5	\$17,220	2	\$8,830	—	—
Edge	Charles Averill, CFA	11	\$16,899.57	—	—	1	\$197.58
	Todd Jablonski, CFA	12	\$16,929.1	—	—	1	\$197.58
	Gregory Tornga, CFA	12	\$16,929.1	2	\$532.82	1	\$197.58
Wellington Management	Edward B. Baldini, CFA	1	\$1,097	1 (1)	\$885 (\$885)	—	—
	Michael T. Carmen, CFA	14	\$11,728	25 (8)	\$4,464 (\$3,079)	7	\$974
	Mammen Chally, CFA	15	\$1,912	4	\$370	10 (1)	\$1,154 (\$237)
	Nicolas M. Choumenkovitch	9	\$8,029	12 (1)	\$3,939 (\$122)	36 (7)	\$19,056 (\$9,031)
	Dáire T. Dunne, CFA	—	—	3	\$48	4 (1)	\$1,523 (\$25)
	Robert F. Hayes, III, CFA	7	\$321	23 (4)	\$398 (\$174)	63 (14)	\$903 (\$203)
	Douglas McLane, CFA	16	\$11,068	5	\$375	10 (1)	\$1,154 (\$237)
	Loren L. Moran, CFA	9 (5)	\$76,881 (\$72,913)	1 (1)	\$15 (\$15)	—	—
	Steven C. Mortimer	12	\$10,705	3	\$151	2	\$630
	David Siegle, CFA	15	\$11,912	4	\$370	10 (1)	\$1,154 (\$237)
	Michael E. Stack, CFA	9 (5)	\$76,881 (\$72,913)	1 (1)	\$0.015 (\$0.015)	4	\$9,067
	Kent M. Stahl, CFA	12	\$18,607	9	\$1,432	3 (1)	\$4,767 (\$1,743)
	Mark H. Sullivan, CFA, CMT	4	\$6,319	44 (14)	\$13,123 (\$4,178)	56 (7)	\$25,043 (\$3,895)
	Gregg R. Thomas, CFA	14	\$19,013	14 (1)	\$2,335 (\$885)	4 (1)	\$4,868 (\$1,743)
Mark N. Viviano, CFA	8	\$243	6	\$189	24 (6)	\$272 (\$14)	

## Compensation

**BlackRock.** The discussion below describes the Portfolio Managers' compensation as of December 31, 2017.

BlackRock's financial arrangements with its portfolio managers, its competitive compensation and its career path emphasis at all levels reflect the value senior management places on key resources. Compensation may include a variety of components and may vary from year to year based on a number of factors. The principal components of compensation include a base salary, a performance-based discretionary bonus, participation in various benefits programs and one or more of the incentive compensation programs established by BlackRock.

*Base Compensation.* Generally, portfolio managers receive base compensation based on their position with the firm.

### *Discretionary Incentive Compensation*

Discretionary incentive compensation is a function of several components: the performance of BlackRock, Inc., the performance of the portfolio manager's group within BlackRock, the investment performance, including risk-adjusted returns, of the firm's assets under management or supervision by that portfolio manager, and the individual's performance and contribution to the overall performance of these portfolios and BlackRock. Among other things, BlackRock's Chief Investment Officers make a subjective determination with respect to each portfolio manager's compensation based on the performance of the Funds and other accounts managed by each portfolio manager. Performance of multi-asset class funds is generally measured on a pre-tax basis over various time periods including 1-, 3- and 5- year periods, as applicable. The performance of Messrs. Green and Pensky is not measured against a specific benchmark.

*Distribution of Discretionary Incentive Compensation.* Discretionary incentive compensation is distributed to portfolio managers in a combination of cash, deferred BlackRock, Inc. stock awards, and/or deferred cash awards that notionally track the return of certain BlackRock investment products.

Typically, the cash portion of the discretionary incentive compensation, when combined with base salary, represents more than 60% of total compensation for the portfolio managers.

Portfolio Managers generally receive deferred BlackRock, Inc. stock awards as part of their discretionary incentive compensation. Paying a portion of discretionary incentive compensation in the form of deferred BlackRock, Inc. stock puts compensation earned by a

portfolio manager for a given year “at risk” based on BlackRock’s ability to sustain and improve its performance over future periods. Deferred BlackRock, Inc. stock awards are generally granted in the form of BlackRock, Inc. restricted stock units that vest ratably over a number of years and, once vested, settle in BlackRock, Inc. common stock. In some cases, additional deferred BlackRock, Inc. stock may be granted to certain key employees as part of a long-term incentive award to aid in retention, align their interests with long-term shareholder interests and motivate performance. Such equity awards are generally granted in the form of BlackRock, Inc. restricted stock units that vest pursuant to the terms of the applicable plan and, once vested, settle in BlackRock, Inc. common stock. The Portfolio Managers of the SA BlackRock VCP Global Multi Asset Portfolio have deferred BlackRock, Inc. stock awards.

For some portfolio managers, discretionary incentive compensation is also distributed in the form of deferred cash awards that notionally track the returns of select BlackRock investment products they manage. Providing a portion of discretionary incentive compensation in deferred cash awards that notionally track the BlackRock investment products they manage provides direct alignment with investment product results. Deferred cash awards vest ratably over a number of years and, once vested, settle in the form of cash. Any portfolio manager who is either a managing director or director at BlackRock with compensation above a specified threshold is eligible to participate in the deferred compensation program.

*Other Compensation Benefits.* In addition to base salary and discretionary incentive compensation, portfolio managers may be eligible to receive or participate in one or more of the following:

*Incentive Savings Plans.* BlackRock, Inc. has created a variety of incentive savings plans in which BlackRock employees are eligible to participate, including a 401(k) plan, the BlackRock Retirement Savings Plan (RSP), and the BlackRock Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP). The employer contribution components of the RSP include a company match equal to 50% of the first 8% of eligible pay contributed to the plan capped at \$5,000 per year, and a company retirement contribution equal to 3-5% of eligible compensation up to the Internal Revenue Service limit (\$270,000 for 2017). The RSP offers a range of investment options, including registered investment companies and collective investment funds managed by the firm. BlackRock contributions follow the investment direction set by participants for their own contributions or, absent participant investment direction, are invested into a target date fund that corresponds to, or is closest to, the year in which the participant attains age 65. The ESPP allows for investment in BlackRock common stock at a 5% discount on the fair market value of the stock on the purchase date. Annual participation in the ESPP is limited to the purchase of 1,000 shares of common stock or a dollar value of \$25,000 based on its fair market value on the purchase date. All of the eligible Portfolio Managers are eligible to participate in these plans.

*Edge.* Edge, a specialized boutique of Principal Global Investors, LLC, offers a competitive compensation structure that is evaluated annually relative to other asset management firms to ensure its continued competitiveness and alignment with industry best practices. The objective of the structure is to offer market competitive compensation that aligns individual and team contributions with client performance objectives in a manner that is consistent with industry standards and business results.

Compensation for all team members is comprised of base salary and variable incentive components. As team members advance in their careers, the variable component increases in its proportion commensurate with responsibility levels. The variable component for investment professionals is designed to reinforce investment performance, firm performance, team collaboration, regulatory compliance, client retention and client satisfaction. Fund performance is measured against relative client benchmarks and peer groups over one year, three-year and five-year periods, calculated quarterly, reinforcing a longer term orientation.

Payments under the variable incentive plan are delivered in the form of cash or a combination of cash and deferred compensation. The amount of incentive delivered in the form of deferred compensation depends on the size of an individual’s incentive award as it relates to a tiered deferral scale. Deferred compensation is required to be invested into funds managed by the team, via a co-investment program; thus, aligning the interests of investment professionals with client objectives. Co-investment is subject to a three year cliff vesting schedule which meets our objective of increased employee retention.

In addition to base salary and variable incentive, Portfolio Managers and senior professionals participate in the Principal Financial Group Long-term Incentive Plan (“Plan”). Awards from this Plan are based on individual performance and are delivered in the form of three-year cliff vest Principal Financial Group (“PFG”) RSUs or a combination of three-year cliff vest PFG RSUs and three-year ratable vest PFG stock options; therefore, aligning the interests of team members with PFG stakeholders.

*Wellington Management.* Wellington Management receives a fee based on the assets under management of each Portfolio as set forth in the Subadvisory Agreement between Wellington Management and SunAmerica on behalf of each Portfolio. Wellington Management pays its investment professionals out of its total revenues, including the advisory fees earned with respect to each Portfolio. The following information relates to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

Wellington Management’s compensation structure is designed to attract and retain high-caliber investment professionals necessary to deliver high quality investment management services to its clients. Wellington Management’s compensation of each Portfolio’s managers listed in the Prospectus who are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Portfolios (“Investment Professionals”) includes a base salary and incentive components. The base salary for each Investment Professional who is a partner (a “Partner”) of Wellington Management Group LLP, the ultimate holding company of Wellington Management, is generally a fixed amount that is determined by the managing partners of the Wellington Management Group LLP. The base salary for the other Investment Professionals is determined by the Investment Professional’s experience and performance in their role as Investment Professionals. Base salaries for Wellington Management’s employees are reviewed annually and may be adjusted based on the recommendation of an Investment Professional’s manager, using guidelines established by Wellington Management’s Compensation Committee, which has final oversight responsibility for base salaries of employees of the firm. Each Investment Professional, with the exception of Kent Stahl, Daire Dunne, Ed Baldini and Gregory Thomas, is eligible to receive an incentive payment based on the revenues earned by Wellington Management from the Portfolio managed by the Investment Professional and generally each other account managed by such Investment Professional. Each Investment Professional’s incentive payment relating to the relevant Portfolio is linked to the gross pre-tax performance of the portion of the Portfolio managed by the Investment Professional compared to the benchmark index and/or peer group identified below over one-, three- and five-year periods, with an emphasis on five-year results. Wellington Management applies similar incentive compensation structures (although the benchmarks or peer groups, time periods and rates may differ) to other accounts managed by the Investment Professionals, including accounts with performance fees.

Portfolio-based incentives across all accounts managed by an Investment Professional can, and typically do, represent a significant portion of an Investment Professional’s overall compensation; incentive compensation varies significantly by individual and can vary significantly from year to year. The Investment Professionals may also be eligible for bonus payments based on their overall contribution to Wellington Management’s business operations. Senior management at Wellington Management may reward individuals as it deems appropriate based on other factors. Each Partner is eligible to participate in a Partner-funded tax-qualified retirement plan, the contributions to which are made pursuant to an actuarial formula. Messrs. Baldini, Carmen, Chally, Choumenkovitch, Hayes, Mortimer, Stack, Stahl, Sullivan and Thomas are Partners.

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Benchmark Index and/or Peer Group</b>
SA Wellington Capital Appreciation Portfolio	Russell 3000 <sup>®</sup> Growth Index
SA Wellington Government and Quality Bond Portfolio	Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate A or Better Index
SA Wellington Growth and Income Portfolio	S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Index
SA Wellington Natural Resources Portfolio	Lipper VP Avg: Natural Resources Funds UF Index
SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio	MSCI All Country World (Choumenkovitch)
SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio	Citigroup World Government Bond (USD \$ hedged) (Sullivan)

## **PERSONAL SECURITIES TRADING**

The Trust and SunAmerica have adopted a written Code of Ethics (the “SunAmerica Code”) pursuant to Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act, which governs, among other things the personal trading activities of certain access persons of the Portfolios. The SunAmerica Code is designed to detect and prevent conflicts of interests between the Portfolios and the personal trading activities of certain access persons. The SunAmerica Code is filed as an exhibit to the Trust’s registration statement. SunAmerica reports violations of the SunAmerica Code to the Board of Trustees on a quarterly basis. Each of the Subadvisers has adopted a code of ethics (a “Code of Ethics”). Material violations of a Subadviser’s Code of Ethics by employees that provide direct service to a Portfolio or those that involve the subadvised Portfolio are reported to the Trust’s Board of Trustees.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

As shown in the tables above, the Portfolio Managers are responsible for managing other accounts for multiple clients, including affiliated clients (“Other Client Accounts”) in addition to the Portfolios. In certain instances, conflicts may arise in their management of a Portfolio and such Other Client Accounts. The Portfolio Managers aim to conduct their activities in such a manner that permits them to deal fairly with each of their clients in accordance with applicable securities laws and fiduciary obligations.

*Trade Allocations.* One situation where a conflict may arise between a Portfolio and an Other Client Account is in the allocation of trades among a Portfolio and the Other Client Account. For example, a Subadviser may determine that there is a security which is suitable for a Portfolio as well as for an Other Client Account of a Subadviser, which has a similar investment objective. Likewise, a particular security may be bought for one or more clients when one or more other clients are selling that same security, which may adversely affect the value of securities held by the Portfolios. The Portfolios and the Subadvisers have adopted policies and procedures regarding the allocation of trades and brokerage, which the Portfolios and Subadvisers believe address the conflicts associated with managing multiple accounts for multiple clients (including affiliated clients). The policies and procedures generally require that securities be allocated among the Portfolios and Other Client Accounts in a manner that is fair, equitable and consistent with their fiduciary obligations to each.

*Allocation of Portfolio Managers' Time.* The management of the Portfolios and Other Client Accounts may result in a Portfolio Manager devoting disproportionate time and attention to a particular Portfolio or Other Client Account if the Portfolios and Other Client Accounts have different objectives, benchmarks, time horizons, and fees. Generally, the Subadvisers seek to manage such competing interests for the time and attention of the Portfolio Managers. Although the Subadvisers do not track the time a Portfolio Manager spends on the Portfolio or a single Other Client Account, the Subadvisers periodically assess whether a Portfolio Manager has adequate time and resources to effectively manage all of such Portfolio Manager's accounts. In certain instances, Portfolio Managers may be employed by two or more employers. Where the Portfolio Manager receives greater compensation, benefits or incentives from one employer over another, the Portfolio Manager may favor one employer over the other (or Other Client Accounts), causing a conflict of interest.

*Personal Trading by Portfolio Managers.* The management of personal accounts by a Portfolio Manager may give rise to potential conflicts of interest. While the SunAmerica Code and Subadvisers' Codes of Ethics will impose limits on the ability of a Portfolio Manager to trade for his or her personal account, especially where such trading might give rise to a potential conflict of interest, there is no assurance that the SunAmerica Code and Subadvisers' Codes of Ethics will eliminate such conflicts.

### ***BlackRock***

BlackRock has built a professional working environment, firm-wide compliance culture and compliance procedures and systems designed to protect against potential incentives that may favor one account over another. BlackRock has adopted policies and procedures that address the allocation of investment opportunities, execution of portfolio transactions, personal trading by employees and other potential conflicts of interest that are designed to ensure that all client accounts are treated equitably over time. Nevertheless, BlackRock furnishes investment management and advisory services to numerous clients in addition to the SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio, and BlackRock may, consistent with applicable law, make investment recommendations to other clients or accounts (including accounts which are hedge funds or have performance or higher fees paid to BlackRock, or in which Portfolio Managers have a personal interest in the receipt of such fees), which may be the same as or different from those made to the Portfolio. In addition, BlackRock, its affiliates and significant shareholders and any officer, director, shareholder or employee may or may not have an interest in the securities whose purchase and sale BlackRock recommends to the Portfolio. BlackRock, or any of its affiliates or significant shareholders, or any officer, director, shareholder, employee or any member of their families may take different actions than those recommended to the Portfolio by BlackRock with respect to the same securities. Moreover, BlackRock may refrain from rendering any advice or services concerning securities of companies of which any of BlackRock's (or its affiliates' or significant shareholders') officers, directors or employees are directors or officers, or companies as to which BlackRock or any of its affiliates or significant shareholders or the officers, directors and employees of any of them has any substantial economic interest or possesses material non-public information. Certain Portfolio Managers also may manage accounts whose investment strategies may at times be opposed to the strategy utilized for a fund. It should also be noted that a Portfolio Manager may be managing hedge fund and/or long only accounts, or may be part of a team managing hedge fund and/or long only accounts, subject to incentive fees. Such Portfolio Managers may therefore be entitled to receive a portion of any incentive fees earned on such accounts. Currently, the Portfolio Managers of this Portfolio are not entitled to receive a portion of incentive fees of other accounts.

As a fiduciary, BlackRock owes a duty of loyalty to its clients and must treat each client fairly. When BlackRock purchases or sells securities for more than one account, the trades must be allocated in a manner consistent with its fiduciary duties. BlackRock attempts to allocate investments in a fair and equitable manner among client accounts, with no account receiving preferential treatment. To this end, BlackRock has adopted policies that are intended to ensure reasonable efficiency in client transactions and provide BlackRock with sufficient flexibility to allocate investments in a manner that is consistent with the particular investment discipline and client base, as appropriate.



## ***Edge***

Material conflicts of interest may arise when a portfolio's Portfolio Manager has day-to-day management responsibilities with respect to one or more funds. These potential conflicts, which are discussed in further detail below, include allocation of time and attention, allocation of limited investment opportunities, pursuit of differing strategies, selection of broker/dealers, variation in compensation, and engagement in related business opportunities. In order to mitigate such, Edge has adopted certain compliance procedures that it believes are reasonably designed to address these and other conflicts of interest.

*Allocation of Limited Time and Attention.* A Portfolio Manager responsible for managing multiple funds may devote unequal time and attention to the management of those funds. As a result, the Portfolio Manager may not be able to formulate as complete a strategy or identify equally attractive investment opportunities for each of those funds as might be the case if he were to devote substantially more attention to the management of a single fund. The effects of this potential conflict may be more pronounced where funds overseen by a particular Portfolio Manager have different investment strategies.

*Allocation of Limited Investment Opportunities.* If a Portfolio Manager identifies a limited investment opportunity that may be suitable for multiple funds, the opportunity may be allocated among these several funds, which may limit a fund's ability to take full advantage of the investment opportunity. Edge seeks to manage such potential conflicts of interest by using procedures intended to provide fair allocation of buy and sell opportunities among funds.

*Pursuit of Differing Strategies.* At times, a Portfolio Manager may determine that an investment opportunity may be appropriate for only some of the funds for which he exercises investment responsibility, or may decide that certain of the funds should take differing positions with respect to a particular security. In these cases, the Portfolio Manager may place separate transactions for one or more funds which may affect the market price of the security or the execution of the transaction, or both, to the detriment or benefit of one or more other funds.

*Selection of Brokers/Dealers.* Portfolio Managers may be able to select or influence the selection of the brokers and dealers that are used to execute securities transactions for the funds that they supervise. In addition to executing trades, some brokers and dealers provide Portfolio Managers with brokerage and research services (as those terms are defined in Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934), which may result in the payment of higher brokerage fees than might have otherwise been available. These services may be more beneficial to certain funds than to others. Although the payment of brokerage commissions is subject to best execution requirements and the requirement that the Portfolio Manager determine in good faith that the commissions are reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services provided to the fund, a Portfolio Manager's decision as to the selection of brokers and dealers could yield disproportionate costs and benefits among the funds that he manages.

*Variation in Compensation.* A conflict of interest may arise where the financial or other benefits available to the Portfolio Manager differ among the funds that he manages. If the structure of the investment advisor's management fee, and/or the Portfolio Manager's compensation differs among funds (such as where certain funds pay higher management fees or performance based management fees), the portfolio manager might be motivated to help certain funds over others. The Portfolio Manager might be motivated to favor funds in which he has an interest or in which the investment advisor and/or its affiliates have interests. Similarly, the desire to maintain assets under management or to enhance the Portfolio Manager's performance record or to derive other rewards, financial or otherwise, could influence the Portfolio Manager in affording preferential treatment to those funds that could most significantly benefit the Portfolio Manager.

*Engagement in Related Business Opportunities.* Edge or an affiliate may provide more services (such as distribution or recordkeeping) for some types of funds or accounts than for others. In such cases, a Portfolio Manager may benefit, either directly or indirectly, by devoting disproportionate attention to the management of funds and/or accounts that provide greater overall returns to the investment manager and its affiliates.

## ***Wellington Management***

Individual investment professionals at Wellington Management manage multiple accounts for multiple clients. These accounts may include mutual funds, separate accounts (assets managed on behalf of institutions, such as pension funds, insurance companies, foundations, or separately managed account programs sponsored by financial intermediaries), bank common trust accounts, and hedge funds. Each Portfolio manager listed above who are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Portfolios (the "Investment Professionals") generally manage accounts in several different investment styles. These accounts may have investment objectives, strategies, time horizons, tax considerations and risk profiles that differ from those of the Portfolio. The Investment Professionals make investment decisions for each account, including the relevant Portfolios, based on the investment objectives, policies,

practices, benchmarks, cash flows, tax and other relevant investment considerations applicable to that account. Consequently, the Portfolio Managers may purchase or sell securities, including IPOs, for one account and not another account, and the performance of securities purchased for one account may vary from the performance of securities purchased for other accounts. Alternatively, these accounts may be managed in a similar fashion to the relevant Portfolios and thus the accounts may have similar, and in some cases nearly identical, objectives, strategies and/or holdings to that of the relevant Portfolios.

A Portfolio Manager or other investment professionals at Wellington Management may place transactions on behalf of other accounts that are directly or indirectly contrary to investment decisions made on behalf of the relevant Portfolios, or make investment decisions that are similar to those made for the relevant Portfolios, both of which have the potential to adversely impact the relevant Portfolios depending on market conditions. For example, an Investment Professional may purchase a security in one account while appropriately selling that same security in another account. Similarly, an Investment Professional may purchase the same security for the relevant Portfolio and one or more other accounts at or about the same time. In those instances the other accounts will have access to their respective holdings prior to the public disclosure of the relevant Portfolio's holdings. In addition, some of these accounts have fee structures, including performance fees, which are or have the potential to be higher, in some cases significantly higher, than the fees Wellington Management receives for managing the Portfolio. Ms. Moran and Messrs. Baldini, Carmen, Chally, Choumenkovitch, Dunne, Hayes, McLane, Siegle, Stack, Stahl, Sullivan, Thomas and Viviano also manage accounts which pay performance allocations to Wellington Management or its affiliates. Because incentive payments paid by Wellington Management to the Investment Professionals are tied to revenues earned by Wellington Management and, where noted, to the performance achieved by the manager in each account, the incentives associated with any given account may be significantly higher or lower than those associated with other accounts managed by the Investment Professionals. Finally, the Investment Professional may hold shares or investments in the other pooled investment vehicles and/or other accounts identified above.

Wellington Management's goal is to meet its fiduciary obligation to treat all clients fairly and provide high quality investment services to all of its clients. Wellington Management has adopted and implemented policies and procedures, including brokerage and trade allocation policies and procedures, which it believes address the conflicts associated with managing multiple accounts for multiple clients. In addition, Wellington Management monitors a variety of areas, including compliance with primary account guidelines, the allocation of IPOs, and compliance with the firm's Code of Ethics, and places additional investment restrictions on investment professionals who manage hedge funds and certain other accounts. Furthermore, senior investment and business personnel at Wellington Management periodically review the performance of Wellington Management's investment professionals. Although Wellington Management does not track the time an investment professional spends on a single account, Wellington Management does periodically assess whether an investment professional has adequate time and resources to effectively manage the investment professional's various client mandates.

### **Ownership of Securities by Portfolio Managers**

As of December 31, 2017, none of the Portfolio Managers had any ownership interest in a Portfolio which they managed.

### **RULE 12b-1 PLANS**

The Board of Trustees has adopted a Rule 12b-1 Plan for Class 2 and 3 shares (the "Class 2 Plan" and "Class 3 Plan," respectively) pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act. There is no Rule 12b-1 Plan in effect for Class 1 shares. Reference is made to "Account Information – Service Fees" in the Prospectus for certain information with respect to the Class 2 and Class 3 Plans. The Class 2 Plan provides for service fees payable at the annual rate of 0.15% of the average daily net assets of such Class 2 shares. The Class 3 Plan provides for service fees payable at the annual rate of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of such Class 3 shares. The service fees will be used to reimburse the life insurance companies for expenditures made to financial intermediaries for providing services to contract holders who are the indirect beneficial owners of the Portfolios' Class 2 and 3 shares. It is possible, that in any given year, the amount paid to certain financial intermediaries for such services could exceed the financial intermediaries' costs as described above.

Continuance of both the Class 2 Plan and Class 3 Plan with respect to each Portfolio is subject to annual approval by vote of the Trustees, including a majority of the Trustees who are not interested persons of the Trust and who have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Class 2 and 3 Plans or in any agreements related to the Class 2 and 3 Plans. The Class 2 and 3 Plans may not be amended to increase materially the amount authorized to be spent thereunder with respect to Class 2 and 3 shares of a Portfolio, without approval of the shareholders of the Class 2 and 3 shares of the Portfolio. In addition, all material amendments to the Class 2 and 3 Plans must be approved by the Trustees in the manner described above. The Class 2 and 3 Plans may be terminated at any time with respect to a Portfolio without payment of any penalty by vote of a majority of the Independent Trustees or by vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities (as defined in the 1940 Act) of Class 2 and 3 shares of the Portfolio. So long as the Class 2 and 3 Plans are in

effect, the election and nomination of the Independent Trustees of the Trust shall be committed to the discretion of the Independent Trustees. In the Trustees' quarterly review of the Class 2 and 3 Plans, they will consider the continued appropriateness of, and the level of, compensation provided in the Class 2 and 3 Plans. In their consideration of the Class 2 and 3 Plans with respect to a Portfolio, the Trustees must consider all factors they deem relevant, including information as to the benefits for the Portfolio for the shareholders of Class 2 and 3 shares of the Portfolio.

### Service Fees

The following table sets forth the service fees paid by each of the Portfolios with respect to Class 2 and Class 3 shares for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. Certain Portfolios do not offer either Class 2 or Class 3 shares.

Portfolio	2017	
	Class 2	Class 3
SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio <sup>2</sup>	N/A	\$ 25,287
SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio	\$22,052	154,391
SA Wellington Capital Appreciation Portfolio	72,726	1,581,555
SA Wellington Government and Quality Bond Portfolio	43,239	1,871,105
SA Wellington Growth and Income Portfolio <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A
SA Wellington Growth Portfolio	27,186	247,073
SA Wellington Natural Resources Portfolio	9,850	188,935
SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio <sup>2</sup>	N/A	12,472

<sup>1</sup> The Portfolio does not offer either Class 2 or Class 3 shares.

<sup>2</sup> The Portfolio does not offer Class 2 shares.

### TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS OF THE TRUST

The following table lists the Trustees and officers of the Trust, their ages, current position(s) held with the Trust, length of time served, principal occupations during the past five years, number of funds overseen within the Fund Complex (as defined below) and other directorships/trusteeships held outside of the Fund Complex. The address of each executive officer and Trustee is Harborside 5, 185 Hudson Street, Suite 3300, Jersey City, NJ 07311, except for Messrs. Kingston, Joe and Parry, whose address is 2919 Allen Parkway, Houston, TX 77019. Trustees and officers of the Trust are also directors or trustees and officers of some or all of the other investment companies managed, administered or advised by SunAmerica and distributed by ACS and other affiliates of SunAmerica.

Name and Age	Position(s) Held With Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served <sup>1</sup>	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee <sup>2</sup>	Other Directorships Held by Trustee <sup>3</sup>
<b>Disinterested Trustees</b>					
Dr. Judith L. Craven Age: 72	Trustee	2001 to Present	Retired.	77	Director, Sysco Corporation (1996 to 2017); Director, Luby's, Inc. (1998 to Present).
William F. Devin Age: 79	Trustee	2001 to Present	Retired.	77	None
Richard W. Grant Age: 72	Trustee, Chairman of the Board	2011 to Present	Retired.	28	None
Stephen J. Gutman Age: 74	Trustee	1985 to Present	Senior Vice President and Associate Broker, The Corcoran Group (real estate) (2002 to Present); President, SJG Marketing, Inc. (2009 to Present).	28	None

<b>Name and Age</b>	<b>Position(s) Held With Trust</b>	<b>Term of Office and Length of Time Served<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years</b>	<b>Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Other Directorships Held by Trustee<sup>3</sup></b>
Eileen A. Kamerick Age: 59	Trustee	2018 to Present	National Association of Corporate Directors Board Leadership Fellow and financial expert; Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Chicago, Washington University in St. Louis and University of Iowa law schools (since 2007); formerly, Senior Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of ConnectWise, Inc. (software and services company) (2015 to 2016); Chief Financial Officer, Press Ganey Associates (health care informatics company) (2012 to 2014).	28	Hochschild Mining plc (precious metals company) (since 2016); Director of Associated Banc-Corp (financial services company) (since 2007); Legg Mason Closed End Funds (registered investment companies) (since 2013); Westell Technologies, Inc. (technology company) (2003 to 2016).

#### Interested Trustee

Peter A. Harbeck <sup>4</sup> Age: 64	Trustee	1995 to Present	President, SunAmerica (1995 to Present), CEO and Director, SunAmerica (1992 to Present); Director, ACS (1993 to Present); Chairman, Advisor Group, Inc. (2004 to 2016).	158	None
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<sup>1</sup> Trustees serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

<sup>2</sup> The term “Fund Complex” means two or more registered investment companies that hold themselves out to investors as related companies for purposes of investment services or have a common investment adviser or an investment adviser that is an affiliated person of SunAmerica. The “Fund Complex” includes the SunAmerica Income Funds (3 funds); SunAmerica Money Market Funds, Inc. (“SAMMF”) (1 fund); SunAmerica Equity Funds (“SAEF”) (2 funds); SunAmerica Series, Inc. (“SunAmerica Series”) (6 portfolios); SunAmerica Specialty Series (“Specialty Series”) (7 funds); Anchor Series Trust (“AST”) (8 portfolios); SunAmerica Senior Floating Rate Fund, Inc. (“SASFR”) (1 fund); VALIC Co. I (34 funds); VALIC Co. II (15 funds); SunAmerica Series Trust (“SAST”) (61 portfolios); and Seasons Series Trust (“SST”) (20 portfolios).

<sup>3</sup> Directorships of companies required for reporting to the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (*i.e.*, public companies) or other investment companies regulated under the 1940 Act, other than those listed in note (2) above.

<sup>4</sup> Mr. Harbeck is considered to be an Interested Trustee because he serves as President, CEO and Director of SunAmerica and Director of ACS.

#### Officers

<b>Name and Age</b>	<b>Position(s) Held With Trust</b>	<b>Term of Office and Length of Time Served</b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years</b>
John T. Genoy Age: 49	President	2007 to Present	Chief Financial Officer, SunAmerica (2002 to Present); Senior Vice President, SunAmerica (2003 to Present); Chief Operating Officer, SunAmerica (2006 to Present).
Gregory R. Kingston Age: 52 Address: 2919 Allen Parkway Houston, Texas 77019	Treasurer	2014 to Present	Vice President, SunAmerica (2001 to Present); Head of Mutual Fund Administration, SunAmerica (2014 to Present).

Name and Age	Position(s) Held With Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years
Christopher C. Joe Age: 49 Address: 2919 Allen Parkway Houston, Texas 77019	Chief Compliance Officer	2017 to Present	Chief Compliance Officer, AIG Funds, Anchor Series Trust, Seasons Series Trust, SunAmerica Series Trust, VALIC Company I and VALIC Company II (2017 to Present); Chief Compliance Officer, VALIC Retirement Services Company (2017 to Present); Chief Compliance Officer, The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company (2017 to Present); Chief Compliance Officer, Invesco PowerShares (2012 to 2017); Chief Compliance Officer, Invesco Investment Advisers, LLC (2010 to 2013); U.S. Compliance Director, Invesco Ltd. (2006 to 2014); Deputy Chief Compliance Officer, Invesco Advisers, LLC (2014 to 2015).
James Nichols Age: 52	Vice President	2006 to Present	Director, President and CEO, ACS (2006 to Present); Senior Vice President, SunAmerica (2002 to Present).
Gregory N. Bressler Age: 51	Secretary	2005 to Present	Senior Vice President and General Counsel, SunAmerica (2005 to Present).
Kathleen D. Fuentes Age: 49	Chief Legal Officer and Assistant Secretary	2013 to Present	Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, SunAmerica (2006 to Present).
Shawn Parry Age: 45 Address: 2919 Allen Parkway Houston, Texas 77019	Vice President and Assistant Treasurer	2014 to Present	Vice President, SunAmerica (2014 to Present); Assistant Vice President, SunAmerica (2005 to 2014).
Donna M. McManus Age: 57	Vice President and Assistant Treasurer	2014 to Present	Vice President, SunAmerica (2014 to Present); Managing Director, BNY Mellon (2009 to June 2014).
Matthew J. Hackethal Age: 46	Anti-Money Laundering (“AML”) Compliance Officer	2006 to Present	Acting Chief Compliance Officer, AIG Funds, Anchor Series Trust, Seasons Series Trust, SunAmerica Series Trust, VALIC Company I and VALIC Company II (2016 to 2017); Chief Compliance Officer, SunAmerica (2006 to Present); Chief Compliance Officer, The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company (2016 to 2017); AML Compliance Officer, AIG Funds, Anchor Series Trust, Seasons Series Trust, SunAmerica Series Trust, VALIC Company I and VALIC Company II (2006 to Present); and Vice President, SunAmerica (2011 to Present).

## Leadership Structure of the Board

Overall responsibility for oversight of the Trust and its Portfolios rests with the Board. The Trust, on behalf of the Portfolios, has engaged SunAmerica and the Subadvisers to manage the Portfolios on a day-to-day basis. The Board is responsible for overseeing SunAmerica and the Subadvisers and any other service providers in the operations of the Portfolios in accordance with the provisions of the 1940 Act, applicable provisions of state and other laws, the Trust’s Declaration of Trust and By-laws, and each Portfolio’s investment objectives and strategies. The Board is presently comprised of six members, five of whom are Independent Trustees. The Board currently conducts regular in-person meetings at least quarterly and holds special in-person or telephonic meetings, or informal conference calls, to discuss specific matters that may arise or require action between regular Board meetings. The Independent Trustees also meet at least quarterly in executive sessions, at which no trustee who is an interested person of SunAmerica is present. The Independent Trustees have engaged independent legal counsel to assist them in performing their oversight responsibilities.

The Board has appointed Mr. Grant, an Independent Trustee, to serve as Chairman of the Board. The Chairman’s role is to preside at all meetings of the Board and to act as a liaison with service providers, including SunAmerica, officers, attorneys, and other Trustees generally, between meetings. The Chairman may also perform such other functions as may be delegated by the Board from time to time. The Board has established four committees, *i.e.*, Audit Committee, Nominating and Compensation Committee (the “Nominating Committee”), Ethics Committee, and Governance Committee (each, a “Committee”), to assist the Board in the oversight and direction of the business and affairs of the Portfolios, and from time-to-time may establish informal working groups to review and address the policies and practices of the Portfolios with respect to certain specified matters. The Committee system facilitates the timely and efficient consideration of matters by the Trustees, and facilitates effective oversight of compliance with legal and regulatory



requirements and of the Portfolios' activities and associated risks. The standing Committees currently conduct an annual review of their charters, which includes a review of their responsibilities and operations. The Governance Committee and the Board as a whole also conduct an annual evaluation of the performance of the Board, including consideration of the effectiveness of the Board's committee structure. The Board has determined that the Board's leadership structure is appropriate because it allows the Board to exercise informed and independent judgment over the matters under its purview and it allocates areas of responsibility among the Committees and the full Board in a manner that enhances efficient and effective oversight.

The Portfolios are subject to a number of risks, including, among others, investment, compliance, operational and valuation risks. Risk oversight forms part of the Board's general oversight of the Portfolios and is addressed as part of various Board and Committee activities. Day-to-day risk management functions are subsumed within the responsibilities of SunAmerica, which carries out the Portfolios' investment management and business affairs, and also by the Portfolios' Subadvisers and other service providers in connection with the services they provide to the Portfolios. Each of SunAmerica, the Subadvisers and other service providers have their own, independent interest in risk management, and their policies and methods of risk management will depend on their functions and business models. As part of its regular oversight of the Portfolios, the Board, directly and/or through a Committee, interacts with and reviews reports from, among others, SunAmerica, the Subadvisers and the Portfolios' other service providers (including the Portfolios' distributor, servicing agent and transfer agent), the Portfolios' CCO, the independent registered public accounting firm for the Portfolios, legal counsel to the Portfolios, and internal auditors for SunAmerica or its affiliates, as appropriate, relating to the operations of the Portfolios. The Board recognizes that it may not be possible to identify all of the risks that may affect the Portfolios or to develop processes and controls to eliminate or mitigate their occurrence or effects. The Board may, at any time and in its discretion, change the manner in which it conducts risk oversight.

### **Board of Trustees and Committees**

Among the attributes common to all Trustees are their ability to review critically, evaluate, question and discuss information provided to them, to interact effectively with the other Trustees, SunAmerica, the Subadvisers, other service providers, legal counsel and the independent registered public accounting firm, and to exercise effective business judgment in the performance of their duties as Trustees. A Trustee's ability to perform his or her duties effectively may have been attained, as set forth below, through the Trustee's executive, business, consulting, public service and/or academic positions; experience from service as a Trustee of the Trust and the other funds in the Fund Complex (and/or in other capacities), other investment funds, public companies, or non-profit entities or other organizations; educational background or professional training; and/or other life experiences.

The Trustees of the Trust are responsible for the overall supervision of the operation of the Trust and each Portfolio and perform various duties imposed on trustees of investment companies by the 1940 Act and under the Trust's Declaration of Trust. Each of the Independent Trustees is entitled to compensation from the Trust consisting of an annual fee of \$30,648 in addition to reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses in connection with attendance at meetings of the Trustees. In addition, Mr. Grant receives an aggregate of \$42,528 in annual compensation for serving as Chairman of the Board of the Trust. These expenses are allocated on the basis of the relative net assets of each Portfolio. Officers are compensated by SunAmerica or its affiliates and receive no compensation from the Trust.

**Dr. Judith L. Craven.** Dr. Craven has served as a director or trustee in the Fund Complex since 2001 and serves as a Trustee of the Trust. She currently serves as a director or trustee with respect to 77 of the funds in the Fund Complex. In addition, she has more than 25 years of executive and business experience in various industries. Dr. Craven also has corporate governance experience serving on the boards of directors of several public companies for more than 10 years.

**William F. Devin.** Mr. Devin has served as a director or trustee in the Fund Complex since 2001 and serves as a Trustee of the Trust. He currently serves as a director or trustee with respect to 77 of the funds in the Fund Complex. In addition, he has more than 30 years of business and executive experience primarily in the financial services industry, including with Fidelity. Mr. Devin also has corporate governance experience serving on the Board of Directors of the Boston Options Exchange.

**Richard W. Grant.** Mr. Grant has served as a director or trustee in the Fund Complex since March 2011, and serves as Chairman of the Board of the Trust. He currently serves as a director or trustee with respect to 28 of the funds in the Fund Complex. Mr. Grant has more than 25 years of business and corporate governance experience serving as legal counsel to a number of registered investment companies and/or their independent directors/trustees, including to the Independent Trustees of the Trust.

**Stephen J. Gutman.** Mr. Gutman has served as a director or trustee in the Fund Complex since 1985 and serves as a Trustee of the Trust. He currently serves as a director or trustee with respect to 28 of the funds in the Fund Complex. In addition, he has more than 20 years of business and executive experience in the real estate and licensing industries.

**Eileen A. Kamerick.** Ms. Kamerick has served as a director or trustee in the Fund Complex since 2018. She currently serves as a director or trustee with respect to 28 of the funds in the Fund Complex. She has experience in business and finance, including financial reporting, experience as a board member of a highly regulated financial services company, and experience as a board member of registered investment companies.

**Peter A. Harbeck.** Mr. Harbeck has served as a director or trustee in the Fund Complex since 1995. He currently serves as a director or trustee with respect to 158 of the funds in the Fund Complex. In addition, he has served as President, CEO and Director of SunAmerica since 1995 and as Director of ACS since 1993.

The Audit Committee is charged with selecting, overseeing and setting the compensation of the Trust's independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee is responsible for pre-approving all audit and non-audit services performed by the independent public accounting firm for the Trust and for pre-approving certain non-audit services performed by the independent registered public accounting firm for SunAmerica and certain control persons of SunAmerica. The Audit Committee is also responsible for reviewing with the independent registered public accounting firm the audit plan and results of the audit along with other matters.

The members of the Audit Committee of the Trust are Messrs. Devin, Grant and Gutman, Mme. Kamerick and Dr. Craven, with Ms. Kamerick serving as Chairman. The chairman of the Audit Committee receives a \$7,656 annual retainer. Committee members each receive \$3,829 per meeting for serving on the Audit Committees of the AIG Funds ("AIGF")<sup>1</sup>, AST and SASFR. The Audit Committee met four times during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017.

The Nominating Committee recommends to the Trustees those persons to be nominated by the Trustees as candidates to serve as Trustees and voted upon by shareholders and selects and proposes nominees for election by Trustees to the Board between shareholders' meetings. The Nominating Committee will consider candidates proposed by shareholders for election as Trustees. The members of the Nominating Committee are Messrs. Devin, Grant and Gutman, Mme. Kamerick and Dr. Craven, with Mr. Gutman serving as Chairman. Mr. Gutman receives a \$2,300 annual retainer for serving as Chairman of the Nominating Committees of AIGF, AST and SASFR and each Trustee receives a \$1,532 annual retainer for serving as a member of the Nominating Committees of AIGF, AST and SASFR. The Trustees receive \$768 per scheduled meeting (\$386 for telephonic meetings) and Mr. Gutman, as Chairman, receives \$920 per meeting (\$460 per telephonic meeting). The Nominating Committee met four times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

The Ethics Committee is responsible for applying the Code of Ethics applicable to the Trust's Principal Executive Officer and Principal Accounting Officer to specific situations in which questions are presented to it and has the authority to interpret the Code of Ethics in any particular situation. The Ethics Committee will inform the Board of violations or waivers to the Trust's Code of Ethics, as appropriate. The members of the Ethics Committee are Messrs. Devin, Grant and Gutman, Mme. Kamerick and Dr. Craven, with Dr. Craven serving as Chairman. Dr. Craven receives a \$2,300 annual retainer for serving as Chairman of the Ethics Committees of AIGF, AST and SASFR and each Trustee receives a \$1,532 annual retainer for serving on the Ethics Committee of AIGF, AST and SASFR. The Trustees receive \$768 per scheduled meeting (\$386 per telephonic meeting) and Dr. Craven, as Chairman, receives \$920 per scheduled meeting (\$460 per telephonic meeting). The Ethics Committee met once during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

The Governance Committee reviews and makes recommendations with respect to the size and composition of the Board and its committees and monitors and evaluates the functioning of the committees of the Board. The members of the Governance Committee are Messrs. Grant, Gutman and Devin, Mme. Kamerick and Dr. Craven, with Mr. Devin serving as Chairman. Mr. Devin receives a \$2,300 annual retainer for serving as Chairman of the Governance Committees of AIGF, AST and SASFR and each Trustee receives a \$1,532 annual retainer for serving on the Governance Committees of AIGF, AST and SASFR. The Trustees receive \$768 per scheduled meeting (\$386 per telephonic meeting), and Mr. Devin, as Chairman, receives \$920 per scheduled meeting (\$460 per telephonic meeting). The Governance Committee met twice during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

As of March 31, 2018, the Trustees and officers of the Trust owned in the aggregate less than 1% of the total outstanding shares of each Portfolio of the Trust.

## TRUSTEE OWNERSHIP OF PORTFOLIO SHARES

The following table shows the dollar range of shares beneficially owned by each Trustee as of December 31, 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> AIGF consists of the Trust, SAEF, SAIF, SunAmerica Series, SAMMF and Specialty Series.

<u>Name of Trustee</u>	<u>Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Trust<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in All Registered Investment Companies Overseen by Trustee in Family of Investment Companies<sup>2</sup></u>
<b>Independent Trustees</b>		
Dr. Judith L. Craven	None	None
William F. Devin	None	Over \$100,000
Richard W. Grant	None	None
Stephen J. Gutman	None	\$10,001 - \$50,000
Eileen A. Kamerick <sup>3</sup>	None	None
<b>Interested Trustee</b>		
Peter A. Harbeck	None	Over \$100,000

<sup>1</sup> Includes the value of shares beneficially owned by each Trustee in each Portfolio of the Trust as of December 31, 2017.

<sup>2</sup> Includes the AIGF, the Trust and SunAmerica Senior Floating Rate Fund, Inc.

<sup>3</sup> Mme. Kamerick was appointed to serve as an Independent Trustee of the Trust effective January 16, 2018.

As of December 31, 2017, no Independent Trustee or his/her immediate family members owned beneficially or of record any securities of the Adviser or any person other than a registered investment company directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with such entities.

### Compensation of Trustees

The following table sets forth the compensation paid to each Independent Trustee for his/her services as a Trustee to the Trust and as a Trustee/Director to certain of the portfolios within the Fund Complex for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. Neither the Interested Trustee nor any officer of the Trust receives any compensation from the Trust for serving as a Trustee or as an officer.

<u>Name of Trustee</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From Trust</u>	<u>Total Compensation From Trust and Other Registered Investment Companies Overseen by Trustee in Fund Complex</u>
Dr. Judith L. Craven	\$37,167	\$426,036
William F. Devin	39,826	489,236
Richard W. Grant	50,848	278,508
Stephen J. Gutman	37,908	207,263
Eileen A. Kamerick <sup>1</sup>	None	None

<sup>1</sup> Mme. Kamerick was appointed to serve as an Independent Trustee of the Trust effective January 16, 2018.

### PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS AND BROKERAGE

As discussed in the Prospectus, the Adviser or a Subadviser is responsible for decisions to buy and sell securities for each respective Portfolio, selection of broker-dealers and negotiation of commission rates. Orders may be directed to any broker-dealer including, to the extent and in the manner permitted by applicable law, an affiliated brokerage subsidiary of SunAmerica.

It is the policy of the Trust, in effecting transactions in portfolio securities, to seek the best execution at the most favorable prices. The determination of what may constitute best execution involves a number of considerations, including, without limitation: the economic result to the Portfolio (involving both price paid or received and any commissions and other costs); the value of the expected contribution of the broker through brokerage and research services to the investment performance of the Portfolio and other clients of the Adviser or a Subadviser through client commission benefits, as discussed below; the timeliness and efficiency with which the transaction is effected where a large block is involved; the availability of the broker to stand ready to execute potentially difficult transactions; and the financial strength, reliability, integrity, operational capabilities and stability of the broker. Such considerations are judgmental and are considered in determining the overall reasonableness of brokerage commissions paid. Sales of Portfolio shares are not considered in the selection of a broker to execute transactions in portfolio securities for a Portfolio.

A factor in the selection of brokers is the receipt of research services—analyses and reports concerning markets, issuers, industries, securities, economic factors and trends—and other statistical and factual information. Research services may come in the form of research reports via electronic delivery or print, oral discussions and personal meetings with securities analysts, corporate and industry spokespersons, and access to various computer-generated data. Research and other statistical and factual information provided by brokers is considered to be in addition to and not in lieu of services required to be performed by the Adviser or a Subadviser.

The Adviser or a Subadviser may cause a Portfolio to pay broker-dealers commissions that exceed what other broker-dealers may have charged for executing the same transaction, if in its view the greater commission is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and/or research services provided by the broker-dealer to the Adviser or a Subadviser viewed in terms of either that particular transaction or the overall responsibilities of the Adviser or a Subadviser. No specific value can be determined for research services furnished without cost to the Adviser or a Subadviser by a broker. The Adviser or a Subadviser is of the opinion that because the material must be analyzed and reviewed by its staff, its receipt does not tend to reduce expenses, but may be beneficial in supplementing the Adviser or a Subadviser's research and analysis. However, to the extent that research services of value are provided by broker-dealers with or through whom the Adviser or a Subadviser places the Portfolio's portfolio transactions, the Adviser or a Subadviser may be relieved of expenses it might otherwise bear. The Adviser or a Subadviser does not seek to allocate to any particular client account the relative costs or benefits of research services received from a broker-dealer. Rather, the Adviser or a Subadviser believes that any research services received from a broker-dealer are, in the aggregate, of assistance to the Adviser or a Subadviser in fulfilling its overall responsibilities to its clients. Therefore, it may tend to benefit the Portfolios by improving the quality of the Adviser or a Subadviser's investment advice. Accordingly, research services furnished by broker-dealers may be used in servicing some or all client accounts and not all services may be used in connection with the Portfolio or account that paid commissions to the broker-dealer providing such services. As discussed below, certain transactions do not generate brokerage commissions and therefore client accounts that trade in such assets, including a Portfolio, may benefit from, or be "cross-subsidized" by, research services received by the Adviser or a Subadviser through accounts that pay brokerage commissions. The investment advisory fees paid by a Portfolio are not reduced because the Adviser or a Subadviser receives such services. When making purchases of underwritten issues with fixed underwriting fees, the Adviser or a Subadviser may designate the use of broker-dealers who have agreed to provide the Adviser or a Subadviser with certain statistical, research and other information.

Also, subject to best price and execution and consistent with applicable securities laws and regulations, the Board may instruct the Adviser or a Subadviser to direct brokerage to certain broker-dealers under an agreement whereby these broker-dealers would pay designated Portfolio expenses, including, for example, custody expenses. The brokerage of one Portfolio will not be used to help pay the expenses of any other AIG mutual fund. SunAmerica will continue to waive its fees or reimburse expenses for any Portfolio for which it has agreed to do so. All expenses paid through expense offset arrangements resulting in broker commission recapture will be over and above such waivers and/or reimbursements, so that SunAmerica will not receive any direct or indirect economic benefit from the directed brokerage arrangements.

A directed brokerage agreement includes those arrangements under which products or services (other than execution of securities transactions), expense reimbursements, or commissions are recaptured for a client from or through a broker-dealer, in exchange for directing the client's brokerage transactions to that broker-dealer. The Board has determined that certain directed brokerage arrangements are in the best interest of each Portfolio and its shareholders and, therefore, has conveyed the information to the Adviser or a Subadviser. A Portfolio may participate in directed brokerage agreements, provided the portfolio manager can still obtain the best price and execution for trades. Thus, a Portfolio may benefit from the products or services or recaptured commissions obtained through the directed brokerage arrangement, although there may be other transaction costs, greater spreads, or less favorable net prices on transactions. As long as the trader executing the transaction for a Portfolio indicates that this is a directed brokerage transactions, the Portfolio will get a percentage of commissions paid on either domestic trades or international trades credited back to the Portfolio. These credits are in hard dollars and could be used to offset the Portfolio's custody expenses or to pay other Portfolio expenses (excluding expenses payable to affiliates). By entering into a directed brokerage arrangement, a Portfolio can reduce expenses reported to shareholders in its statement of operations, fee table and expense ratio and can increase its reported yield. To the extent SunAmerica or any "affiliated person", as that term is defined by the 1940 Act, has agreed to waive or reimburse any amounts otherwise payable to them by a Portfolio or reimburse the Portfolio's expenses (collectively "Expense Waivers"), any amount of commissions used to pay operating expenses of a Portfolio shall not reduce amounts of expenses borne by SunAmerica or its affiliate under such Expense Waivers, but shall instead be used solely to reduce expenses borne to the Portfolio to a lower level than the Portfolio would have borne after giving full effect to the Expense Waivers.

Although the objectives of other accounts or investment companies that the Adviser or a Subadviser manages may differ from those of the Portfolio, it is possible that, at times, identical securities will be acceptable for purchase by a Portfolio and one or more other accounts or investment companies that the Adviser or a Subadviser manages. However, the position of each account or company in the securities of the same issuer may vary with the length of time that each account or company may choose to hold its investment in those

securities. The timing and amount of purchase by each account and company will also be determined by its cash position. If the purchase or sale of a security is consistent with the investment policies of a Portfolio and one or more of these other accounts or companies is considered at or about the same time, transactions in such securities will be allocated in a manner deemed equitable by the Adviser or a Subadviser. The Adviser or a Subadviser may combine such transactions, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, where the size of the transaction would enable it to negotiate a better price or reduced commission. However, simultaneous transactions could adversely affect the ability of a Portfolio to obtain or dispose of the full amount of a security that it seeks to purchase or sell, or the price at which such security can be purchased or sold.

Certain transactions in portfolio securities may be principal transactions with issuers and dealers at net prices which entail no brokerage commissions, while other transactions such as those on a national securities exchange are on an agency basis. When a Portfolio purchases or sells securities or financial futures on an exchange, it pays a commission to any broker or futures commission merchant executing the transaction. When a Portfolio purchases securities from a market-maker, it pays no commission but the price includes a “spread” or “mark-up” (between the bid and asked price) earned by the market-making dealer on the transaction. In the OTC market, securities are generally traded on a “net” basis with dealers acting as principal for their own accounts without a stated commission (although the price of the security usually includes a profit to the dealer). In underwritten offerings, securities are purchased at a fixed price, which includes an amount of compensation to the underwriter, generally referred to as the underwriter’s concession or discount. On occasion, certain money market instruments may be purchased directly from an issuer, in which case no commissions or discounts are paid.

The Adviser or a Subadviser may effect portfolio transactions through an affiliated broker-dealer, if applicable, acting as an agent and not as principal, in accordance with Rule 17e-1 under the 1940 Act and other applicable securities laws.

**Commission Recapture Program.** A commission recapture program includes those arrangements under which products or services (other than execution of securities transactions) or commissions are recaptured for a client from or through a broker-dealer, in exchange for directing the client’s brokerage transactions to that broker-dealer who commits to returning a portion of its commission to the respective Portfolio. The Board has determined that a commission recapture program is in the best interest of each Portfolio and its shareholders and therefore has conveyed the information to Subadvisers. A Portfolio may participate in a commission recapture program, provided the Portfolio Manager(s) can obtain the best price and execution for trades. Thus, a Portfolio may benefit from the products or services or recaptured commissions obtained through the commission recapture program, although there may be other transaction costs, greater spreads, or less favorable net prices on transactions. As long as the trader executing the transaction for a Portfolio indicates that this is a commission recapture transaction, the Portfolio will get a percentage of commissions paid on either domestic trades or international trades credited back to the Portfolio. The brokerage of one Portfolio will not be used to help pay the expenses, or otherwise recaptured for the benefit, of any other Portfolio. SunAmerica will continue to waive its fees or reimburse expenses for any Portfolio for which it has agreed to do so. All expenses paid through the commission recapture program will be over and above such waivers and/or reimbursements, so that SunAmerica will not receive any direct or indirect economic benefit from the commission recapture program.

Through expense offset arrangements resulting from broker commission recapture, a portion of certain Portfolios’ expenses have been reduced. For the year ended December 31, 2017, the amount of expense reductions received by each Portfolio, used to offset the Portfolio’s nonaffiliated expenses, were as follows:

<b>PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>AGGREGATE AMOUNT</b>
SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio . . . . .	—
SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio . . . . .	\$ 448
SA Wellington Capital Appreciation Portfolio . . . . .	7,333
SA Wellington Government and Quality Bond Portfolio . . . . .	—
SA Wellington Growth and Income Portfolio . . . . .	414
SA Wellington Growth Portfolio . . . . .	1,440
SA Wellington Natural Resources Portfolio . . . . .	2,620
SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio . . . . .	301

**Brokerage Commissions**

The following table sets forth the aggregate brokerage commissions paid by the Portfolios for the last three fiscal years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015. None of the transactions were executed with affiliated brokers.



<b>PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>2017 AGGREGATE BROKERAGE COMMISSIONS</b>	<b>2016 AGGREGATE BROKERAGE COMMISSIONS</b>	<b>2015 AGGREGATE BROKERAGE COMMISSIONS</b>
SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio . . . . .	\$ 10,057	\$ 9,567	\$ 11,493
SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio . . . . .	41,428	45,490	40,506
SA Wellington Capital Appreciation Portfolio . . . . .	839,361	1,011,869	766,326
SA Wellington Government and Quality Bond Portfolio . . . . .	0	0	0
SA Wellington Growth and Income Portfolio . . . . .	45,492	52,327	47,653
SA Wellington Growth Portfolio . . . . .	164,189	343,325	424,097
SA Wellington Natural Resources Portfolio . . . . .	216,496	311,671	294,780
SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio . . . . .	20,640	18,451	17,441

In addition, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, the Portfolios directed the following amounts of portfolio securities transactions, and commissions paid thereon, to broker-dealers which provided research services to the Portfolios' Subadvisers:

<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Gross Dollar Value of Purchase/Sales Directed to Research Providers</b>	<b>Dollar Amount of Commissions Directed to Research Providers</b>
SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio . . . . .	\$ 17,056,630	\$ 10,057
SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio . . . . .	113,339,176	21,494
SA Wellington Capital Appreciation Portfolio . . . . .	2,067,509,096	154,703
SA Wellington Government and Quality Bond Portfolio . . . . .	0	0
SA Wellington Growth and Income Portfolio . . . . .	146,049,908	43,601
SA Wellington Growth Portfolio . . . . .	536,521,031	154,703
SA Wellington Natural Resources Portfolio . . . . .	310,328,303	19,848
SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio . . . . .	32,278,426	19,848

The following table sets forth the value of the Portfolios' holdings of securities of the Trust's regular brokers and dealers (as defined under Rule 10b-1 under the 1940 Act) and their parents as of December 31, 2017.

<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Broker Dealer</b>	<b>Value (000's)</b>	<b>Debt/Equity</b>
SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio	State Street Corp.	806	Debt
SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio	Bank of America Corp.	\$ 761	Debt
	Bank of America Corp.	510	Equity
	Bank of New York Mellon Corp.	485	Debt
	Citigroup, Inc.	1,027	Debt
	Credit Suisse Securities LLC	7	Debt
	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	2,134	Debt
	JP Morgan Chase & Co.	1,497	Debt
	JP Morgan Chase & Co.	2,223	Equity
	Morgan Stanley	817	Debt
	State Street Corp.	252	Debt
	UBS AG	455	Debt
	Wells Fargo & Company	2,438	Debt
Wells Fargo & Company	254	Equity	
SA Wellington Capital Appreciation Portfolio	Bank of America Corp.	930	Debt
	Bank of America Corp.	13,625	Equity
	Barclays Bank PLC	1,035	Debt
	BNP Paribas SA	1,775	Debt
	Deutsche Bank AG	685	Debt
	RBS Securities, Inc.	1,660	Debt

<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Broker Dealer</u>	<u>Value (000's)</u>	<u>Debt/Equity</u>
SA Wellington Government and Quality Bond Portfolio	Bank of America Corp.	33,918	Debt
	Barclays Capital Inc	30,830	Debt
	BNP Paribas SA	59,313	Debt
	Credit Suisse Securities LLC	3,145	Debt
	Deutsche Bank AG	20,460	Debt
	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	7,426	Debt
	JP Morgan Chase & Co.	3,469	Debt
	Morgan Stanley	10,693	Debt
	Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC	49,330	Debt
	Wells Fargo & Company	13,937	Debt
SA Wellington Growth and Income Portfolio	Bank of America Corp.	390	Debt
	Bank of America Corp.	5,841	Equity
	Barclays Bank PLC	435	Debt
	BNP Paribas SA	755	Debt
	Deutsche Bank AG	285	Debt
	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	2,847	Equity
	JP Morgan Chase & Co.	5,889	Equity
	RBS Securities, Inc.	695	Debt
SA Wellington Growth Portfolio	Bank of America Corp.	720	Debt
	Barclays Bank PLC	800	Debt
	BNP Paribas SA	1,370	Debt
	Citigroup, Inc.	4,508	Equity
	Deutsche Bank AG	530	Debt
	JP Morgan Chase & Co.	2,738	Equity
	RBS Securities, Inc.	1,280	Debt
SA Wellington Natural Resources Portfolio	Bank of America Corp.	55	Debt
	Bank of America Corp.	435	Equity
	Barclays Bank PLC	60	Debt
	BNP Paribas SA	120	Debt
	Deutsche Bank AG	40	Debt
	RBS Securities, Inc.	100	Debt
SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio	Bank of America Corp.	605	Debt
	Bank of America Corp.	420	Equity
	Barclays Bank PLC	675	Debt
	BNP Paribas	1,160	Debt
	Citigroup, Inc.	318	Equity
	Deutsche Bank	445	Debt
	Deutsche Bank	125	Equity
	RBS Securities, Inc.	1,080	Debt
	UBS AG	424	Equity

#### **PORTFOLIO TURNOVER**

A Portfolio may purchase and sell securities whenever necessary to seek to accomplish its investment objectives. Portfolio turnover generally involves some expense to a Portfolio and its shareholders, including brokerage commissions and other transaction costs on the

purchase and sale of securities and reinvestment in other securities. A Portfolio's turnover rate would equal 100% if each security in the Portfolio was replaced once per year.

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, a market environment characterized by above average valuations and below average volatility led to a lower turnover rate in the SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio during the year. In contrast to years past when higher volatility led to more frequent portfolio changes to either reduce risk or capitalize on more compelling valuations, 2017 provided fewer tactical opportunities given a rather benign market backdrop. Lastly, the Portfolio began the year well positioned with broad diversification across income producing asset classes and modest amounts of risk thus reducing the need for allocation changes.

The SA Wellington Government and Quality Bond Portfolio experienced a significant decrease in portfolio turnover during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

The SA Wellington Growth Portfolio experienced a significant decrease in portfolio turnover during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. The trailing 12 month turnover for the year ended 2016 was higher than 2017 because during 2016 there was a change in one of the underlying managers within the Portfolio.

### **PRICE OF SHARES**

Shares of the Trust are currently offered only to the separate accounts of the Life Companies. The Trust is open for business on any day the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") is open for regular trading. Shares are valued each day as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE (generally, 4:00 p.m., Eastern time). Each Portfolio calculates the NAV of each class of its shares separately by dividing the total value of net assets of each class by the number of such class's shares outstanding. The NAV for each Portfolio also may be calculated on any other day in which there is sufficient liquidity in the securities held by the Portfolio. The days and times of such computation may, in the future, be changed by the Trustees in the event that the portfolio securities are traded in significant amounts in markets other than the NYSE, or on days or at times other than those during which the NYSE is open for trading. A description of the pricing procedures that are generally used to value the securities held by the Portfolio are described below.

Stocks are generally valued based upon closing sales prices reported on recognized securities exchanges on which the securities are principally traded. Stocks listed on the NASDAQ are valued using the NASDAQ Official Closing Price ("NOCP"). Generally, the NOCP will be the last sale price unless the reported trade for the stock is outside the range of the bid/ask price. In such cases, the NOCP will be normalized to the nearer of the bid or ask price. For listed securities having no sales reported and for unlisted securities, such securities will be valued based upon the last reported bid price.

As of the close of regular trading on the NYSE, securities traded primarily on exchanges outside the United States are valued at the last sale price on such exchanges on the day of valuation, or if there is no sale on the day of valuation, at the last-reported bid price. If a security's price is available from more than one exchange, a Portfolio uses the exchange that is the primary market for the security. However, depending on the foreign market, closing prices may be up to 15 hours old when they are used to price the Portfolio's shares, and the Portfolio may determine that certain closing prices do not reflect the fair value of the security. This determination will be based on the review of a number of factors, including developments in foreign markets, the performance of U.S. securities markets, and the performance of instruments trading in U.S. markets that represent foreign securities and baskets of foreign securities. If a Portfolio determines that closing prices do not reflect the fair value of the securities, the Portfolio will adjust the previous closing prices in accordance with pricing procedures approved by the Board to reflect what it believes to be the fair value of the securities as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE. A Portfolio may also fair value securities in other situations, for example, when a particular foreign market is closed but the Portfolio is open. For foreign equity securities and foreign equity futures contracts, a Portfolio uses an outside pricing service to provide it with closing market prices and information used for adjusting those prices.

Bonds, debentures and other debt securities are valued at evaluated bid prices obtained for the day of valuation from a Board-approved pricing service. The pricing services may use valuation models or matrix pricing which considers information with respect to comparable bond and note transactions, quotations from bond dealers, or by reference to other securities that are considered comparable in such characteristics as rating, interest rate, maturity date, option adjusted spread models, prepayments projections, interest rate spreads, and yield curves to determine current value. If a price is unavailable from a Board-approved pricing service, the securities may be priced at the mean of two independent quotes obtained from brokers. Senior floating rate loans are valued at the average of available bids in the market for such loans, as provided by a Board-approved loan pricing service. Investments in registered investment companies that do not trade on an exchange are valued at the end of day NAV. Investments in registered investment companies that trade on an exchange are valued at the last sales price or official closing price as of the close of the customary trading session on the exchange where the security is principally traded.

Futures contracts traded on national exchanges are valued at the quoted daily settlement price established by the exchange on which they trade as reported by a Board-approved pricing service. Option contracts traded on national exchanges are valued at the mean of the last bid and ask price reported by a Board-approved pricing service as of the close of the exchange for which they are traded. Option contracts traded OTC will be valued based at the mid-valuation provided by a Board-approved pricing service. Swaptions and other option derivatives (*i.e.*, straddle options) are valued at a mid-valuation provided by a Board-approved pricing service. Swap contracts traded on national exchanges are valued at the closing price of the exchange on which they are traded or if a closing price of the exchange is not available, the swap will be valued using a mid-valuation provided by a Board-approved pricing service. Swap contracts traded OTC will be valued at a mid-valuation provided by a Board-approved pricing service. Other securities are valued on the basis of last sale or bid price (if a last sale price is not available) in what is, in the opinion of the Adviser, the broadest and most representative market, that may be either a securities exchange or the OTC market. The Board is responsible for the share valuation process and has adopted policies and procedures (the “PRC Procedures”) for valuing the securities and other assets held by the Portfolios, including procedures for the fair valuation of securities and other assets for which market quotations are not readily available or are unavailable. The PRC Procedures provide for the establishment of a pricing review committee, which is responsible for, among other things, making certain determinations in connection with the Trust’s fair valuation procedures. There is no single standard for making fair value determinations, which may result in prices that vary from those of other funds.

## **DIVIDENDS, DISTRIBUTIONS AND FEDERAL TAXES**

Since the shares of the Portfolios are offered only in connection with the Variable Contracts, or certain other deferred tax arrangements, no discussion is set forth herein as to the U.S. federal income tax consequences at the shareholder level. For information concerning the U.S. federal income tax consequences to purchasers of the Variable Contracts, see the prospectus for such Variable Contracts. Purchasers of Variable Contracts should also consult their tax advisors regarding specific questions as to federal, state and local taxes.

Tax reform legislation commonly known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the “Tax Act”) was enacted on December 22, 2017. The Tax Act makes significant changes to the U.S. federal income tax rules for individuals and corporations, generally effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017. Most of the changes applicable to individuals are temporary and, without further legislation, will not apply after 2025. The application of certain provisions of the Tax Act is uncertain, and the changes in the act may have indirect effects on a Portfolio, its investments and its shareholders that cannot be predicted. In addition, legislative, regulatory or administrative changes could be enacted or promulgated at any time, either prospectively or with retroactive effect. Prospective investors should consult their tax advisers regarding the implications of the Tax Act on the investment in a Portfolio.

Under the Code, each Portfolio is treated as a separate regulated investment company provided qualification requirements are met. To qualify as a regulated investment company, a Portfolio must, among other things, (a) derive at least 90% of its gross income in each taxable year from dividends, interest, payments with respect to securities loans, gains from the sale or other disposition of stock or securities or foreign currencies, other income (including, but not limited to, gains from options, futures or forward contracts) derived with respect to its business of investing in such stock, securities or currencies and net income derived from interests in “qualified publicly traded partnerships” “QPTPs” (*i.e.*, partnerships that are traded on an established securities market or tradable on a secondary market, other than partnerships that derive at least 90% of their income from interest, dividends, capital gains, and other traditionally permitted regulated investment company income); and (b) diversify its holdings so that, at the end of each quarter of a Portfolio’s taxable year, (i) at least 50% of the market value of the Portfolio’s assets is represented by cash, securities of other regulated investment companies, U.S. government securities and other securities, with such other securities limited, in respect of any one issuer, to an amount not greater than 5% of the value of the Portfolio’s assets and not greater than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer, and (ii) not more than 25% of the value of its assets is invested in the securities (other than U.S. government securities or securities of other regulated investment companies) of any one issuer, any two or more issuers of which 20% or more of the voting stock is held by the Portfolio and that are determined to be engaged in the same or similar trades or businesses or related trades or businesses or in the securities of one or more QPTPs.

In certain situations, a Portfolio may, for a taxable year, defer all or a portion of its net capital loss (or if there is no net capital loss, then any net long-term or short-term capital loss) realized after October and its late-year ordinary loss (defined as the sum of the excess of post-October foreign currency and passive foreign investment company (“PFIC”) losses over post-October foreign currency and PFIC gains plus the excess of post-December ordinary losses over post-December ordinary income) until the next taxable year in computing its investment company taxable income and net capital gain, which will defer the recognition of such realized losses. Such deferrals and other rules regarding gains and losses realized after October (or December) may affect the tax character of shareholder distributions. Although in general the passive loss rules of the Code do not apply to regulated investment companies, such rules do apply to a regulated

investment company with respect to items attributable to an interest in a QPTPs. Portfolio investments in partnerships, including in QPTPs, may result in a Portfolio being subject to state, local or foreign income, franchise or withholding tax liabilities.

So long as a Portfolio qualifies as a regulated investment company, such Portfolio will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the net investment company taxable income or net capital gains distributed to shareholders as ordinary income dividends or capital gain dividends provided an amount equal to at least (i) 90% of the sum of its investment company taxable income and (ii) 90% of its net tax exempt income for the taxable year is distributed to its shareholders in compliance with the codes timing and other requirements. However, any taxable income or gain the portfolio does not distribute will be subject to tax at regular corporate rates. Dividends from net investment income and capital gain distributions, if any, are paid annually. All distributions are reinvested in shares (of the same class) of the Portfolio at NAV unless the transfer agent is instructed otherwise.

If, in any taxable year, a Portfolio fails to qualify as a regulated investment company under the Code or fails to meet the distribution requirement and does not timely cure the failure, it will be taxed in the same manner as an ordinary corporation and distributions to its shareholders will not be deductible by the Portfolio in computing its taxable income. In addition, in the event of a failure to qualify, a Portfolio's distributions, to the extent derived from the Portfolio's current or accumulated earnings and profits, including any distributions of net long-term capital gains, will be taxable to shareholders as dividend income. Moreover, if a Portfolio fails to qualify as a regulated investment company in any year, it must pay out its earnings and profits accumulated in that year in order to qualify again as a regulated investment company. If a Portfolio fails to qualify as a regulated investment company for a period greater than two taxable years, the Portfolio may be required to recognize any net built-in gains with respect to certain of its assets (*i.e.*, the excess of the aggregate gains, including items of income, over aggregate losses that would have been realized with respect to such assets if the Portfolio had been liquidated) if it qualifies as a regulated investment company in a subsequent year.

Further, if a Portfolio should fail to qualify as a regulated investment company, such Portfolio would be considered as a single investment, which may result in Variable Contracts invested in that Portfolio not being treated as annuity, endowment or life insurance contracts under the Code. All income and gain inside the Variable Contracts would be taxed currently to the holders, and the contracts would remain subject to taxation as ordinary income thereafter, even if the Portfolio became adequately diversified.

Generally, a regulated investment company must timely distribute substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gains in accordance with a calendar year distribution requirement in order to avoid imposition of a non-deductible 4% excise tax. However, the excise tax generally does not apply to a regulated investment company whose only shareholders are certain tax-exempt trusts or segregated asset accounts of life insurance companies held in connection with Variable Contracts. In order to avoid imposition of the excise tax, each Portfolio intends to qualify for this exemption or to comply with the calendar year distribution requirement.

In addition, each Portfolio intends to comply with the diversification requirements of section 817(h) of the Code, which relate to the tax-deferred status of the Separate Accounts. To comply with Treasury Department regulations promulgated under section 817(h) of the Code, each Portfolio will be required to diversify its investments so that on the last day of each calendar quarter or within 30 days thereafter no more than 55% of the value of its assets is represented by any one investment, no more than 70% is represented by any two investments, no more than 80% is represented by any three investments and no more than 90% is represented by any four investments. Generally, all securities of the same issuer are treated as a single investment. For the purposes of section 817(h), obligations of the U.S. Treasury and of each U.S. government agency or instrumentality are treated as securities of separate issuers. In certain circumstances, each Separate Account will "look-through" its investment in qualifying regulated investment companies, partnerships or trusts and include its pro rata share of the investment companies' investments in determining if it satisfies the diversification rule of Section 817(h). An alternative asset diversification test may be satisfied under certain circumstances.

A Portfolio may sell its shares directly to separate accounts established and maintained by insurance companies for the purpose of funding Variable Contracts and to certain qualified pension and retirement plans; if a Portfolio were to sell its shares to other categories of shareholders, the Portfolio may fail to comply with applicable Treasury Department requirements regarding investor control. If a Portfolio should fail to comply with the diversification requirements of Section 817(h) or with the investor control requirements, the contract owner would be treated as the owner of the shares and the contracts invested in the Portfolio would not be treated as annuity, endowment or life insurance contracts under the Code. All income and gain earned in past years and currently inside the contracts would be taxed currently to the holders, and income and gain would remain subject to taxation as ordinary income thereafter. The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has granted the SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio a private letter ruling confirming that the Portfolio's intended method of operation which may include investments into other regulated investment companies, including ETFs affiliated with the Portfolio's subadviser, satisfies the investor control requirements.

A Portfolio may invest in debt securities issued at a discount or providing for deferred interest, which may result in income to the Portfolio equal, generally, to a portion of the excess of the Stated redemption price at maturity of the securities over the issue price



thereof (“original issue discount”) each year that the securities are held, even though the Portfolio receives no actual interest payments thereon. Original issue discount is treated as income earned by a Portfolio and, therefore, is subject to distribution requirements of the Code applicable to regulated investment companies. Since the original issue discount income earned by a Portfolio in a taxable year may not be represented by cash income, the Portfolio may have to dispose of securities, which it might otherwise have continued to hold, or borrow to generate cash in order to satisfy its distribution requirements. In addition, a Portfolio’s investment in foreign currencies or foreign currency denominated or referenced debt securities and contingent payment or inflation-indexed debt instruments also may accelerate the Portfolio’s recognition of taxable income in excess of cash generated by such investments.

Under the Code, gains or losses attributable to fluctuations in exchange rates that occur between the time a Portfolio accrues interest or other receivables or accrues expenses or other liabilities denominated in a foreign currency and the time such Portfolio actually collects such receivables or pays such liabilities are treated as ordinary income or ordinary loss. Similarly, gains or losses from sales of currencies or dispositions of debt securities or certain forward contracts, futures contracts, options or similar financial instruments denominated in a foreign currency or determined by reference to the value of one or several foreign currencies also are treated as ordinary income or loss to the extent attributable to fluctuations in exchange rates.

The Code includes special rules applicable to the listed non-equity options, regulated futures contracts, and options on futures contracts that a Portfolio may write, purchase or sell. Such options and contracts are classified as “Section 1256 contracts” under the Code. The character of gain or loss resulting from the sale, disposition, closing out, expiration or other termination of Section 1256 contracts, except forward foreign currency exchange contracts, is generally treated as long-term capital gain or loss to the extent of 60% thereof and short-term capital gain or loss to the extent of 40% thereof (“60/40 gain or loss”). Such contracts, when held by a Portfolio at the end of a fiscal year, generally are required to be treated as sold at market value on the last day of such fiscal year for U.S. federal income tax purposes (“marked-to-market”). OTC options are not classified as Section 1256 contracts and are not subject to the marked-to-market rule or to 60/40 gain or loss treatment. Any gains or losses recognized by a Portfolio from transactions in OTC options written by a Portfolio generally constitute short-term capital gains or losses. Any gain or loss recognized by a Portfolio from transactions in OTC options purchased by such Portfolio generally has the same character as the property to which the option relates as in the hands of such Portfolio (or would have if acquired by the Portfolio). When call options written, or put options purchased, by a Portfolio are exercised, the gain or loss realized on the sale of the underlying securities may be either short-term or long-term, depending on the holding period of the securities. In determining the amount of such gain or loss, the sales proceeds are reduced by the premium paid for the OTC puts or increased by the premium received for OTC calls.

A substantial portion of each Portfolio’s transactions in options, futures contracts and options on futures contracts, particularly its hedging transactions, may constitute “straddles,” which are defined in the Code as offsetting positions with respect to personal property. A straddle in which at least one (but not all) of the positions is a Section 1256 contract would constitute a “mixed straddle” under the Code. The Code generally provides with respect to straddles (i) “loss deferral” rules that may postpone recognition for tax purposes of losses from certain closing purchase transactions or other dispositions of a position in the straddle to the extent of unrealized gains in the offsetting position, (ii) “wash sale” rules that may postpone recognition for tax purposes of losses where a position is sold and a new offsetting position is acquired within a prescribed period, (iii) “short sale” rules that may suspend the holding period of securities owned by a Portfolio when offsetting positions are established, which may convert certain losses from short-term to long-term, and (iv) “conversion transaction” rules that may treat all or a portion of the gain on a transaction as ordinary income rather than as capital gains. The Code provides that certain elections may be made for mixed straddles that can alter the character of the capital gain or loss recognized upon disposition of positions that form part of a straddle. Certain other elections also are provided in the Code; no determination has been reached to make any of these elections.

As a result of entering into swap contracts, a Portfolio may make or receive periodic net payments. A Portfolio may also make or receive a payment when a swap is terminated prior to maturity through an assignment of the swap or other closing transaction. Periodic net payments will generally constitute ordinary income or deductions, while termination of a swap will generally result in capital gain or loss (which will be a long-term capital gain or loss if a Portfolio has been a party to the swap for more than one year). With respect to certain types of swaps, a Portfolio may be required to currently recognize income or loss with respect to future payments on such swaps or may elect under certain circumstances to mark such swaps to market annually for tax purposes as ordinary income or loss.

In general, gain or loss on a short sale, to the extent permitted, is recognized when a Portfolio closes the sale by delivering the borrowed property to the lender, not when the borrowed property is sold. Gain or loss from a short sale is generally considered as capital gain or loss to the extent that the property used to close the short sale constitutes a capital asset in the Portfolio’s hands. Except with respect to certain situations where the property used by a Portfolio to close a short sale has a long-term holding period on the date of the short sale, special rules would generally treat the gains on short sales as short-term capital gains. These rules may also terminate the running of the holding period of “substantially identical property” held by a Portfolio. Moreover, a loss on a short sale will be treated as a long-term capital loss if, on the date of the short sale, “substantially identical property” has been held by a Portfolio for more than one

year. In general, a Portfolio will not be permitted to deduct payments made to reimburse the lender of securities for dividends paid on borrowed stock if the short sale is closed on or before the 45th day after the short sale is entered into.

A passive foreign investment company (“PFIC”) is a foreign corporation that, in general, meets either of the following tests: (a) at least 75% of its gross income is passive or (b) an average of at least 50% of its assets produce, or are held for the production of, passive income. If a Portfolio acquires and holds stock in a PFIC beyond the end of the year of its acquisition, the Portfolio will be subject to federal income tax on a portion of any “excess distribution” received on the stock or on any gain from disposition of the stock (collectively, the “PFIC income”), plus certain interest charges, even if the Portfolio distributes the PFIC income as a taxable dividend to its shareholders. The balance of the PFIC income will be included in the Portfolio’s investment company taxable income and, accordingly, will not be taxable to it to the extent that income is distributed to its shareholders. A Portfolio may make a “mark-to-market” election with respect to any stock it holds of a PFIC, if such stock is marketable (as defined by the Code for purposes of such election). For these purposes, all stock in a PFIC that is owned directly or indirectly by a regulated investment company is treated as marketable stock. If the election is in effect at the end of the Portfolio’s taxable year, the Portfolio will recognize annually the amount of mark-to-market gains, if any, with respect to PFIC stock as ordinary income. The Portfolio will recognize ordinary loss on the marking to market of PFIC stock, only to the extent of mark-to-market gains recognized in prior years. Alternatively, a Portfolio may elect to treat any PFIC in which it invests as a “qualified electing fund,” in which case, in lieu of the foregoing tax and interest obligation, the Portfolio will be required to include in its income each year its pro rata share of the qualified electing fund’s annual ordinary earnings and net capital gain, even if they are not distributed to the Portfolio; those amounts would be subject to the distribution requirements applicable to the Portfolio described above. In order to make this election, a Portfolio would be required to obtain certain information from the PFIC, which, in many cases, may be difficult to do.

Income received by a Portfolio from sources within foreign countries may be subject to withholding and other taxes imposed by such countries. Income tax treaties between certain countries and the United States may reduce or eliminate such taxes. It is impossible to determine in advance the effective rate of foreign tax to which a Portfolio will be subject, since the amount of the Portfolio’s assets to be invested in various countries is not known and is expected to vary. Shareholders are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding specific questions as to federal, state and local and foreign taxes.

The Portfolios that receive dividend income from U.S. sources will annually report certain amounts of their dividends paid as eligible for the dividends received deduction, and the Portfolios incurring foreign taxes will elect to pass-through allowable foreign tax credits. These reports and elections will benefit the Life Companies, in potentially material amounts, and will not beneficially or adversely affect you or the Portfolios. The benefits to the Life Companies will not be passed to you or the Portfolios.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, the Portfolios had the following capital loss carry-forwards which will expire in the year indicated.

Portfolio	Loss Carry-Forwards*		Unlimited*	
	2017	2018	Short Term	Long Term
SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio . . . . .	—	—	\$153,848	\$ 237,084
SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio . . . . .	—	—	—	—
SA Wellington Capital Appreciation Portfolio . . . . .	—	—	—	—
SA Wellington Government and Quality Bond Portfolio . . . . .	—	—	—	—
SA Wellington Growth and Income Portfolio . . . . .	—	—	—	—
SA Wellington Growth Portfolio . . . . .	—	—	—	—
SA Wellington Natural Resources Portfolio . . . . .	—	—	737,946	62,198,561
SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio . . . . .	—	—	—	—

\* Capital loss carry-forwards generated in taxable years beginning after 2010 will not be subject to expiration. The utilization of such losses may be subject to annual limitations under the Code. On December 22, 2010, the Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010 (the “Act”) was enacted which changed various technical rules governing the tax treatment of regulated investment companies. The changes are generally effective for taxable years beginning after the date of enactment. Under the Act, a Portfolio will be permitted to carry forward capital losses incurred in taxable years beginning after the date of enactment for an unlimited period. However, any losses incurred during those future taxable years will be required to be utilized prior to the losses incurred in pre-enactment taxable years, which carry an expiration date. As a result of this ordering rule, pre-enactment capital loss carry forwards may be more likely to expire unused. Additionally, post-enactment capital losses that are carried forward will retain their character as either short-term or long-term losses rather than being considered all short-term as under previous law.

If a Portfolio were to experience an ownership change as defined under the Code, such Portfolio’s capital loss carry forwards, if any, may be subject to limitation.

## SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Code imposes certain diversification standards, as discussed above, on the underlying assets of Variable Contracts held in the Portfolios of the Trust. The Code provides that a Variable Contract shall not be treated as an annuity contract or life insurance for any period for which the investments are not adequately diversified, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Treasury Department. Disqualification of the Variable Contract as an annuity contract or life insurance would result in imposition of federal income tax on the Contract Owner with respect to earnings allocable to the Variable Contract prior to the receipt of payments under the Variable Contract. The Code contains a safe harbor provision which provides that contracts such as the Variable Contracts meet the diversification requirements if, as of the close of each quarter, the underlying assets meet the diversification standards for a regulated investment company and no more than 55% of the value of the total assets consists of cash, cash items, U.S. government securities and securities of other regulated investment companies.

It is intended that each Portfolio of the Trust underlying the Variable Contracts will be managed in such manner as to comply with these diversification requirements.

Since the shares of the Portfolios are issued and redeemed only in connection with investments in and payments under the Variable Contracts, or certain other tax deferred arrangements, no discussion is set forth herein as to the U.S. federal income tax consequences at the shareholder level. For information concerning the U.S. federal income tax consequences to purchasers of the Variable Contracts, see the prospectus for such Variable Contracts.

## PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

***Proxy Voting Responsibility.*** The Trust has adopted policies and procedures for the voting of proxies relating to Portfolio securities (the “Policies”). The Policies were drafted according to recommendations by SunAmerica and an independent proxy voting agent. The Policies enable the Trust to vote proxies in a manner consistent with the best interests of the Portfolios and the Portfolios’ shareholders. A committee has been established (the “Proxy Voting Committee”) to administer the voting of all Portfolio proxies in accordance with the Policies. The Proxy Voting Committee will consist of a member of the Investment Management Department, at least one member of the Legal and Compliance Departments and at least one person with respect to SunAmerica who oversees Subadvisers (with respect to the Portfolios, the discretion over which is delegated to a Subadviser), or their designees.

The Proxy Voting Committee has engaged the services of an independent voting agent to assist in issue analyses, vote recommendations for proxy proposals, and to assist the Portfolios with certain responsibilities including recordkeeping of proxy votes.

Each Portfolio is generally a passive investor in holding portfolio securities, seeking to maximize shareholder value, but not necessarily to exercise control over the issuers of portfolio securities, or otherwise advance a particular social agenda. The Portfolios generally will abstain on “social issue proposals.”

In addition, in accordance with local law or business practices, many foreign companies prevent the sales of shares that have been voted for a certain period beginning prior to the shareholder meeting and ending on the day following the meeting. The Board has determined that the costs of voting proxies with respect to such shares of foreign companies generally outweigh any benefits that may be achieved by voting such proxies. The costs of voting such proxies include the potentially serious portfolio management consequences of reduced flexibility to sell the shares at the most advantageous time for the particular Portfolio. As a result, such proxies generally will not be voted in the absence of an unusual, significant vote of compelling economic importance.

***Case-By-Case Voting Matters.*** The Proxy Voting Committee has established proxy voting guidelines (the “Guidelines”), which identify certain vote items to be determined on a case-by-case basis. In these circumstances, and in proposals not specifically addressed by the Policies, the Proxy Voting Committee generally will rely on the guidance or a recommendation from the independent proxy voting agent, but may rely on a Subadviser of a Portfolio, or other sources. SunAmerica, or a Subadviser of a Portfolio, may propose to deviate from the Guidelines or guidance or recommendations from the independent proxy voting agent. In these instances, the Proxy Voting Committee will recommend the vote that will maximize value for, and is in the best interests of, each Portfolio’s shareholders.

***Examples of the Portfolios’ Positions on Voting Matters.*** Consistent with the approaches described above, the following are examples of the Portfolios’ voting positions on specific matters:

- Vote on a case-by-case basis on proposals to increase authorized common stock;
- Vote on a case-by-case basis on most mutual fund matter shareholder proposals to terminate the investment adviser;

- Vote on a case-by-case basis regarding merger and acquisition matters;
- Not vote proxies for index funds/portfolios and passively managed funds/portfolios;\*
- Not vote proxies for securities that are out on loan;\*\* and
- Vote on a case-by-case basis on equity compensation plans.

**Conflicts of Interest.** Members of the Proxy Voting Committee will resolve conflicts of interest presented by a proxy vote. In practice, application of the Guidelines will in most instances adequately address any possible conflicts of interest, as votes generally are effected according to the Policies or recommendations of the independent proxy voting agent.

However, if a situation arises where a vote presents a conflict between the interests of a Portfolio's shareholders and the interests of SunAmerica or one of its affiliates, and the conflict is known to the Proxy Voting Committee, the Committee will consult with one Independent Trustee, time permitting, before casting the vote to ensure that the Portfolio votes in the best interest of its shareholders. Any individual with a known conflict may be required by the Proxy Voting Committee to recuse himself or herself from being involved in the proxy voting decision.

**Proxy Voting Records.** The Proxy Voting Committee will be responsible for documenting its basis for (a) any determination to vote a particular proxy in a manner contrary to its generally stated Guidelines, (b) any determination to vote a particular proxy in a non-uniform manner, and (c) any other material determination made by the Proxy Voting Committee, as well as for ensuring the maintenance of records of each proxy vote, as required by applicable law. The independent proxy voting agent will maintain records of voting decisions for each vote cast on behalf of a Portfolio. The proxy voting record for the most recent twelve-month period ended June 30 is available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov> or can be obtained, without charge, upon request, by calling (800) 858-8850.

**Board Reporting.** The Portfolios' Chief Compliance Officer will provide a summary report at each quarterly meeting of the Board which describes any Proxy Voting Committee meeting(s) held during the prior quarter.

## DISCLOSURE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Board has adopted policies and procedures relating to disclosure of the Portfolios' securities. These policies and procedures prohibit the release of information concerning portfolio holdings that have not previously been made public to individual investors, institutional investors, intermediaries that distribute the Portfolios' shares and other parties that are not employed by SunAmerica or its affiliates. Except when there are legitimate business purposes for selective disclosure and other conditions (designed to protect the Portfolios and their participants) are met, the Trust does not provide or permit others to provide information about the Portfolios' holdings on a selective basis.

The Trust makes the Portfolios' portfolio holdings available semi-annually in shareholder reports filed on Form N-CSR and after the first and third fiscal quarters in regulatory filings on Form N-Q. These shareholder reports and regulatory filings are filed with the SEC, as required by federal securities laws, and are generally available within sixty (60) days of the end of the Trust's fiscal quarter. In addition, the Trust's complete holdings information will be made available on the Trust's website on a monthly basis. The Portfolios' holdings at the end of each month will be posted approximately 30 days after the month end.

In addition, the Trust generally makes publicly available, on a periodic basis, information regarding a Portfolio's top ten holdings (including name and percentage of a Portfolio's assets invested in each holding) and the percentage breakdown of a Portfolio's investments by country, sector and industry, as applicable. This information is generally made available through the Trust's website, marketing communications (including printed advertising and sales literature), and/or the Trust's telephone customer service centers. This information is generally not released until the information is at least 15 days old, unless otherwise approved by SunAmerica's legal department. The Trust and its affiliates are not authorized to receive compensation or other consideration for the non-public disclosure of portfolio holdings information.

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\* Only applicable to index and passively managed funds in the Fund Complex. The boards of the funds have determined that the costs of voting proxies for index and passively managed funds will generally outweigh any benefits that may be achieved by voting such proxies because the outcome will not directly affect whether the funds retain a particular security. That is, the funds will retain or sell a particular security based on objective, rather than subjective, criteria. For example, in the case of an index fund, the funds will make a determination to retain or sell a security based on whether the index retains or deletes the security.

\*\* The boards of the funds that have approved the lending of portfolio securities have determined that the costs of voting proxies with respect to securities that are out on loan generally outweigh any benefit that may be achieved by the voting of such proxies. The costs of voting such proxies include the opportunity cost of lost securities lending income when securities are recalled from a loan. However, under certain circumstances, including where the Adviser and/or a Subadviser to a Portfolio determines that a proxy vote is materially important to the Portfolio's interest and where it is feasible to recall the security on a timely basis, the Adviser will use its reasonable efforts to recall the security.

Before any non-public disclosure of information about a Portfolio's holdings is permitted, any employee seeking to disclose such information must submit a written form to his or her department head requesting the release of non-public portfolio holdings information. The request must then be submitted to the legal and compliance departments of SunAmerica and the Trust. The Trust's Chief Compliance Officer and/or SunAmerica's legal counsel are responsible for authorizing the selective release of portfolio holding information. To find that it is in the shareholders' best interest, it must be determined that the selective disclosure of portfolio holdings information is necessary to a Portfolio's operation or useful to a Portfolio's shareholders without compromising the integrity or performance of the Portfolio. If the request is approved, the Trust and the third party must execute a confidentiality agreement governing the third party's duties with respect to the portfolio holdings information, which includes the duty to keep such information confidential and to not use the information for the purpose of trading in the shares of the Portfolio for any reason.

Non-public holdings information may be provided to the Trust's service providers on an as-needed basis in connection with the services provided to the Portfolios by such service providers. Information may be provided to these parties without a time lag. Service providers that may be provided with information concerning the Portfolios' holdings include SunAmerica and its affiliates, legal counsel, independent registered public accounting firms, custodian, fund accounting agent, financial printers, proxy voting service providers and broker-dealers who are involved in executing portfolio transactions on behalf of the Portfolios. Portfolio holdings information may also be provided to the Board. The entities to which the Trust provides portfolio holdings information either by explicit arrangement or by virtue of their respective duties to the Portfolios are required to maintain the confidentiality of the information provided.

At each quarterly meeting of the Board, the Trustees review a report disclosing the third parties to whom the Portfolios' holdings information has been disclosed and the purpose for such disclosure, and consider whether or not the release of information to such third parties is in the best interest of the Portfolios and their participants.

Each of the below listed third parties has been informed of its duty of confidentiality and has been approved to receive information concerning the Portfolios' holdings:

- *Subadvisers.* Each Subadviser is continuously provided with the entire portfolio holdings for each Portfolio that it subadvisees on a daily basis. In the case of a multi-managed Portfolio, the Subadviser has access only to that portion of the Portfolio's holdings that it subadvisees. In the event a Subadviser is engaged to assume subadvisory duties of a Portfolio, the Trust routinely discloses portfolio holdings information to such Subadviser prior to its assumption of duties.

The Subadvisers disclose the portfolio holdings of the Portfolios they manage to the following third parties in connection with the services they provide to such Portfolios (subject to confidentiality agreements between a Subadviser and such third parties):

- Bloomberg L.P. provides analytical services for Wellington Management and receives portfolio holdings information on a daily basis.
- Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. performs certain operational functions for Wellington Management and receives portfolio holdings information on a daily basis.
- Moody's Analytics Knowledge Services (UK) Limited (formerly, Copal Partners (UK) Limited) performs certain investment guideline monitoring and coding activities, in addition to analytical and reporting functions on behalf of Wellington Management and has access to holdings information on a daily basis.
- FactSet Research Systems Inc. provides analytical services for Wellington Management and receives portfolio holdings information on a daily basis.
- Glass, Lewis & Co. provides proxy voting services for Wellington Management and receives portfolio holdings information on a daily basis.
- Markit WSO Corporation performs certain operational functions on behalf of Wellington Management and receives portfolio holdings information on a daily basis.
- MSCI, Inc. provides analytical services for Wellington Management and receives portfolio holdings information on a daily basis.
- State Street performs certain operational functions on behalf of Wellington Management and receives portfolio holdings information on a daily basis.
- Syntel Inc. performs certain operational functions on behalf of Wellington Management and receives portfolio holdings information on a daily basis.



- *PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (“PwC”)*. PwC is provided with entire portfolio holdings information during periods in which it performs its audits or reviews of the Portfolios’ financial statements. PwC does not disclose to third parties information regarding the Portfolios’ holdings.
- *Ernst & Young LLP (“E&Y”)*. E&Y is provided with portfolio holdings information during the period in which the annual audits are performed on the Portfolios’ financial statements. E&Y does not disclose to third parties information regarding the Portfolios’ holdings.
- *State Street*. State Street, as custodian to the Portfolios, has daily access to the entire holdings of each Portfolio. State Street does not disclose or release information regarding the Portfolios’ holdings except as instructed by the Portfolio.
- *Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. (“Broadridge”)*. The Performance Measurement Group discloses the entire portfolio holdings information for each Portfolio on a monthly basis to Broadridge approximately fifteen (15) days after the month end. Broadridge analyzes the information to produce various statistical measures and general portfolio information (including equity investment style, asset category percentages, credit analysis, top 10 and top 25 holdings, sector weighting, etc.) and uses the information to determine each Portfolio’s asset class and category in order to place each Portfolio in the appropriate peer group. Broadridge does not disclose the entire portfolio holdings of each Portfolio, but does disclose the information listed above. This information is made available to Broadridge subscribers approximately sixty (60) days after the receipt of information from the Portfolio.
- *Morningstar, Inc. (“Morningstar”)*. Morningstar is a subscription-based service, though certain information regarding stocks and retail mutual funds may be accessed through its website at no charge. Information regarding the Portfolios is available only with a subscription. State Street forwards entire portfolio holdings information to Morningstar on a monthly basis, approximately thirty (30) days after each month end. Morningstar analyzes the information to produce various reports that contain statistical measures and other portfolio information (including equity style, asset category percentages, credit analysis, top 10 and top 25 holdings, sector weighting, etc.). Entire portfolio holdings information is available to subscribers within approximately one week of Morningstar’s receipt of the information. Other Morningstar subscription-based products provide statistical measures and portfolio information generally between fifteen (15) to thirty (30) days after its receipt of such information.
- *S&P*. The Performance Measurement Group discloses the entire portfolio holdings information for each Portfolio on a quarterly basis, approximately thirty (30) days after the month end. S&P analyzes the information to produce various statistical measures and general portfolio information (including equity investment style, asset category percentages, credit analysis, top 10 and top 25 holdings, sector weighting, etc.) and uses the information to determine each Portfolio’s asset class and category in order to place each Portfolio in the appropriate peer group. S&P does not disclose the entire portfolio holdings of each Portfolio, but does disclose the information listed above. This information is made available to S&P subscribers approximately sixty (60) days after the receipt of information from the Portfolio.
- *Bloomberg L.P. (“Bloomberg”)*. The Performance Measurement Group discloses the entire portfolio holdings information for each Portfolio on a quarterly basis, approximately thirty (30) days after the month end. This information is made available to subscribers of Bloomberg’s various databases within one (1) to fourteen (14) days of its receipt.
- *Thomson Financial*. The Performance Measurement Group discloses the entire portfolio holdings information for each Portfolio on a monthly basis, approximately thirty (30) days after the month end. This information is made available to subscribers of Thomson Financial’s various databases within a few days of its receipt.
- *Financial Printers*. Portfolio Accounting provides various financial printers with portfolio holdings information between thirty (30) and sixty (60) days after each Portfolio’s fiscal quarter. Financial printers assist the Portfolios with the filing of their annual and semi-annual shareholder reports and quarterly regulatory filings with the SEC and the printing of shareholder reports for distribution to participants. Financial printers do not disclose the information publicly other than to file the document on the SEC’s EDGAR database.
- *Investment Company Institute (“ICI”)*. Portfolio Accounting provides the ICI with certain holdings information (top 10 holdings, sector weighting and asset categories) regarding the Portfolios on a quarterly basis, approximately fifteen (15) days after the quarter end. The ICI uses this information for survey purposes and does not disclose a particular Portfolio’s holding information publicly.

- *Zeno Consulting Group (formerly, Plexus Group) (“Zeno”)*. State Street provides purchase and sale information with respect to the Portfolios’ equity holdings on a quarterly basis approximately fifteen (15) days after the quarter end. Zeno analyzes the information to produce reports containing brokerage execution statistics and comparisons. These reports are provided to the Portfolios and Zeno does not disclose publicly the information it receives or the reports it prepares. SunAmerica’s contract with Zeno includes a confidentiality clause.
- *Manhattan Creative Partners (d/b/a “Diligent”)*. Marketing provides Diligent with entire portfolio holdings on a monthly basis approximately seven (7) days as of the month end. Diligent services the website of the AIG Funds. Diligent also hosts the Board’s online meeting materials.
- *Institutional Shareholder Services (“ISS”)*. ISS downloads weekly portfolio information (*i.e.*, custodian identification number, security identification number, share position and description of the security) through State Street Insight System. This information is used solely for the purposes of voting proxies on behalf of the Portfolios and is not publicly disclosed. SunAmerica’s contract with ISS includes confidentiality disclosure.
- *SunAmerica Retirement Markets, Inc. (“SARM”)*. SARM, as the primary marketer of variable annuities or variable life insurance products (the “Variable Products”) that offer the Trust, requires access to the non-public portfolio holdings information of the Portfolios in order to facilitate its management and marketing of the Variable Products as well as to facilitate the monitoring, review and analysis of the Trust and the Subadvisers of the Portfolios by certain SARM employees who are supervised by SunAmerica. SARM is continuously provided with the entire portfolio holdings for each Portfolio on a daily basis.

## SHARES OF THE TRUST

The Trust consists of eight separate Portfolios, each of which may offer Class 1, 2 and 3 shares. All shares of the Trust have equal voting rights and may be voted in the election of Trustees and on other matters submitted to the vote of the shareholders. Shareholders’ meetings ordinarily will not be held unless required by the 1940 Act. As permitted by Massachusetts law, there normally will be no shareholders’ meetings for the purpose of electing Trustees unless and until such time as less than a majority of the Trustees holding office have been elected by shareholders. At that time, the Trustees then in office will call a shareholders’ meeting for the election of Trustees. The Trustees must call a meeting of shareholders for the purpose of voting upon the removal of any Trustee when requested to do so by the record holders of 10% of the outstanding shares of the Trust. A Trustee may be removed after the holders of record of not less than two-thirds of the outstanding shares have declared that the Trustee be removed either by declaration in writing or by votes cast in person or by proxy. Except as set forth above, the Trustees shall continue to hold office and may appoint successor Trustees, provided that, immediately after the appointment of any successor Trustee, at least two-thirds of the Trustees have been elected by the shareholders. Shares do not have cumulative voting rights. Thus, holders of a majority of the shares voting for the election of Trustees can elect all the Trustees. The Trustees may amend the Declaration of Trust (the “Declaration”) in any respect without shareholder approval. However, the Declaration prohibits amendments that impair the exemption from personal liability granted to persons who are or have been shareholders, Trustees, officers or employees of the Trust or that limit the rights to indemnification or insurance provided in the Declaration, in each case with respect to actions or omissions of persons entitled to indemnification under the Declaration prior to the amendment.

In matters affecting only a particular Portfolio, the matter shall have been effectively acted upon by a majority vote of that Portfolio even though: (1) the matter has not been approved by a majority vote of any other Portfolio; or (2) the matter has not been approved by a majority vote of the Trust.

Class 1 shares of each Portfolio are offered only in connection with certain Variable Contracts. The classes of shares of a given Portfolio are identical in all respects to Class 1 shares of the same Portfolio, except that (i) each class may bear differing amounts of certain class-specific expenses; (ii) Class 2 and 3 shares are subject to service fees while Class 1 shares are not; and (iii) Class 2 and 3 shares have voting rights on matters that pertain to the Rule 12b-1 Plans adopted with respect to Class 2 and 3 shares.

Shareholders of a Massachusetts business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for the obligations of the Trust. The risk of a shareholder incurring any financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which the Trust itself would be unable to meet its obligations. The Declaration contains an express disclaimer of shareholder liability for acts or obligations of the Trust and provides that notice of the disclaimer must be given in each agreement, obligation or instrument entered into or executed by the Trust or Trustees. The Declaration provides for indemnification of any shareholder held personally liable for the obligations of the Trust and also provides for the Trust to reimburse the shareholder for all legal and other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with any such claim or liability. The Declaration also provides that the Trust will assume the defense of any claim against a shareholder for personal liability at the request of the shareholder.

Shares of each Portfolio are not offered directly to the public. Instead, shares are currently issued and redeemed only in connection with investments in and payments under variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies of AGL, USL and VALIC and variable annuity contracts issued by Phoenix. All shares of the Trust are owned by Separate Accounts of the aforementioned life insurance companies.

AGL, USL and VALIC are under common control with, and therefore are affiliated with, the Adviser. Phoenix is not an affiliate of the Adviser. The Trust does not foresee a disadvantage to contract owners arising out of the fact that the Trust offers its shares for Variable Contracts other than those offered by life insurance companies affiliated with the Adviser. Nevertheless, the Board intends to monitor events in order to identify any material irreconcilable conflicts which may possibly arise and to determine what action, if any, should be taken in response thereto. If such a conflict were to occur, one or more insurance company Separate Accounts might withdraw their investments in the Trust. This might force the Trust to sell portfolio securities at disadvantageous prices.

Shares of the Trust are owned through the Life Companies' separate accounts, and though the SunAmerica Dynamic Allocation Portfolio ("SDAP") and SunAmerica Dynamic Strategy Portfolio ("SDSP") of SAST.\* As of March 31, 2018, the ownership of the Trust's shares was as follows:

	<u>AGL</u>	<u>USL</u>	<u>VALIC</u>	<u>Phoenix</u>	<u>SDAP</u>	<u>SDSP</u>	<u>Seasons Managed Allocation</u>
SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio (Class 1) . . . . .	90.71%	0.85%	0.00%	8.43%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio (Class 3)** . . . . .	90.97%	6.60%	2.43%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio (Class 1) . . . . .	97.32%	2.68%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio (Class 2) . . . . .	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
SA Edge Asset Allocation Portfolio (Class 3) . . . . .	93.92%	6.03%	0.05%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
SA Wellington Capital Appreciation Portfolio (Class 1) . . . . .	73.39%	1.56%	0.00%	0.62%	24.43%	0.00%	0.00%
SA Wellington Capital Appreciation Portfolio (Class 2) . . . . .	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
SA Wellington Capital Appreciation Portfolio (Class 3) . . . . .	96.10%	3.70%	0.20%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
SA Wellington Government and Quality Bond Portfolio (Class 1) . . . . .	12.90%	0.30%	0.00%	0.04%	63.40%	19.43%	3.93%
SA Wellington Government and Quality Bond Portfolio (Class 2) . . . . .	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
SA Wellington Government and Quality Bond Portfolio (Class 3) . . . . .	94.70%	4.97%	0.33%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
SA Wellington Growth Portfolio (Class 1) . . . . .	58.21%	1.48%	0.00%	0.69%	39.62%	0.00%	0.00%
SA Wellington Growth Portfolio (Class 2) . . . . .	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
SA Wellington Growth Portfolio (Class 3) . . . . .	94.57%	5.40%	0.03%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
SA Wellington Growth and Income Portfolio (Class 1) . . . . .	4.06%	0.13%	0.00%	0.18%	95.63%	0.00%	0.00%
SA Wellington Natural Resources Portfolio (Class 1) . . . . .	95.90%	3.47%	0.00%	0.63%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
SA Wellington Natural Resources Portfolio (Class 2) . . . . .	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
SA Wellington Natural Resources Portfolio (Class 3) . . . . .	94.72%	5.24%	0.04%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio (Class 1) . . . . .	88.04%	1.50%	0.00%	10.45%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio (Class 3)** . . . . .	85.53%	12.65%	1.81%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

\* Shares of the Trust are owned through the Life Companies' separate accounts, through SDAP and SDSP of the Trust, and through the Seasons Managed Allocation Portfolios of the Seasons Series Trust for which SunAmerica serves as investment adviser and that are managed as "funds of funds."

\*\* AGL directly owns 0.60% of the Class 3 shares of the SA BlackRock Multi-Asset Income Portfolio and 0.60% of the Class 3 shares of the SA Wellington Strategic Multi-Asset Portfolio.

## **CUSTODIAN**

State Street, One Lincoln Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111, serves as the Trust's custodian. In this capacity, State Street maintains the portfolio securities held by the Trust, administers the purchase and sale of portfolio securities and performs certain other duties.

## **TRANSFER AGENT**

VALIC Retirement Services Company, 2929 Allen Parkway, Houston, Texas 77019, is the Trust's transfer and dividend disbursing agent pursuant to the Master Transfer Agency and Service Agreement ("Service Agreement").<sup>2</sup>

## **INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM AND LEGAL COUNSEL**

PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP (previously defined as "PwC"), 1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 5800, Houston, Texas 77002, is the Trust's independent registered public accounting firm. PwC performs an annual audit of the Trust's financial statements and provides tax advisory services, tax return preparation and accounting services relating to filings with the SEC.

The firm of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, 787 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York 10019-6099, serves as legal counsel to the Trust.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Trust's audited financial statements are incorporated into this SAI by reference to its 2017 annual report to shareholders. You may request a copy of the annual report at no charge by calling (800) 445-7862 or writing the Trust at P.O. Box 15570, Amarillo, Texas 79105-5570.

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<sup>2</sup> The Service Agreement provides for a combined annual payment of \$150,000 by the Trust, SAST and SST for transfer agency and related services. The transfer agency charge will be allocated based on the number of shareholders per each trust.

**APPENDIX**  
**CORPORATE BOND AND COMMERCIAL PAPER RATINGS**

**Moody's Global Rating Scales**

Ratings assigned on Moody's global long-term and short-term rating scales are forward-looking opinions of the relative credit risks of financial obligations issued by non-financial corporates, financial institutions, structured finance vehicles, project finance vehicles, and public sector entities. Long-term ratings are assigned to issuers or obligations with an original maturity of one year or more and reflect both on the likelihood of a default on contractually promised payments and the expected financial loss suffered in the event of default. Moody's Short-term ratings are assigned to obligations with an original maturity of thirteen months or less and reflect both on the likelihood of a default on contractually promised payments and the expected financial loss suffered in the event of default.

**Moody's Global Long-Term Rating Scale:**

- Aaa Obligations rated Aaa are judged to be of the highest quality, subject to the lowest level of credit risk.
- Aa Obligations rated Aa are judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk.
- A Obligations rated A are judged to be upper-medium grade and are subject to low credit risk
- Baa Obligations rated Baa are judged to be medium-grade and subject to moderate credit risk and as such may possess certain speculative characteristics.
- Ba Obligations rated Ba are judged to be speculative and are subject to substantial credit risk.
- B Obligations rated B are considered speculative and are subject to high credit risk.
- Caa Obligations rated Caa are judged to be speculative of poor standing and are subject to very high credit risk.
- Ca Obligations rated Ca are highly speculative and are likely in, or very near, default, with some prospect of recovery of principal and interest.
- C Obligations rated C are the lowest rated and are typically in default, with little prospect for recovery of principal or interest.

**Note:** Moody's appends numerical modifiers 1, 2, and 3 to each generic rating classification from Aa through Caa. The modifier 1 indicates that the obligation ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category; the modifier 2 indicates a mid-range ranking; and the modifier 3 indicates a ranking in the lower end of that generic rating category. Additionally, a "(hyb)" indicator is appended to all ratings of hybrid securities issued by banks, insurers, finance companies, and securities firms.\*

**Moody's Global Short-Term Ratings Scale:**

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

- P-1 Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-1 have a superior ability to repay short-term debt obligations.
- P-2 Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-2 have a strong ability to repay short-term debt obligations.
- P-3 Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-3 have an acceptable ability to repay short-term obligations.
- NP Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Not Prime do not fall within any of the Prime rating categories.

**Moody's Bond Fund (bf) Ratings**

Bond Fund Ratings are opinions of the credit quality of investments within mutual funds and similar investment vehicles which principally invest in medium- and long-term fixed income obligations. As such, these ratings primarily reflect Moody's assessment of the creditworthiness of the assets held by the fund. Other risks, such as liquidity, operational, interest rate, currency and any other market risk, are excluded from the rating. In addition, as the ratings are intended to represent opinions on a fund's underlying assets,

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\* By their terms, hybrid securities allow for the omission of scheduled dividends, interest, or principal payments, which can potentially result in impairment if such an omission occurs. Hybrid securities may also be subject to contractually allowable write downs of principal that could result in impairment. Together with the hybrid indicator, the long-term obligation rating assigned to a hybrid security is an expression of the relative credit risk associated with that security.



they specifically do not consider the historic, current, or prospective performance of a fund with respect to appreciation, volatility of net asset value, or yield.

Aaa-bf	Bond Funds rated Aaa-bf generally hold assets judged to be of the highest credit quality.
Aa-bf	Bond Funds rated Aa-bf generally hold assets judged to be of high credit quality.
A-bf	Bond Funds rated A-bf generally hold assets considered upper-medium credit quality.
Baa-bf	Bond Funds rated Baa-bf generally hold assets considered medium credit quality.
Ba-bf	Bond Funds rated Ba-bf generally hold assets judged to have speculative elements.
B-bf	Bond Funds rated B-bf generally hold assets considered to be speculative.
Caa-bf	Bond Funds rated Caa-bf generally hold assets judged to be of poor standing.
Ca-bf	Bond Funds rated Ca-bf generally hold assets that are highly speculative and that are likely in, or very near, default, with some prospect of recovery of principal and interest.
C-bf	Bond Funds rated C-bf generally hold assets that are in default, with little prospect for recovery of principal or interest.

### **Moody's Money Market Fund (mf) Ratings**

Moody's Money Market Fund Ratings are opinions of the investment quality of shares in mutual funds and similar investment vehicles which principally invest in short-term fixed income obligations. As such, these ratings incorporate Moody's assessment of a fund's published investment objectives and policies, the creditworthiness of the assets held by the fund, the liquidity profile of the fund's assets relative to the fund's investor base, the assets' susceptibility to market risk, as well as the management characteristics of the fund. The ratings are not intended to consider the prospective performance of a fund with respect to appreciation, volatility of net asset value, or yield.

Aaa-mf	Money market funds rated Aaa-mf have very strong ability to meet the dual objectives of providing liquidity and preserving capital.
Aa-mf	Money market funds rated Aa-mf have strong ability to meet the dual objectives of providing liquidity and preserving capital.
A-mf	Money market funds rated A-mf have moderate ability to meet the dual objectives of providing liquidity and preserving capital.
Baa-mf	Money market funds rated Baa-mf have marginal ability to meet the dual objectives of providing liquidity and preserving capital.
B-mf	Money market funds rated B-mf are unable to meet the objective of providing liquidity and have marginal ability to meet the objective of preserving capital.
C-mf	Money market funds rated C-mf are unable to meet either objective of providing liquidity or preserving capital.

### **S&P Issue Credit Rating Definitions**

An S&P Global Ratings issue credit rating is a forward-looking opinion about the creditworthiness of an obligor with respect to a specific financial obligation, a specific class of financial obligations, or a specific financial program (including ratings on medium-term note programs and commercial paper programs). It takes into consideration the creditworthiness of guarantors, insurers, or other forms of credit enhancement on the obligation and takes into account the currency in which the obligation is denominated. The opinion reflects S&P Global Ratings' view of the obligor's capacity and willingness to meet its financial commitments as they come due, and this opinion may assess terms, such as collateral security and subordination, which could affect ultimate payment in the event of default.

Issue credit ratings can be either long-term or short-term. Short-term ratings are generally assigned to those obligations considered short-term in the relevant market. Short-term ratings are also used to indicate the creditworthiness of an obligor with respect to put features on long-term obligations. Medium-term notes are assigned long-term ratings.

### **S&P Long-Term Issue Credit Ratings**

Issue credit ratings are based, in varying degrees, on S&P Global Ratings' analysis of the following considerations:

- The likelihood of payment—the capacity and willingness of the obligor to meet its financial commitments on an obligation in accordance with the terms of the obligation;
- The nature and provisions of the financial obligation, and the promise we impute; and

- The protection afforded by, and relative position of, the financial obligation in the event of a bankruptcy, reorganization, or other arrangement under the laws of bankruptcy and other laws affecting creditors' rights.

Issue ratings are an assessment of default risk but may incorporate an assessment of relative seniority or ultimate recovery in the event of default. Junior obligations are typically rated lower than senior obligations, to reflect the lower priority in bankruptcy, as noted above. (Such differentiation may apply when an entity has both senior and subordinated obligations, secured and unsecured obligations, or operating company and holding company obligations.)

AAA	An obligation rated 'AAA' has the highest rating assigned by S&P Global Ratings. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is extremely strong.
AA	An obligation rated 'AA' differs from the highest-rated obligations only to a small degree. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is very strong.
A	An obligation rated 'A' is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher-rated categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is still strong.
BBB	An obligation rated 'BBB' exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to weaken the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.

#### **BB; B; CCC; CC; and C**

Obligations rated 'BB', 'B', 'CCC', 'CC', and 'C' are regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. 'BB' indicates the least degree of speculation and 'C' the highest. While such obligations will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposure to adverse conditions

BB	An obligation rated 'BB' is less vulnerable to nonpayment than other speculative issues. However, it faces major ongoing uncertainties or exposure to adverse business, financial, or economic conditions that could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
B	An obligation rated 'B' is more vulnerable to nonpayment than obligations rated 'BB', but the obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation. Adverse business, financial, or economic conditions will likely impair the obligor's capacity or willingness to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
CCC	An obligation rated 'CCC' is currently vulnerable to nonpayment and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitments on the obligation. In the event of adverse business, financial, or economic conditions, the obligor is not likely to have the capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
CC	An obligation rated 'CC' is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment. The 'CC' rating is used when a default has not yet occurred but S&P Global Ratings expects default to be a virtual certainty, regardless of the anticipated time to default.
C	An obligation rated 'C' is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment, and the obligation is expected to have lower relative seniority or lower ultimate recovery compared with obligations that are rated higher.
D	An obligation rated 'D' is in default or in breach of an imputed promise. For non-hybrid capital instruments, the 'D' rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due, unless S&P Global Ratings believes that such payments will be made within five business days in the absence of a stated grace period or within the earlier of the stated grace period or 30 calendar days. The 'D' rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of similar action and where default on an obligation is a virtual certainty, for example due to automatic stay provisions. An obligation's rating is lowered to 'D' if it is subject to a distressed exchange offer.
NR	This indicates that no rating has been requested, or that there is insufficient information on which to base a rating, or that S&P Global Ratings does not rate a particular obligation as a matter of policy.

#### ***Plus (+) or minus (-)***

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

## S&P Short-Term Issue Credit Ratings

- A-1 A short-term obligation rated 'A-1' is rated in the highest category by S&P Global Ratings. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is strong. Within this category, certain obligations are designated with a plus sign (+). This indicates that the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on these obligations is extremely strong.
- A-2 A short-term obligation rated 'A-2' is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher rating categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is satisfactory.
- A-3 A short-term obligation rated 'A-3' exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to weaken an obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
- B A short-term obligation rated 'B' is regarded as vulnerable and has significant speculative characteristics. The obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitments; however, it faces major ongoing uncertainties that could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitments.
- C A short-term obligation rated 'C' is currently vulnerable to nonpayment and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
- D A short-term obligation rated 'D' is in default or in breach of an imputed promise. For non-hybrid capital instruments, the 'D' rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due, unless S&P Global Ratings believes that such payments will be made within any stated grace period. However, any stated grace period longer than five business days will be treated as five business days. The 'D' rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of a similar action and where default on an obligation is a virtual certainty, for example due to automatic stay provisions. An obligation's rating is lowered to 'D' if it is subject to a distressed exchange offer.

## S&P Active Qualifiers

- L Ratings qualified with 'L' apply only to amounts invested up to federal deposit insurance limits.
- p This suffix is used for issues in which the credit factors, the terms, or both that determine the likelihood of receipt of payment of principal are different from the credit factors, terms, or both that determine the likelihood of receipt of interest on the obligation. The 'p' suffix indicates that the rating addresses the principal portion of the obligation only and that the interest is not rated.
- prelim Preliminary ratings, with the 'prelim' suffix, may be assigned to obligors or obligations, including financial programs, in the circumstances described below. Assignment of a final rating is conditional on the receipt by S&P Global Ratings of appropriate documentation. S&P Global Ratings reserves the right not to issue a final rating. Moreover, if a final rating is issued, it may differ from the preliminary rating. • Preliminary ratings may be assigned to obligations, most commonly structured and project finance issues, pending receipt of final documentation and legal opinions. • Preliminary ratings may be assigned to obligations that will likely be issued upon the obligor's emergence from bankruptcy or similar reorganization, based on late-stage reorganization plans, documentation, and discussions with the obligor. Preliminary ratings may also be assigned to the obligors. These ratings consider the anticipated general credit quality of the reorganized or post-bankruptcy issuer as well as attributes of the anticipated obligation(s). • Preliminary ratings may be assigned to entities that are being formed or that are in the process of being independently established when, in S&P Global Ratings' opinion, documentation is close to final. Preliminary ratings may also be assigned to the obligations of these entities. • Preliminary ratings may be assigned when a previously unrated entity is undergoing a well-formulated restructuring, recapitalization, significant financing, or other transformative event, generally at the point that investor or lender commitments are invited. The preliminary rating may be assigned to the entity and to its proposed obligation(s). These preliminary ratings consider the anticipated general credit quality of the obligor, as well as attributes of the anticipated obligation(s), assuming successful completion of the transformative event. Should the transformative event not occur, S&P Global Ratings would likely withdraw these preliminary ratings. • A preliminary recovery rating may be assigned to an obligation that has a preliminary issue credit rating.
- t This symbol indicates termination structures that are designed to honor their contracts to full maturity or, should certain events occur, to terminate and cash settle all their contracts before their final maturity date.

cir This symbol indicates a counterparty instrument rating (CIR), which is a forward-looking opinion about the creditworthiness of an issuer in a securitization structure with respect to a specific financial obligation to a counterparty (including interest rate swaps, currency swaps, and liquidity facilities). The CIR is determined on an ultimate payment basis; these opinions do not take into account timeliness of payment.

#### **S&P Inactive Qualifiers (No longer applied or outstanding)**

- \* This symbol indicated that the rating was contingent upon S&P Global Ratings' receipt of an executed copy of the escrow agreement or closing documentation confirming investments and cash flows. Discontinued use in August 1998.
- c This qualifier was used to provide additional information to investors that the bank may terminate its obligation to purchase tendered bonds if the long-term credit rating of the issuer was lowered to below an investment-grade level and/or the issuer's bonds were deemed taxable. Discontinued use in January 2001.
- G The letter 'G' followed the rating symbol when a fund's portfolio consisted primarily of direct U.S. government securities.
- pi This qualifier was used to indicate ratings that were based on an analysis of an issuer's published financial information, as well as additional information in the public domain. Such ratings did not, however, reflect in-depth meetings with an issuer's management and therefore could have been based on less comprehensive information than ratings without a 'pi' suffix. Discontinued use as of December 2014 and as of August 2015 for Lloyd's Syndicate Assessments.
- pr The letters 'pr' indicate that the rating was provisional. A provisional rating assumed the successful completion of a project financed by the debt being rated and indicates that payment of debt service requirements was largely or entirely dependent upon the successful, timely completion of the project. This rating, however, while addressing credit quality subsequent to completion of the project, made no comment on the likelihood of or the risk of default upon failure of such completion.
- q A 'q' subscript indicates that the rating is based solely on quantitative analysis of publicly available information. Discontinued use in April 2001.
- r The 'r' modifier was assigned to securities containing extraordinary risks, particularly market risks, that are not covered in the credit rating. The absence of an 'r' modifier should not be taken as an indication that an obligation would not exhibit extraordinary noncredit-related risks. S&P Global Ratings discontinued the use of the 'r' modifier for most obligations in June 2000 and for the balance of obligations (mainly structured finance transactions) in November 2002.

#### **Fitch International Issuer Long-Term Credit Ratings**

Rated entities in a number of sectors, including financial and non-financial corporations, sovereigns, insurance companies and certain sectors within public finance, are generally assigned Issuer Default Ratings (IDRs). IDRs are also assigned to certain entities in global infrastructure and project finance. IDRs opine on an entity's relative vulnerability to default (including by way of a distressed debt exchange) on financial obligations. The threshold default risk addressed by the IDR is generally that of the financial obligations whose non-payment would best reflect the uncured failure of that entity. As such, IDRs also address relative vulnerability to bankruptcy, administrative receivership or similar concepts.

In aggregate, IDRs provide an ordinal ranking of issuers based on the agency's view of their relative vulnerability to default, rather than a prediction of a specific percentage likelihood of default.

- AAA Highest credit quality. 'AAA' ratings denote the lowest expectation of default risk. They are assigned only in cases of exceptionally strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. This capacity is highly unlikely to be adversely affected by foreseeable events.
- AA Very high credit quality. 'AA' ratings denote expectations of very low default risk. They indicate very strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.
- A High credit quality. 'A' ratings denote expectations of low default risk. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings.
- BBB Good credit quality. 'BBB' ratings indicate that expectations of default risk are currently low. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered adequate, but adverse business or economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity.

- BB Speculative. ‘BB’ ratings indicate an elevated vulnerability to default risk, particularly in the event of adverse changes in business or economic conditions over time; however, business or financial flexibility exists that supports the servicing of financial commitments.
- B Highly speculative. ‘B’ ratings indicate that material default risk is present, but a limited margin of safety remains. Financial commitments are currently being met; however, capacity for continued payment is vulnerable to deterioration in the business and economic environment.
- CCC Substantial credit risk. Default is a real possibility.
- CC Very high levels of credit risk. Default of some kind appears probable.
- C Near Default. A default or default-like process has begun, or the issuer is in standstill, or for a closed funding vehicle, payment capacity is irrevocably impaired. Conditions that are indicative of a ‘C’ category rating for an issuer include: a. the issuer has entered into a grace or cure period following non-payment of a material financial obligation;b. the issuer has entered into a temporary negotiated waiver or standstill agreement following a payment default on a material financial obligation;c. the formal announcement by the issuer or their agent of a distressed debt exchange;d. a closed financing vehicle where payment capacity is irrevocably impaired such that it is not expected to pay interest and/or principal in full during the life of the transaction, but where no payment default is imminent.
- RD Restricted default. ‘RD’ ratings indicate an issuer that in Fitch’s opinion has experienced:a. an uncured payment default or distressed debt exchange on a bond, loan or other material financial obligation, butb. has not entered into bankruptcy filings, administration, receivership, liquidation, or other formal winding-up procedure, andc. has not otherwise ceased operating. This would includei. the selective payment default on a specific class or currency of debt;ii. the uncured expiry of any applicable grace period, cure period or default forbearance period following a payment default on a bank loan, capital markets security or other material financial obligation;iii. the extension of multiple waivers or forbearance periods upon a payment default on one or more material financial obligations, either in series or in parallel; ordinary execution of a distressed debt exchange on one or more material financial obligations.
- D Default. ‘D’ ratings indicate an issuer that in Fitch’s opinion has entered into bankruptcy filings, administration, receivership, liquidation or other formal winding-up procedure or that has otherwise ceased business.

Default ratings are not assigned prospectively to entities or their obligations; within this context, non-payment on an instrument that contains a deferral feature or grace period will generally not be considered a default until after the expiration of the deferral or grace period, unless a default is otherwise driven by bankruptcy or other similar circumstance, or by a distressed debt exchange.

In all cases, the assignment of a default rating reflects the agency’s opinion as to the most appropriate rating category consistent with the rest of its universe of ratings and may differ from the definition of default under the terms of an issuer’s financial obligations or local commercial practice.

**Note:** Within rating categories, Fitch may use modifiers. The modifiers “+” or “-” may be appended to a rating to denote relative status within major rating categories. For example, the rating category ‘AA’ has three notch-specific rating levels (‘AA+’; ‘AA’; ‘AA-’; each a rating level). Such suffixes are not added to ‘AAA’ ratings and ratings below the ‘CCC’ category. For the short-term rating category of ‘F1’, a ‘+’ may be appended. For Viability Ratings, the modifiers ‘+’ or ‘-’ may be appended to a rating to denote relative status within categories from ‘aa’ to ‘ccc’. For Derivative Counterparty Ratings the modifiers ‘+’ or ‘-’ may be appended to the ratings within ‘AA(dcr)’ to ‘CCC(dcr)’ categories.

### **Fitch Short-Term Ratings Assigned to Issuers or Obligations in Corporate, Public and Structured Finance**

A short-term issuer or obligation rating is based in all cases on the short-term vulnerability to default of the rated entity and relates to the capacity to meet financial obligations in accordance with the documentation governing the relevant obligation. Short-term deposit ratings may be adjusted for loss severity. Short-Term Ratings are assigned to obligations whose initial maturity is viewed as “short term” based on market convention. Typically, this means up to 13 months for corporate, sovereign, and structured obligations and up to 36 months for obligations in U.S. public finance markets.

- F1 Highest short-term credit quality. Indicates the strongest intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments; may have an added “+” to denote any exceptionally strong credit feature.
- F2 Good short-term credit quality. Good intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments.
- F3 Fair short-term credit quality. The intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is adequate.
- B Speculative short-term credit quality. Minimal capacity for timely payment of financial commitments, plus heightened vulnerability to near term adverse changes in financial and economic conditions.
- C High short-term default risk. Default is a real possibility.



- RD Restricted default. Indicates an entity that has defaulted on one or more of its financial commitments, although it continues to meet other financial obligations. Typically applicable to entity ratings only
- D Default. Indicates a broad-based default event for an entity, or the default of a short-term obligation.

### **Rating Watch**

Rating Watches indicate that there is a heightened probability of a rating change and the likely direction of such a change. These are designated as “Positive”, indicating that a rating could stay at its present level or potentially be upgraded, “Negative”, to indicate that the rating could stay at its present level or potentially be downgraded, or “Evolving” if ratings may be raised, lowered or affirmed. However, ratings can be raised or lowered without being placed on Rating Watch first.

A Rating Watch is typically event-driven, and as such, it is generally resolved over a relatively short period. The event driving the Watch may be either anticipated or have already occurred, but in both cases, the exact rating implications remain undetermined. The Watch period is typically used to gather further information and/or subject the information to further analysis. A Rating Watch must be reviewed and a Rating Action Commentary be published every six months after a rating has been placed on Rating Watch, except in the case described below.

Additionally, a Watch may be used where the rating implications are already clear, but where they remain contingent upon an event (e.g. shareholder or regulatory approval). The Watch will typically extend to cover the period until the event is resolved or its outcome is predictable with a high enough degree of certainty to permit resolution of the Watch. In these cases, where it has previously been communicated within the Rating Action Commentary that the Rating Watch will be resolved upon an event and where there are no material changes to the respective rating up to the event, the Rating Watch may not be reviewed within the six months interval. In any case, the affected ratings (and the Rating Watch) will remain subject to an annual review cycle.

### **Rating Outlook**

Outlooks indicate the direction a rating is likely to move over a one- to two-year period. They reflect financial or other trends that have not yet reached or been sustained the level that would cause a rating action, but which may do so if such trends continue. A Positive Rating Outlook indicates an upward trend on the rating scale. Conversely, a Negative Rating Outlook signals a negative trend on the rating scale. Positive or Negative Rating Outlooks do not imply that a rating change is inevitable, and similarly, ratings with Stable Outlooks can be raised or lowered without a prior revision to the Outlook. Occasionally, where the fundamental trend has strong, conflicting elements of both positive and negative, the Rating Outlook may be described as “Evolving”.

Outlooks are currently applied on the long-term scale to certain issuer ratings in corporate finance (including sovereigns, industrials, utilities, financial institutions and insurance companies) and to both issuer ratings and obligations ratings in public finance in the U.S.; to issues in infrastructure and project finance; to Insurer Financial Strength Ratings; to issuer and/or issue ratings in a number of National Rating scales; and to the ratings of structured finance transactions and covered bonds. Outlooks are not applied to ratings assigned on the short-term scale. For banks, Outlooks are not assigned to Bank Viability Ratings, Bank Support Ratings and Support Rating Floors. Derivative counterparty ratings are also not assigned Outlooks.

Ratings in the ‘CCC’, ‘CC’ and ‘C’ categories typically do not carry Outlooks since the volatility of these ratings is very high and outlooks would be of limited informational value. Defaulted ratings do not carry Outlooks.

### **Deciding When to Assign Rating Watch or Outlook**

Outlook revisions (e.g. to Rating Outlook Stable from Rating Outlook Positive) are used to indicate changes in the ratings trend. In structured finance transactions, the Outlook may be revised independently of a full review of the underlying rating.

An Outlook revision may also be used when a series of potential event risks has been identified, none of which individually warrants a Rating Watch but which cumulatively indicate heightened probability of a rating change over the following one to two years.

A revision to the Outlook may also be appropriate where a specific event has been identified that could lead to a change in ratings, but where the conditions and implications of that event are largely unclear and subject to high execution risk over a one- to two-year period.

## Additional Usage of Primary Credit Rating Scales

Expected Ratings	Where a rating is referred to as “expected”, alternatively referred to as “expects to rate” or suffixed as (EXP), this indicates that a full rating has been assigned based on the agency’s expectations regarding final documentation, typically based on a review of the final draft documentation provided by the issuer. If such final documentation is received and is as expected, the expected rating will typically be converted to a final rating. Fitch may also employ ‘expects to rate’ language for new issuers (currently unrated) for ratings that are assigned in the course of a restructuring, refinancing or corporate reorganization. The ‘expects to rate’ will reflect and refer to the rating level expected following the conclusion of the proposed operation (debt issuance, restructure, or merger). While expected ratings typically convert to final ratings within a short time, determined by timing of transaction closure, in the period between assignment of an expected rating and a final rating, expected ratings may be raised, lowered or placed on Rating Watch or withdrawn, as with final ratings.
Private Ratings	Fitch also prepares a limited number of private ratings, for example for entities with no publicly traded debt, or where the rating is required for internal benchmarking or regulatory purposes. These ratings are generally provided directly to the rated entity, which is then responsible for ensuring that any party to whom it discloses the private rating is updated when any change in the rating occurs. Private ratings undergo the same analysis, committee process and surveillance as published ratings, unless otherwise disclosed as “point-in-time” in nature
Program Ratings	Program ratings assigned to corporate and public finance note issuance programs (e.g. medium-term note programs) relate only to standard issues made under the program concerned. The impact of individual issues under the program on the overall credit profile of the issuer will be assessed at the time of issuance. Therefore, it should not be assumed that program ratings apply to every issue made under the program. Program ratings may also change because the rating of the issuer has changed over time and instruments may have different terms and conditions compared with those initially envisaged in the program’s terms.
“Interest-Only” Ratings	Interest-only ratings are assigned to interest strips. These ratings do not address the possibility that a security holder might fail to recover some or all of its initial investment due to voluntary or involuntary principal repayments.
“Principal-Only” Ratings	Principal-only ratings address the likelihood that a security holder will receive its initial principal investment either before or by the scheduled maturity date. These ratings do not address the possibility that a security holder may not receive some or all of the interest due.
“Standalone” Ratings	Standalone ratings reflect the credit profile of the non-financial corporate issuer/entity without sponsor support, whether implicit or contractual explicit support. Informative to investors, Fitch’s rating research may cite the rating level or rating category of the issuer as a standalone entity.
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## Rating Actions

Assignment (New Rating)	A rating has been assigned to a previously unrated issuer or issue.
Publication (Publish)	Initial public announcement of a rating on the agency’s website, although not necessarily the first rating assigned. This action denotes when a previously private rating is published. In cases where the publication coincides with a rating change, Fitch will only publish the changed rating. The rating history during the time when the rating was private will not be published
Affirmed	The rating has been reviewed with no change in rating. Ratings affirmations may also include an affirmation of, or change to, an Outlook when an Outlook is used.

Upgrade	The rating has been raised in the scale.
Downgrade	The rating has been lowered in the scale.
Matured/Paid-In-Full	<p>a. ‘Matured’—Denoted as ‘NR’. This action is used when an issue has reached its redemption date and rating coverage is discontinued. This indicates that a previously rated issue has been repaid, but other issues of the same program (rated or unrated) may remain outstanding. For the convenience of investors, Fitch may also include issues relating to a rated issuer or transaction that are not and have not been rated on its section of the web page relating to the respective issuer or transaction. Such issues will also be denoted ‘NR’.</p> <p>b. ‘Paid-In-Full’—Denoted as ‘PIF’. This action indicates that an issue has been paid in full. In covered bonds, PIF is only used when all issues of a program have been repaid.</p>
Confirmation	A rating has been reviewed at the request of the rated entity or its representatives in relation to a proposed limited change to specific terms or other provisions or circumstances in relation to an entity, its issues or a transaction. The provision of rating confirmations is at Fitch’s sole discretion and may be communicated via a ratings confirmation letter or a Non Rating Action Commentary.
Pre-refunded	Assigned to certain long-term U.S. public finance issues after Fitch assesses refunding escrow
Withdrawn	<p>The rating has been withdrawn and the issue or issuer is no longer rated by Fitch. Withdrawals may occur for one or several of the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorrect or insufficient information.</li> <li>• Bankruptcy of the rated entity, debt restructuring or default.</li> <li>• Reorganization of rated entity (e.g. merger or acquisition of rated entity or rated entity no longer exists).</li> <li>• The debt instrument was taken private.</li> <li>• Withdrawal of a guarantor rating.</li> <li>• An Expected Rating that is no longer expected to convert to a Final Rating.</li> <li>• Criteria or policy change.</li> <li>• Bonds were pre-refunded, repaid early (off schedule), or canceled. This includes cases where the issuer has no debt outstanding and is no longer issuing debt.</li> <li>• Ratings are no longer considered relevant to the agency’s coverage.</li> <li>• Commercial reasons.</li> <li>• Other reasons.</li> </ul> <p>When a public rating is withdrawn, Fitch will issue a Rating Action Commentary that details the current rating and Outlook or Watch status (if applicable), a statement that the rating is withdrawn and the reason for the withdrawal. Withdrawals cannot be used to forestall a rating action. Every effort is therefore made to ensure that the rating opinion upon withdrawal reflects an updated view. Where significant elements of uncertainty remain (for example, a rating for an entity subject to a takeover bid) or where information is otherwise insufficient to support a revised opinion, the agency attempts when possible to indicate in the withdrawal disclosure the likely direction and scale of any rating movement had coverage been maintained. Ratings that have been withdrawn will be indicated by the symbol ‘WD’.</p>