

AB ALL MARKET ALTERNATIVE RETURN PORTFOLIO (“All Market Alternative Return”)

AB BOND FUNDS (“Bond Funds”)

- AB Credit Long/Short Portfolio
- AB Global Bond Fund
- AB High Income Fund
- AB High Yield Portfolio
- AB Income Fund
- AB Intermediate Bond Portfolio
- AB Limited Duration High Income Portfolio
- AB Tax-Aware Fixed Income Portfolio
- AB Unconstrained Bond Fund

AB CORPORATE SHARES (“Corporate Shares”)

- AB Corporate Income Shares
- AB Municipal Income Shares
- AB Taxable Multi-Sector Income Shares

AB EMERGING MARKETS MULTI-ASSET PORTFOLIO (“EMMA”)

AB INFLATION STRATEGIES (“Inflation Strategies”)

- AB Bond Inflation Strategy
- AB Municipal Bond Inflation Strategy
- AB All Market Real Return Portfolio

AB INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS, INC. (“Institutional”)

- AB Global Real Estate Investment Fund II

AB MULTI-MANAGER SELECT RETIREMENT FUNDS (“Select Retirement Funds”)

- AB Multi-Manager Select Retirement Allocation Fund
- AB Multi-Manager Select 2010 Fund
- AB Multi-Manager Select 2015 Fund
- AB Multi-Manager Select 2020 Fund
- AB Multi-Manager Select 2025 Fund
- AB Multi-Manager Select 2030 Fund
- AB Multi-Manager Select 2035 Fund
- AB Multi-Manager Select 2040 Fund
- AB Multi-Manager Select 2045 Fund
- AB Multi-Manager Select 2050 Fund
- AB Multi-Manager Select 2055 Fund

AB MUNICIPAL INCOME PORTFOLIOS (“Municipal Portfolios”)

- AB National Portfolio
- AB High Income Municipal Portfolio
- AB California Portfolio
- AB Arizona Portfolio
- AB Massachusetts Portfolio
- AB Minnesota Portfolio
- AB New Jersey
- AB New York Portfolio
- AB Ohio Portfolio
- AB Pennsylvania Portfolio
- AB Virginia Portfolio

AB VALUE FUNDS (“Value Funds”)

- AB All Market Income Portfolio
- AB Global Real Estate Investment Fund
- AB Global Risk Allocation Fund

AB VARIABLE PRODUCTS SERIES FUND, INC. (“AVP”)

- AB Balanced Wealth Strategy Portfolio
- AB Dynamic Asset Allocation Portfolio
- AB Intermediate Bond Portfolio
- AB Global Risk Allocation—Moderate Portfolio
- AB Global Bond Portfolio

AB WEALTH STRATEGIES (“Wealth Strategies”)

- AB Wealth Appreciation Strategy
- AB All Market Total Return Portfolio
- AB Conservative Wealth Strategy
- AB Tax-Managed Wealth Appreciation Strategy
- AB Tax-Managed All Market Income Portfolio

SANFORD C. BERNSTEIN FUND, INC. and SANFORD C. BERNSTEIN FUND II (“Bernstein Funds”)

- AB Intermediate Duration Portfolio
- AB Intermediate Duration Institutional

Each of the funds listed above is hereinafter referred to as a “Fund” or, collectively, the “Funds.”

Supplement dated June 15, 2017 to the following Statements of Additional Information, as amended (“SAIs”):

SAI	Date	SAI	Date
All Market Alternative Return	February 28, 2017	Inflation Strategies	January 31, 2017
AVP	May 1, 2017	Institutional	January 29, 2017
Bernstein Funds	January 27, 2017	Municipal Portfolios	September 30, 2016
Bond Funds	January 30, 2017	Select Retirement Funds	November 30, 2016
Corporate Shares	August 31, 2016	Value Funds	February 28, 2017
EMMA	July 29, 2016	Wealth Strategies	December 30, 2016

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For all Funds (except as noted otherwise), the below disclosure is added under the heading “Information about the Fund(s) and its (their) Investments–Additional Investment Policies and Practices–Mortgage-Related Securities, Other Asset-Backed Securities and Structured [Securities/Financings]” following “Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities” and “Certain Risks”:

For Select Retirement and Institutional, the below disclosure is added under the heading “Information about the Fund(s) and its (their) Investments–Additional Investment Policies and Practices–Mortgage-[Backed/Related] Securities and Other Asset-Backed Securities” following “Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities” and “Certain Risks”:

For Wealth Strategies, the below disclosure is added under the heading “Description of the Funds–Additional Investment Policies and Practices–Mortgage-Related Securities and Other Asset-Backed Securities” following “Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities” and “Certain Risks”:

For AVP, the below disclosure is added under the heading “Information about the Portfolios and their Investments–Additional Investment Policies and Practices–Mortgage-Related Securities, Other Asset-Backed Securities and Structured Securities” following “Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities” and “Certain Risks”:

For Municipal Portfolios, the below disclosure is added under the heading “Description of the Portfolios–Additional Investment Policies and Practices–Asset-Backed Securities, Mortgage-Related Securities and Structured Securities” following “Certain Risks”:

For Bernstein Funds, the below disclosure is added under the heading “Investment Strategies and Related Risks” following the fourteenth paragraph:

GSE Risk-Sharing Bonds. Another type of mortgage-related security, known as GSE Risk-Sharing Bonds or Credit Risk Transfer securities (“CRTs”), transfers a portion of the risk of borrower defaults from the GSEs to investors through the issuance of a bond whose return of principal is linked to the performance of a selected pool of mortgages. CRTs are issued by GSEs (and sometimes banks or mortgage insurers) and structured without any government or GSE guarantee in respect of borrower defaults or underlying collateral. Typically, CRTs are issued at par and have stated final maturities. CRTs are structured so that: (i) interest is paid directly by the issuing GSE and (ii) principal is paid by the issuing GSE in accordance with the principal payments and default performance of a certain pool of residential mortgage loans acquired by the GSE.

The risks associated with an investment in CRTs differ from the risks associated with an investment in mortgage-backed securities issued by GSEs because, in CRTs, some or all of the credit risk associated with the underlying mortgage loans is transferred to the end-investor. As a result, in the event that a GSE fails to pay principal or interest on a CRT or goes through bankruptcy, insolvency or similar proceeding, holders of such CRT have no direct recourse to the underlying mortgage loans.

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GLOBAL BOND PORTFOLIO
GLOBAL RISK ALLOCATION—MODERATE PORTFOLIO
MULTI-MANAGER ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES PORTFOLIO**
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STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
May 1, 2017

This Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) is not a prospectus but supplements and should be read in conjunction with the prospectuses dated May 1, 2017 for AB Variable Products Series (VPS) Fund, Inc. (the “Fund”) that offer Class A shares and Class B shares of the Fund’s Portfolios (each a “Prospectus”, and together, the “Prospectuses”). Financial statements for each Portfolio of the Fund for the year ended December 31, 2016 are incorporated into this SAI by reference. Copies of the Prospectuses and annual reports may be obtained by contacting AllianceBernstein Investor Services, Inc. (“ABIS”) at the address or the “For Literature” telephone number shown above or on the Internet at www.abfunds.com.

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE PORTFOLIOS AND THEIR INVESTMENTS

Introduction to the Portfolios

The Fund is an open-end series investment company designed to fund variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies offered by the separate accounts of certain life insurance companies (the “Insurers”). The Fund currently offers an opportunity to choose among the separately managed pools of assets (the “Portfolios”) described in the Portfolios’ Prospectuses, each of which has differing investment objectives and policies. The Fund currently has sixteen Portfolios, all of which are described in this SAI.

Except as noted, the investment objectives and policies described below are not “fundamental policies” within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “1940 Act”), and may, therefore, be changed by the Board of Directors of the Fund (the “Board” or the “Directors”) without shareholder approval. However, no Portfolio will change its investment objective without at least 60 days’ prior written notice to shareholders. There is no guarantee that a Portfolio will achieve its investment objective. Whenever any investment policy or restriction states a minimum or maximum percentage of a Portfolio’s assets that may be invested in any security or other asset, it is intended that such minimum or maximum percentage limitation be determined immediately after and as a result of such Portfolio’s acquisition of such security or other asset. Accordingly, any later increase or decrease in percentage beyond the specified limitations resulting from a change in value or net assets will not be considered a violation of this percentage limitation.

Additional Investment Policies and Practices

The following information about the Portfolios’ investment policies and practices supplements the information set forth in the Prospectuses.

Investments in Investment Companies

The Multi-Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio and Global Risk Allocation—Moderate Portfolio invest in shares of one or more underlying funds that, in turn, invest directly in portfolio securities (“Underlying Funds”). Investing in shares of the Underlying Funds involves substantially the same risks as investing directly in the underlying instruments, but may involve additional expenses similar to those borne directly by the Portfolios, including other operating expenses. Certain investments, techniques and risks will only apply to the Multi-Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio and Global Risk Allocation—Moderate Portfolio to the extent those Portfolios are invested in an Underlying Fund that invests in or engages in those investments, techniques, or strategies or directly invests in or engages in such investments, techniques, or strategies. For the purposes of this discussion, references to the Fund or a Portfolio include an Underlying Fund unless the context otherwise requires.

Convertible Securities

Convertible securities include bonds, debentures, corporate notes and preferred stocks that are convertible at a stated exchange rate into shares of the underlying common stock. Prior to their conversion, convertible securities have the same general characteristics as non-convertible debt securities, which provide a stable stream of income with generally higher yields than those of equity securities of the same or similar issuers. As with debt securities, the market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase and, conversely, to increase as interest rates decline. While convertible securities generally offer lower interest or dividend yields than non-convertible debt securities of similar quality, they do enable the investor to benefit from increases in the market price of the underlying common stock.

When the market price of the common stock underlying a convertible security increases, the price of the convertible security increasingly reflects the value of the underlying common stock and may rise accordingly. As the market price of the underlying common stock declines, the convertible security tends to trade increasingly on a yield basis, and thus may not depreciate to the same extent as the underlying common stock. Convertible securities rank senior to common stocks in an issuer's capital structure. They are consequently of higher quality and entail less risk than the issuer's common stock, although the extent to which such risk is reduced depends in large measure upon the degree to which the convertible security sells above its value as a fixed-income security.

Depository Receipts

A Portfolio may invest in depository receipts. American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs") are depository receipts typically issued by a U.S. bank or trust company that evidence ownership of underlying securities issued by a foreign corporation. European Depositary Receipts ("EDRs"), Global Depositary Receipts ("GDRs") or other types of depository receipts are typically issued by non-U.S. banks or trust companies and evidence ownership of underlying securities issued by either a U.S. or non-U.S. company. Transactions in these securities may not necessarily be settled in the same currency as transactions in the securities into which they represent. In addition, the issuers of the securities of unsponsored depository receipts are not obligated to disclose material information in the United States. Generally, ADRs, in registered form, are designed for use in the U.S. securities markets; EDRs, in bearer form, are designed for use in European securities markets; and GDRs, in bearer form, are designed for use in two or more securities markets, such as those of Europe and Asia.

Derivatives

A Portfolio may, but is not required to, use derivatives for hedging or other risk management purposes or as part of its investment strategies. Derivatives are financial contracts whose value depends on, or is derived from, the value of an underlying asset, reference rate or index. These assets, rates, and indices may include bonds, stocks, mortgages, commodities, interest rates, currency exchange rates, bond indices and stock indices.

There are four principal types of derivatives: options, futures contracts, forwards and swaps. These principal types of derivative instruments, as well as the methods

in which they may be used by a Portfolio, are described below. Derivatives include listed and cleared transactions where the Portfolio's derivative trade counterparty is an exchange or clearinghouse, and non-cleared bilateral "over-the-counter" ("OTC") transactions where the Portfolio's derivative trade counterparty is a financial institution. Exchange-traded or cleared derivatives transactions tend to be more liquid and subject to less counterparty credit risk than those that are privately negotiated. The Portfolios may use derivatives to earn income and enhance returns, to hedge or adjust the risk profile of a portfolio and either to replace more traditional direct investments or to obtain exposure to otherwise inaccessible markets.

Forward Contracts. A forward contract, which may be standardized and exchange-traded or customized and privately negotiated, is an agreement for one party to buy, and the other party to sell, a specific quantity of an underlying security, commodity or other asset for an agreed-upon price at a future date. A forward contract generally is settled by physical delivery of the security, commodity or other tangible asset underlying the forward contract to an agreed-upon location at a future date (rather than settled by cash) or will be rolled forward into a new forward contract. Non-deliverable forwards ("NDFs") specify a cash payment upon maturity.

Futures Contracts and Options on Futures Contracts. A futures contract is an agreement that obligates the buyer to buy and the seller to sell a specified quantity of an underlying asset (or settle for cash the value of a contract based on an underlying asset, rate or index) at a specific price on the contract maturity date. Options on futures contracts are options that call for the delivery of futures contracts upon exercise. Futures contracts are standardized, exchange-traded instruments and are fungible (*i.e.*, considered to be perfect substitutes for each other). This fungibility allows futures contracts to be readily offset or canceled through the acquisition of equal but opposite positions, which is the primary method in which futures contracts are liquidated. A cash-settled futures contract does not require physical delivery of the underlying asset but instead is settled for cash equal to the difference between the values of the contract on the date it is entered into and its maturity date.

Options. An option, which may be standardized and exchange-traded, or customized and privately negotiated, is an agreement that, for a premium payment or fee, gives the option holder (the buyer) the right but not the obligation to buy (a "call") or sell (a "put") the underlying asset (or settle for cash an amount based on an underlying asset, rate or index) at a specified price (the exercise price) during a period of time or on a specified date. Likewise, when an option is exercised the writer of the option is obligated to sell (in the case of a call option) or to purchase (in the case of a put option) the underlying asset (or settle for cash an amount based on an underlying asset, rate or index).

Swaps. A swap is an agreement that obligates two parties to exchange a series of cash flows at specified intervals (payment dates) based upon or calculated by reference to changes in specified prices or rates (*e.g.*, interest rates in the case of interest rate swaps, currency exchange rates in the case of currency swaps) for a specified amount of an underlying asset (the "notional" principal amount). Most swaps are entered into on a net basis (*i.e.*, the two payment streams are netted out, with a Portfolio receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments). Generally, the notional principal amount is used solely to calculate the payment streams but is not exchanged. Certain standardized swaps, including

certain interest rate swaps and credit default swaps, are subject to mandatory central clearing. Cleared swaps are transacted through futures commission merchants (“FCMs”) that are members of central clearinghouses with the clearinghouse serving as central counterparty, similar to transactions in futures contracts. Funds post initial and variation margin to support their obligations under cleared swaps by making payments to their clearing member FCMs. Central clearing is expected to reduce counterparty credit risks and increase liquidity, but central clearing does not make swap transactions risk free. Centralized clearing will be required for additional categories of swaps on a phased-in basis based on Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”) approval of contracts for central clearing. Bilateral swap agreements are two-party contracts entered into primarily by institutional investors and are not cleared through a third party.

Risks of Derivatives and other Regulatory Issues. Investment techniques employing such derivatives involve risks different from, and, in certain cases, greater than, the risks presented by more traditional investments. Following is a general discussion of important risk factors and issues concerning the use of derivatives.

— **Market Risk.** This is the general risk attendant to all investments that the value of a particular investment will change in a way detrimental to a Portfolio’s interest.

— **Management Risk.** Derivative products are highly specialized instruments that require investment techniques and risk analyses different from those associated with stocks and bonds. The use of a derivative requires an understanding not only of the underlying instrument but also of the derivative itself, without the benefit of observing the performance of the derivative under all possible market conditions. In particular, the use and complexity of derivatives require the maintenance of adequate controls to monitor the transactions entered into, the ability to assess the risk that a derivative adds to a Portfolio’s investment portfolio, and the ability to forecast price, interest rate or currency exchange rate movements correctly.

— **Credit Risk.** This is the risk that a loss may be sustained by a Portfolio as a result of the failure of another party to a derivative (usually referred to as a “counterparty”) to comply with the terms of the derivative contract. The credit risk for derivatives traded on an exchange or through a clearinghouse is generally less than for uncleared OTC derivatives, since the exchange or clearinghouse, which is the issuer or counterparty to each derivative, provides a guarantee of performance. This guarantee is supported by a daily payment system (*i.e.*, margin requirements) operated by the clearinghouse in order to reduce overall credit risk. For uncleared OTC derivatives, there is no similar clearing agency guarantee. Therefore, a Portfolio considers the creditworthiness of each counterparty to an uncleared OTC derivative in evaluating potential credit risk.

— **Counterparty Risk.** The value of an OTC derivative will depend on the ability and willingness of a Portfolio’s counterparty to perform its obligations under the transaction. If the counterparty defaults, a Portfolio will have

contractual remedies but may choose not to enforce them to avoid the cost and unpredictability of legal proceedings. In addition, if a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, a Portfolio could miss investment opportunities or otherwise be required to retain investments it would prefer to sell, resulting in losses for the Portfolio. Participants in OTC derivatives markets generally are not subject to the same level of credit evaluation and regulatory oversight as are exchanges or clearinghouses. As a result, OTC derivatives generally expose a Portfolio to greater counterparty risk than derivatives traded on an exchange or through a clearinghouse.

New regulations affecting derivatives transactions require certain standardized derivatives, including many types of swaps, to be subject to mandatory central clearing. Under these new requirements, a central clearing organization is substituted as the counterparty to each side of the derivatives transaction. Each party to derivatives transactions is required to maintain its positions with a clearing organization through one or more clearing brokers. Central clearing is intended to reduce, but not eliminate, counterparty risk. A Portfolio is subject to the risk that its clearing member or clearing organization will itself be unable to perform its obligations.

— **Liquidity Risk.** Liquidity risk exists when a particular instrument is difficult to purchase or sell. If a derivative transaction is particularly large or if the relevant market is illiquid (as is the case with many privately-negotiated derivatives), it may not be possible to initiate a transaction or liquidate a position at an advantageous price.

— **Leverage Risk.** Since many derivatives have a leverage component, adverse changes in the value or level of the underlying asset, rate or index can result in a loss substantially greater than the amount invested in the derivative itself. In the case of swaps, the risk of loss generally is related to a notional principal amount, even if the parties have not made any initial investment. Certain derivatives have the potential for unlimited loss, regardless of the size of the initial investment.

— **Regulatory Risk.** Various U.S. Government entities, including the CFTC and the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), are in the process of adopting and implementing additional regulations governing derivatives markets required by, among other things, the Dodd-Frank Act, including clearing as discussed above, margin, reporting and registration requirements. In December 2015, the SEC proposed a new rule regarding derivatives imposing, among other things, limits on the amount of leverage a fund could be exposed to through derivatives and other senior securities transactions. While the full extent and cost of these regulations is currently unclear, these regulations could, among other things, restrict a Portfolio’s ability to engage in derivatives transactions and/or increase the cost of such derivatives transactions, which could adversely affect investors. In addition, Congress, various exchanges and regulatory and self-regulatory authorities have undertaken reviews of futures, options and swaps

markets in light of market volatility. Among the actions that have been taken or proposed to be taken are new limits and reporting requirements for speculative positions, new or more stringent daily price fluctuation limits, and increased margin requirements for various types of futures and swaps transactions. These regulations and actions may adversely affect the instruments in which a Portfolio invests and its ability to execute its investment strategy.

— **Other Risks.** Other risks in using derivatives include the risk of mispricing or improper valuation of derivatives and the inability of derivatives to correlate perfectly with underlying assets, rates and indices. Many derivatives, in particular privately-negotiated derivatives, are complex and often valued subjectively. Improper valuations can result in increased cash payment requirements to counterparties or a loss of value to a Portfolio. Derivatives do not always perfectly or even highly correlate or track the value of the assets, rates or indices they are designed to closely track. Consequently, a Portfolio's use of derivatives may not always be an effective means of, and sometimes could be counterproductive to, furthering the Portfolio's investment objective.

Other. A Portfolio may purchase and sell derivative instruments only to the extent that such activities are consistent with the requirements of the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA") and the rules adopted by the CFTC thereunder. Under CFTC rules, a registered investment company that conducts more than a certain amount of trading in futures contracts, commodity options, certain swaps and other commodity interests is a commodity pool and its adviser must register as a commodity pool operator, or CPO. Under such rules, registered investment companies that are commodity pools are subject to additional registration, recordkeeping, reporting and disclosure requirements. AllianceBernstein L.P., the Portfolios' adviser (the "Adviser"), and the Portfolios, except for the Dynamic Asset Allocation Portfolio, Global Bond Portfolio, Global Risk Allocation—Moderate Portfolio and Multi-Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio, have claimed an exclusion from the definition of CPO under CFTC Rule 4.5 under the CEA with respect to the Portfolios and are not currently subject to these recordkeeping, reporting and disclosure requirements. The trading exemption in Rule 4.5 is not available to the Dynamic Asset Allocation Portfolio, Global Bond Portfolio, Global Risk Allocation—Moderate Portfolio or Multi-Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio, and the Adviser has registered as a CPO with respect to these Portfolios. This registration subjects the Dynamic Asset Allocation Portfolio, Global Bond Portfolio, Global Risk Allocation—Moderate Portfolio and Multi-Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio to certain recordkeeping, reporting and disclosure requirements but, under rules adopted by the CFTC, compliance with SEC disclosure and filing requirements, for the most part, constitutes compliance with comparable CFTC requirements.

Use of Options, Futures Contracts, Forwards and Swaps by the Portfolios

– **Forward Currency Exchange Contracts.** A forward currency exchange contract is an obligation by one party to buy, and the other party to sell, a specific amount of a currency for an agreed-upon price at a future date. A forward currency exchange contract may result in the delivery of the underlying asset upon maturity of the contract in return for the agreed-upon payment. NDFs specify a cash payment upon maturity. NDFs are normally used

when the market for physical settlement of the currency is underdeveloped, heavily regulated or highly taxed.

A Portfolio may, for example, enter into forward currency exchange contracts to attempt to minimize the risk to the Portfolio from adverse changes in the relationship between the U.S. Dollar and other currencies. A Portfolio may purchase or sell forward currency exchange contracts for hedging purposes similar to those described below in connection with its transactions in foreign currency futures contracts. A Portfolio may also purchase or sell forward currency exchange contracts for non-hedging purposes as a means of making direct investments in foreign currencies, as described below under “Currency Transactions”.

If a hedging transaction in forward currency exchange contracts is successful, the decline in the value of portfolio securities or the increase in the cost of securities to be acquired may be offset, at least in part, by profits on the forward currency exchange contract. Nevertheless, by entering into such forward currency exchange contracts, a Portfolio may be required to forgo all or a portion of the benefits which otherwise could have been obtained from favorable movements in exchange rates.

A Portfolio may also use forward currency exchange contracts to seek to increase total return when the Adviser anticipates that a foreign currency will appreciate or depreciate in value but securities denominated in that currency are not held by the Portfolio and do not present attractive investment opportunities. For example, a Portfolio may enter into a foreign currency exchange contract to purchase a currency if the Adviser expects the currency to increase in value. The Portfolio would recognize a gain if the market value of the currency is more than the contract value of the currency at the time of settlement of the contract. Similarly, a Portfolio may enter into a foreign currency exchange contract to sell a currency if the Adviser expects the currency to decrease in value. The Portfolio would recognize a gain if the market value of the currency is less than the contract value of the currency at the time of settlement of the contract.

The cost of engaging in forward currency exchange contracts varies with such factors as the currencies involved, the length of the contract period and the market conditions then prevailing. Since transactions in foreign currencies are usually conducted on a principal basis, no fees or commissions are involved.

– **Options on Securities.** A Portfolio may write and purchase call and put options on securities. In purchasing an option on securities, the Portfolio would be in a position to realize a gain if, during the option period, the price of the underlying securities increased (in the case of a call) or decreased (in the case of a put) by an amount in excess of the premium paid; otherwise the Portfolio would experience a loss not greater than the premium paid for the option. Thus, a Portfolio would realize a loss if the price of the underlying security declined or remained the same (in the case of a call) or increased or remained the same (in the case of a put) or otherwise did not increase (in the case of a put) or decrease (in the case of a call) by more than the amount of the premium. If a put or call option purchased by a Portfolio were permitted to expire without being sold or exercised, its premium would represent a loss to the Portfolio.

A Portfolio may write a put or call option in return for a premium, which is retained by the Portfolio whether or not the option is exercised. A Portfolio may write covered

options or uncovered options. A call option written by a Portfolio is “covered” if the Portfolio owns the underlying security, has an absolute and immediate right to acquire that security upon conversion or exchange of another security it holds, or holds a call option on the underlying security with an exercise price equal to or less than the exercise price of the call option it has written. A put option written by a Portfolio is covered if the Portfolio holds a put option on the underlying securities with an exercise price equal to or greater than the exercise price of the put option it has written. Uncovered options or “naked options” are riskier than covered options. For example, if a Portfolio wrote a naked call option and the price of the underlying security increased, the Portfolio would have to purchase the underlying security for delivery to the call buyer and sustain a loss, which could be substantial, equal to the difference between the option price and the market price of the security.

A Portfolio may also purchase call options to hedge against an increase in the price of securities that the Portfolio anticipates purchasing in the future. If such increase occurs, the call option will permit the Portfolio to purchase the securities at the exercise price, or to close out the option at a profit. The premium paid for the call option plus any transaction costs will reduce the benefit, if any, realized by the Portfolio upon exercise of the option, and, unless the price of the underlying security rises sufficiently, the option may expire worthless to the Portfolio and the Portfolio will suffer a loss on the transaction to the extent of the premium paid.

A Portfolio may purchase put options to hedge against a decline in the value of portfolio securities. If such decline occurs, the put options will permit the Portfolio to sell the securities at the exercise price or to close out the options at a profit. By using put options in this way, a Portfolio will reduce any profit it might otherwise have realized on the underlying security by the amount of the premium paid for the put option and by transaction costs.

A Portfolio also may, as an example, write combinations of put and call options on the same security, known as “straddles”, with the same exercise and expiration date. By writing a straddle, a Portfolio undertakes a simultaneous obligation to sell and purchase the same security in the event that one of the options is exercised. If the price of the security subsequently rises above the exercise price, the call will likely be exercised and a Portfolio will be required to sell the underlying security at or below market price. This loss may be offset, however, in whole or in part, by the premiums received on the writing of the two options. Conversely, if the price of the security declines by a sufficient amount, the put will likely be exercised. The writing of straddles will likely be effective, therefore, only where the price of the security remains stable and neither the call nor the put is exercised. In those instances where one of the options is exercised, the loss on the purchase or sale of the underlying security may exceed the amount of the premiums received.

A Portfolio may purchase or write options on securities of the types in which it is permitted to invest in privately-negotiated (*i.e.*, OTC) transactions. By writing a call option, a Portfolio limits its opportunity to profit from any increase in the market value of the underlying security above the exercise price of the option. By writing a put option, a Portfolio assumes the risk that it may be required to purchase the underlying security for an exercise price above its then current market value, resulting in a capital loss unless the security subsequently appreciates in value. Where options are written for hedging purposes, such transactions constitute only a

partial hedge against declines in the value of portfolio securities or against increases in the value of securities to be acquired, up to the amount of the premium.

A Portfolio will effect such transactions only with investment dealers and other financial institutions (such as commercial banks or savings and loan institutions) deemed creditworthy by the Adviser, and the Adviser has adopted procedures for monitoring the creditworthiness of such entities. Options purchased or written in negotiated transactions may be illiquid and it may not be possible for the Portfolios to effect a closing transaction at a time when the Adviser believes it would be advantageous to do so.

– **Options on Securities Indices.** An option on a securities index is similar to an option on a security except that, rather than taking or making delivery of a security at a specified price, an option on a securities index gives the holder the right to receive, upon exercise of the option, an amount of cash if the closing level of the chosen index is greater than (in the case of a call) or less than (in the case of a put) the exercise price of the option.

A Portfolio may write (sell) call and put options and purchase call and put options on securities indices. If a Portfolio purchases put options on securities indices to hedge its investments against a decline in the value of portfolio securities it will seek to offset a decline in the value of securities it owns through appreciation of the put option. If the value of a Portfolio's investments does not decline as anticipated, or if the value of the option does not increase, the Portfolio's loss will be limited to the premium paid for the option. The success of this strategy will largely depend on the accuracy of the correlation between the changes in value of the index and the changes in value of a Portfolio's security holdings.

A Portfolio may also write put or call options on securities indices to, among other things, earn income. If the value of the chosen index declines below the exercise price of the put option, the Portfolio has the risk of loss of the amount of the difference between the exercise price and the closing level of the chosen index, which it would be required to pay to the buyer of the put option and which may not be offset by the premium it received upon sale of the put option. Similarly, if the value of the index is higher than the exercise price of the call option, the Portfolio has the risk of loss of the amount of the difference between the exercise price and the closing level of the chosen index, which may not be offset by the premium it received upon sale of the call option. If the decline or increase in the value of the index is significantly below or above the exercise price of the written option, the Portfolio could experience a substantial loss.

The purchase of call options on securities indices may be used by a Portfolio to attempt to reduce the risk of missing a broad market advance, or an advance in an industry or market segment, at a time when the Portfolio holds uninvested cash or short-term debt securities awaiting investment. When purchasing call options for this purpose, a Portfolio will also bear the risk of losing all or a portion of the premium paid if the value of the index does not rise. The purchase of call options on stock indices when a Portfolio is substantially fully invested is a form of leverage, up to the amount of the premium and related transaction costs, and involves risks of loss and of increased volatility similar to those involved in purchasing call options on securities the Portfolio owns.

– **Other Option Strategies.** In an effort to earn extra income, to adjust exposure to individual securities or markets, or to protect all or a portion of its portfolio from a decline in value, sometimes within certain ranges, a Portfolio that invests in equity securities may use option strategies such as the concurrent purchase of a call or put option, including on individual securities and stock indices, futures contracts (including on individual securities and stock indices) or shares of exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”) at one strike price and the writing of a call or put option on the same individual security, stock index, futures contract or ETF at a higher strike price in the case of a call option or at a lower strike price in the case of a put option. The maximum profit from this strategy would result for the call options from an increase in the value of the individual security, stock index, futures contract or ETF above the higher strike price or for the put options the decline in the value of the individual security, stock index, futures contract or ETF below the lower strike price. If the price of the individual security, stock index, futures contract or ETF declines in the case of the call option or increases in the case of the put option, the Portfolio has the risk of losing the entire amount paid for the call or put options.

– **Options on Foreign Currencies.** A Portfolio may purchase and write options on foreign currencies for hedging and non-hedging purposes. For example, a decline in the dollar value of a foreign currency in which portfolio securities are denominated will reduce the dollar value of such securities, even if their value in the foreign currency remains constant. In order to protect against such diminutions in the value of portfolio securities, a Portfolio may purchase put options on the foreign currency. If the value of the currency does decline, the Portfolio will have the right to sell such currency for a fixed amount in dollars and could thereby offset, in whole or in part, the adverse effect on its portfolio which otherwise would have resulted.

Conversely, where a rise in the dollar value of a currency in which securities to be acquired are denominated is projected, thereby increasing the cost of such securities, a Portfolio may purchase call options thereon. The purchase of such options could offset, at least partially, the effects of the adverse movements in exchange rates. As in the case of other types of options, however, the benefit to a Portfolio from purchases of foreign currency options will be reduced by the amount of the premium and related transaction costs. In addition, where currency exchange rates do not move in the direction or to the extent anticipated, a Portfolio could sustain losses on transactions in foreign currency options which would require it to forgo a portion or all of the benefits of advantageous changes in such rates.

A Portfolio may write options on foreign currencies for hedging purposes or to increase return. For example, where a Portfolio anticipates a decline in the dollar value of non-U.S. Dollar-denominated securities due to adverse fluctuations in exchange rates it could, instead of purchasing a put option, write a call option on the relevant currency. If the expected decline occurs, the option will most likely not be exercised, and the diminution in value of portfolio securities could be offset by the amount of the premium received.

Similarly, instead of purchasing a call option to hedge against an anticipated increase in the dollar cost of securities to be acquired, a Portfolio could write a put option on the relevant currency, which, if rates move in the manner projected, will expire unexercised and allow the Portfolio to hedge such increased cost up to the amount of the premium. As in the case of other types of options, however, the writing of a foreign currency option will constitute only a

partial hedge up to the amount of the premium, and only if rates move in the expected direction. If this does not occur, the option may be exercised and a Portfolio will be required to purchase or sell the underlying currency at a loss which may not be offset by the amount of the premium. Through the writing of options on foreign currencies, a Portfolio also may be required to forgo all or a portion of the benefits which might otherwise have been obtained from favorable movements in exchange rates.

In addition to using options for the hedging purposes described above, a Portfolio may also invest in options on foreign currencies for non-hedging purposes as a means of making direct investments in foreign currencies. A Portfolio may use options on currency to seek to increase total return when the Adviser anticipates that a foreign currency will appreciate or depreciate in value but securities denominated in that currency are not held by the Portfolio and do not present attractive investment opportunities. For example, a Portfolio may purchase call options in anticipation of an increase in the market value of a currency. The 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 transaction costs. Otherwise, the Portfolio would realize 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 a currency that the Portfolio does not own. The Portfolio would normally 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, the Portfolio would realize no gain or loss on the purchase of the put option. For additional information on the use of options on foreign currencies for non-hedging purposes, see “Currency Transactions” below.

Special Risks Associated with Options on Currencies. An exchange-traded options position may be closed out only on an options exchange that provides a secondary market for an option of the same series. Although a Portfolio will generally purchase or sell options for which there appears to be an active secondary market, there is no assurance that a liquid secondary market on an exchange will exist for any particular option, or at any particular time. For some options, no secondary market on an exchange may exist. In such event, it might not be possible to effect closing transactions in particular options, with the result that a Portfolio would have to exercise its options in order to realize any profit and would incur transaction costs on the purchase or sale of the underlying currency.

– **Futures Contracts and Options on Futures Contracts.** Futures contracts that a Portfolio may buy and sell may include futures contracts on fixed-income or other securities, and contracts based on interest rates, foreign currencies or financial indices, including any index of U.S. Government securities. A Portfolio may, for example, purchase or sell futures contracts and options thereon to hedge against changes in interest rates, securities (through index futures or options) or currencies.

Interest rate futures contracts are purchased or sold 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. 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 were to 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 net asset value ("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 could be purchased to hedge in anticipation of subsequent purchases of long-term bonds at higher prices. Because the fluctuations in the value of the interest rate futures contracts should be similar to those 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 becomes available or the market has 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.

A Portfolio may purchase and sell foreign currency futures contracts for hedging or risk management purposes in order to protect against fluctuations in currency exchange rates. Such fluctuations could reduce the dollar value of portfolio securities denominated in foreign currencies, or increase the cost of non-U.S. Dollar-denominated securities to be acquired, even if the value of such securities in the currencies in which they are denominated remains constant. A Portfolio may sell futures contracts on a foreign currency, for example, when it holds securities denominated in such currency and it anticipates a decline in the value of such currency relative to the dollar. If such a decline were to occur, the resulting adverse effect on the value of non-U.S. Dollar-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, a Portfolio's loss on the foreign currency futures contract may or may not be offset by an increase in the value of the securities because 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 non-U.S. Dollar-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 in dollars 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.

A Portfolio may also engage in currency "cross hedging" when, in the opinion of the Adviser, the historical relationship among foreign currencies suggests that a Portfolio may achieve protection against fluctuations in currency exchange rates similar to that described above at a reduced cost through the use of a futures contract relating to a currency other than the U.S. Dollar or the currency in which the foreign security is denominated. Such "cross hedging" is subject to the same risks as those described above with respect to an unanticipated increase or decline in the value of the subject currency relative to the U.S. Dollar.

A Portfolio may also use foreign currency futures contracts and options on such contracts for non-hedging purposes. Similar to options on currencies described above, a Portfolio may use foreign currency futures contracts and options on such contracts to seek to increase total return when the Adviser anticipates that a foreign currency will appreciate or depreciate in value but securities denominated in that currency are not held by the Underlying Portfolio and do not present attractive investment opportunities. The risks associated with foreign currency futures contracts and options on futures contracts are similar to those associated with options on foreign currencies, as described above. For additional information on the use of options on foreign currencies for non-hedging purposes, see “Currency Transactions” below.

Purchases or sales of stock or bond index futures contracts are used for hedging or risk management 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 portfolio securities 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 whole or in part, 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.

Options on futures contracts are options that call for the delivery of futures contracts upon exercise. Options on futures contracts written or purchased by a Portfolio will be traded on U.S. exchanges.

The writing of a call option on a futures contract constitutes a partial hedge against declining prices of the securities in a Portfolio’s portfolio. If the futures price at expiration of the option is below the exercise price, a 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’s 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, which provides a partial hedge against any increase in the price of securities which 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 contracts for hedging purposes instead of purchasing or selling the underlying futures contracts. 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 futures contracts, purchase put options thereon. In the event that such decrease was to occur, it may be offset, in

whole or in part, by a profit on the option. If the anticipated market decline were not to occur, the Portfolio would 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 contracts, rather than purchasing the underlying futures contracts. 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 that the Portfolio intends to purchase may be less expensive.

– **Credit Default Swap Agreements.** The “buyer” in a credit default swap contract is obligated to pay the “seller” a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract in return for a contingent payment upon the occurrence of a credit event with respect to an underlying reference obligation. Generally, a credit event means bankruptcy, failure to pay, obligation acceleration or restructuring. A Portfolio may be either the buyer or seller in the transaction. As a seller, a Portfolio receives a fixed rate of income throughout the term of the contract, which typically is between one month and ten years, provided that no credit event occurs. If a credit event occurs, a Portfolio typically must pay the contingent payment to the buyer. The contingent payment will be either (i) the “par value” (face amount) of the reference obligation in which case the Portfolio will receive the reference obligation in return, or (ii) an amount equal to the difference between the par value and the current market value of the obligation. The value of the reference obligation received by a Portfolio as a seller if a credit event occurs, coupled with the periodic payments previously received, may be less than the full notional value it pays to the buyer, resulting in a loss of value to the Fund. If a Portfolio is a buyer and no credit event occurs, the Portfolio will lose its periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract. However, if a credit event occurs, the buyer typically receives full notional value for a reference obligation that may have little or no value.

Credit default swaps may involve greater risks than if a Portfolio had invested in the reference obligation directly. Credit default swaps are subject to general market risk, liquidity risk and credit risk.

– **Currency Swaps.** A Portfolio may enter into currency swaps for hedging purposes in an attempt to protect against adverse changes in exchange rates between the U.S. Dollar and other currencies or for non-hedging purposes as a means of making direct investments in foreign currencies, as described below under “Currency Transactions”. Currency swaps involve the exchange by a Portfolio with another party of a series of payments in specified currencies. Currency swaps may involve the exchange of actual principal amounts of currencies by the counterparties at the initiation, and again upon termination of the transaction. Currency swaps may be bilateral and privately negotiated, with the Portfolio expecting to achieve an acceptable degree of correlation between its portfolio investments and its currency swaps positions. A Portfolio will not enter into any currency swap unless the credit quality of the unsecured senior debt or the claims-paying ability of the counterparty thereto is rated in the highest short-term rating category of at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization (“NRSRO”) at the time of entering into the transaction.

– **Swaps: Interest Rate Transactions.** A Portfolio may enter into interest rate swap, swaption and cap or floor transactions, which may include preserving a return or spread on

a particular investment or portion of its portfolio or protecting against an increase in the price of securities the Portfolio anticipates purchasing at a later date. Unless there is a counterparty default, the risk of loss to a Portfolio from interest rate transactions is limited to the net amount of interest payments that the Portfolio is contractually obligated to make. If the counterparty to an interest rate transaction defaults, the Portfolio's risk of loss consists of the net amount of interest payments that the Portfolio is contractually entitled to receive.

Interest rate swaps involve the exchange by a Portfolio with another party of payments calculated by reference to specified interest rates (*e.g.*, an exchange of floating-rate payments for fixed-rate payments) computed based on a contractually-based principal (or "notional") amount.

An option on a swap agreement, also called a "swaption", is an option that gives the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to enter into a swap on a future date in exchange for paying a market-based "premium". A receiver swaption gives the owner the right to receive the total return of a specified asset, reference rate, or index. A payer swaption gives the owner the right to pay the total return of a specified asset, reference rate, or index. Swaptions also include options that allow an existing swap to be terminated or extended by one of the counterparties.

Interest rate caps and floors are similar to options in that the purchase of an interest rate cap or floor entitles the purchaser, to the extent that a specified index exceeds (in the case of a cap) or falls below (in the case of a floor) a predetermined interest rate, to receive payments of interest on a notional amount from the party selling the interest rate cap or floor.

Caps and floors are less liquid than swaps. These transactions do not involve the delivery of securities or other underlying assets or principal. A Portfolio will enter into bilateral swap agreements, including interest rate swap, swaptions, cap or floor transactions only with counterparties who have credit ratings of at least A- (or the equivalent) from any one NRSRO or counterparties with guarantors with debt securities having such a rating. For cleared interest rate swaps, the Adviser will monitor the creditworthiness of each of the central clearing counterparty, clearing broker and executing broker but there will be no prescribed NRSRO rating requirements for these entities.

—**Total Return Swaps.** A Portfolio may enter into total return swaps in order to take a "long" or "short" position with respect to an underlying referenced asset. The Portfolio is subject to market price volatility of the referenced asset. A total return swap involves commitments to pay interest in exchange for a market-linked return based on a notional amount. To the extent that the total return of the security, group of securities or index underlying the transaction exceeds or falls short of the offsetting interest obligation, the Portfolio will receive a payment or make a payment to the counterparty.

--*Special Risks Associated with Swaps.* Risks may arise as a result of the failure of the counterparty to a bilateral swap contract to comply with the terms of the swap contract. The loss incurred by the failure of a counterparty is generally limited to the net interim payment to be received by a Portfolio, and/or the termination value at the end of the contract. Therefore, the Portfolio considers the creditworthiness of the counterparty to a bilateral swap contract. The risk is mitigated by having a netting arrangement between the Portfolio and the counterparty and by

the posting of collateral by the counterparty to the Portfolio to cover the Portfolio's exposure to the counterparty. Certain standardized swaps, including interest rate swaps and credit default swaps, are subject to mandatory central clearing. Central clearing is expected, among other things, to reduce counterparty credit risk, but does not eliminate it completely.

Additionally, risks may arise from unanticipated movements in interest rates or in the value of the underlying securities. The Portfolio accrues for the changes in value on swap contracts on a daily basis, with the net amount recorded within unrealized appreciation/depreciation of swap contracts on the statement of assets and liabilities. Once the interim payments are settled in cash, the net amount is recorded as realized gain/(loss) on swaps on the statement of operations, in addition to any realized gain/(loss) recorded upon the termination of swap contracts. Fluctuations in the value of swap contracts are recorded as a component of net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation of swap contracts on the statement of operations.

– **Synthetic Foreign Equity Securities.** A Portfolio may invest in different types of derivatives generally referred to as synthetic foreign equity securities. These securities may include international warrants or local access products. International warrants are financial instruments issued by banks or other financial institutions, which may or may not be traded on a foreign exchange. International warrants are a form of derivative security that may give holders the right to buy or sell an underlying security or a basket of securities representing an index from or to the issuer of the warrant for a particular price or may entitle holders to receive a cash payment relating to the value of the underlying security or index, in each case upon exercise by the Portfolio. Local access products are similar to options in that they are exercisable by the holder for an underlying security or a cash payment based upon the value of that security, but are generally exercisable over a longer term than typical options. These types of instruments may be American style, which means that they can be exercised at any time on or before the expiration date of the international warrant, or European style, which means that they may be exercised only on the expiration date.

Other types of synthetic foreign equity securities in which a Portfolio may invest include covered warrants and low exercise price warrants. Covered warrants entitle the holder to purchase from the issuer, typically a financial institution, upon exercise, common stock of an international company or receive a cash payment (generally in U.S. Dollars). The issuer of the covered warrant usually owns the underlying security or has a mechanism, such as owning equity warrants on the underlying securities, through which they can obtain the securities. The cash payment is calculated according to a predetermined formula, which is generally based on the difference between the value of the underlying security on the date of exercise and the strike price. Low exercise price warrants are warrants with an exercise price that is very low relative to the market price of the underlying instrument at the time of issue (*e.g.*, one cent or less). The buyer of a low exercise price warrant effectively pays the full value of the underlying common stock at the outset. In the case of any exercise of warrants, there may be a time delay between the time a holder of warrants gives instructions to exercise and the time the price of the common stock relating to exercise or the settlement date is determined, during which time the price of the underlying security could change significantly. In addition, the exercise or settlement date of the warrants may be affected by certain market disruption events, such as difficulties relating to the exchange of a local currency into U.S. Dollars, the imposition of capital controls by a local

jurisdiction or changes in the laws relating to foreign investments. These events could lead to a change in the exercise date or settlement currency of the warrants, or postponement of the settlement date. In some cases, if the market disruption events continue for a certain period of time, the warrants may become worthless resulting in a total loss of the purchase price of the warrants.

A Portfolio's investments in synthetic foreign equity securities will be those issued by entities deemed to be creditworthy by the Adviser, which will monitor the creditworthiness of the issuers on an ongoing basis. Investments in these instruments involve the risk that the issuer of the instrument may default on its obligation to deliver the underlying security or cash in lieu thereof. These instruments may also be subject to liquidity risk because there may be a limited secondary market for trading the warrants. They are also subject, like other investments in foreign securities, to foreign risk and currency risk.

International warrants also include equity warrants, index warrants, and interest rate warrants. Equity warrants are generally issued in conjunction with an issue of bonds or shares, although they also may be issued as part of a rights issue or scrip issue. When issued with bonds or shares, they usually trade separately from the bonds or shares after issuance. Most warrants trade in the same currency as the underlying stock (domestic warrants), but also may be traded in different currency (euro-warrants). Equity warrants are traded on a number of foreign exchanges and in OTC markets. Index warrants and interest rate warrants are rights created by an issuer, typically a financial institution, entitling the holder to purchase, in the case of a call, or sell, in the case of a put, respectively, an equity index or a specific bond issue or interest rate index at a certain level over a fixed period of time. Index warrants transactions settle in cash, while interest rate warrants can typically be exercised in the underlying instrument or settle in cash.

A Portfolio also may invest in long-term options of, or relating to, international issuers. Long-term options operate much like covered warrants. Like covered warrants, long-term options are call options created by an issuer, typically a financial institution, entitling the holder to purchase from the issuer outstanding securities of another issuer. Long-term options have an initial period of one year or more, but generally have terms between three and five years. Unlike U.S. options, long-term European options do not settle through a clearing corporation that guarantees the performance of the counterparty. Instead, they are traded on an exchange and subject to the exchange's trading regulations.

– **Eurodollar Instruments.** Eurodollar instruments are essentially U.S. Dollar-denominated futures contracts or options thereon that are linked to the London Interbank Offered Rate and are subject to the same limitations and risks as other futures contracts and options.

– **Currency Transactions.** A Portfolio may invest in non-U.S. Dollar-denominated securities on a currency hedged or un-hedged basis. The Adviser may actively manage a Portfolio's currency exposures and may seek investment opportunities by taking long or short positions in currencies through the use of currency-related derivatives, including forward currency exchange contracts, futures contracts and options on futures contracts, swaps and options. The Adviser may enter into transactions for investment opportunities when it anticipates that a foreign currency will appreciate or depreciate in value but securities

denominated in that currency are not held by a Portfolio and do not present attractive investment opportunities. Such transactions may also be used when the Adviser believes that it may be more efficient than a direct investment in a foreign currency-denominated security. The Portfolios may also conduct currency exchange contracts on a spot basis (*i.e.*, for cash at the spot rate prevailing in the currency exchange market for buying or selling currencies).

Event-linked Securities

Event-linked securities are variable rate or fixed rate fixed-income securities or types of equity securities for which the return of principal and payment of interest are contingent on the non-occurrence of various catastrophe exposures, which may be specific trigger events or a diversified group of events, such as hurricanes, typhoons, wind events or earthquakes. The most common type of fixed-income securities are known as “catastrophe” or “CAT” bonds. In some cases, the trigger event(s) will not be deemed to have occurred unless the event(s) happened in a particular geographic area and was of a certain magnitude (based on independent scientific readings) or caused a certain amount of actual or modeled loss. If the trigger event(s) occurs prior to the securities’ maturity, a Portfolio may lose all or a portion of its principal and forgo additional interest.

These securities may have a special condition that states that if the issuer (*i.e.*, an insurance or reinsurance company) suffers a loss from a particular pre-defined catastrophe, then the issuer’s obligation to pay interest and/or repay the principal is either deferred or completely forgiven. For example, if a Portfolio holds a fixed-income security that covers an insurer’s losses due to a hurricane with a “trigger” at \$1 billion and a hurricane hits causing \$1 billion or more in losses to such insurer, then the Portfolio will lose all or a portion of its principal invested in the security and forgo any future interest payments. If the trigger event(s) does not occur, the Portfolio will recover its principal plus interest. Interest typically accrues and is paid on a quarterly basis. Although principal typically is repaid only on the maturity date, it may be repaid in installments, depending on the terms of the securities.

Event-linked securities may be issued by government agencies, insurance companies, reinsurers, special purpose companies or other on-shore or off-shore entities. Event-linked securities are a relatively new type of financial instrument. As a result, there is no significant trading history of these securities and these securities may be illiquid or the markets for these instruments may not be liquid at all times. These securities may be rated, generally below investment grade or the unrated equivalent, and have the same or equivalent risks as higher yield debt securities (“junk bonds”). The rating primarily reflects the rating agency’s calculated probability that a pre-defined trigger event will occur as well as the overall expected loss to the principal of the security.

Forward Commitments and When-Issued and Delayed Delivery Securities

Forward commitments for the purchase or sale of securities may include purchases on a “when-issued” basis or purchases or sales on a “delayed delivery” basis. In some cases, a forward commitment may be conditioned upon the occurrence of a subsequent event, such as approval and consummation of a merger, corporate reorganization or debt restructuring (*i.e.*, a “when, as and if issued” trade). When forward commitment transactions are negotiated,

the price is fixed at the time the commitment is made. A Portfolio assumes the rights and risks of ownership of the security, but does not pay for the securities until they are received. If a Portfolio is fully or almost fully invested when forward commitment purchases are outstanding, such purchases may result in a form of leverage. Leveraging the portfolio in this manner may increase the Portfolio's volatility of returns.

The use of forward commitments enables a Portfolio to protect against anticipated changes in exchange rates, interest rates and/or prices. For instance, a Portfolio may enter into a forward contract when it enters into a contract for the purchase or sale of a security denominated in a foreign currency in order to "lock in" the U.S. Dollar price of the security ("transaction hedge"). In addition, when a Portfolio believes that a foreign currency may suffer a substantial decline against the U.S. Dollar, it may enter into a forward sale contract to sell an amount of that foreign currency approximating the value of some or all of that Portfolio's securities denominated in 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 purchase contract to buy that foreign currency for a fixed dollar amount ("position hedge"). If the Adviser were to forecast incorrectly the direction of exchange rate movements, a Portfolio might be required to complete such when-issued or forward transactions at prices inferior to the then current market values.

When-issued securities and forward commitments may be sold prior to the settlement date, but a Portfolio generally enters into when-issued and forward commitments only with the intention of actually receiving securities or delivering them, as the case may be. If a Portfolio chooses to dispose of the right to acquire a when-issued security prior to its acquisition or dispose of its right to deliver or receive against a forward commitment, it may incur a gain or loss. Any significant commitment of a Portfolio's assets to the purchase of securities on a "when, as and if issued" basis may increase the volatility of the Portfolio's NAV.

At the time a Portfolio intends to enter into a forward commitment, it will record the transaction and thereafter reflect the value of the security purchased or, if a sale, the proceeds to be received, in determining its NAV. Any unrealized appreciation or depreciation reflected in such valuation of a "when, as and if issued" security would be canceled in the event that the required conditions did not occur and the trade was canceled.

Purchases of securities on a forward commitment or when-issued basis may involve more risk than other types of purchases. For example, by committing to purchase securities in the future, a Portfolio subjects itself to a risk of loss on such commitments as well as on its portfolio securities. Also, a Portfolio may have to sell assets which have been set aside in order to meet redemptions. In addition, if a Portfolio determines it is advisable as a matter of investment strategy to sell the forward commitment or "when-issued" or "delayed delivery" securities before delivery, that Portfolio may incur a gain or loss because of market fluctuations since the time the commitment to purchase such securities was made. Any such gain or loss would be treated as a capital gain or loss for tax purposes. When the time comes to pay for the securities to be purchased under a forward commitment or on a "when-issued" or "delayed delivery" basis, a Portfolio will meet its obligations from the then available cash flow or the sale of securities, or, although it would not normally expect to do so, from the sale of the forward commitment or "when-issued" or "delayed delivery" securities themselves (which may have a

value greater or less than the Portfolio's payment obligation). No interest or dividends accrue to the purchaser prior to the settlement date for securities purchased or sold under a forward commitment. In addition, in the event the other party to the transaction files for bankruptcy, becomes insolvent, or defaults on its obligation, a Portfolio may be adversely affected.

Illiquid Securities

A Portfolio will not invest in illiquid securities if immediately after such investment, more than 15% of the Portfolio's net assets would be invested in such securities. For this purpose, illiquid securities include, among others, (a) direct placements or other securities which are subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale or for which there is no readily available market (*e.g.*, trading in the security is suspended or, in the case of unlisted securities, market makers do not exist or will not entertain bids or offers), (b) options purchased by a Portfolio OTC and the cover for options written by the Portfolio OTC, and (c) repurchase agreements not terminable within seven days. Securities that have legal or contractual restrictions on resale but have a readily available market are not deemed illiquid for purposes of this limitation.

Mutual funds do not typically hold a significant amount of restricted securities (securities that are subject to restrictions on resale to the general public) 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 may also have to take certain steps or wait a certain amount of time in order to remove the transfer restrictions for such restricted securities in order to dispose of them, resulting in additional expense and delay.

Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), allows a broader institutional trading market for securities otherwise subject to restriction on resale to the general public. Rule 144A establishes a "safe harbor" from the registration requirements of the Securities Act for resales of certain securities to qualified institutional buyers ("Rule 144A Securities"). To the extent permitted by applicable law, Rule 144A Securities will not be treated as illiquid for purposes of the foregoing restriction so long as such securities meet the liquidity guidelines established by the Board. Pursuant to these guidelines, the Adviser will monitor the liquidity of a Portfolio's investment in Rule 144A Securities. An insufficient number of qualified institutional buyers interested in purchasing certain restricted securities held by a Portfolio, however, could affect adversely the marketability of such portfolio securities and the Portfolio might be unable to dispose of such securities promptly or at reasonable prices.

The Adviser, acting under the oversight of the Board, will monitor the liquidity of restricted securities in the Portfolio that are eligible for resale pursuant to Rule 144A. In reaching liquidity decisions, the Adviser will consider, among others, the following factors: (1) the frequency of trades and quotes for the security; (2) the number of dealers issuing quotations to purchase or sell the security; (3) the number of other potential purchasers of the security; (4) the number of dealers undertaking to make a market in the security; (5) the nature of the security (including its unregistered nature) and the nature of the marketplace for the security (*e.g.*, the

time needed to dispose of the security, the method of soliciting offers and the mechanics of the transfer); and (6) any applicable interpretation or position of the SEC with respect to such type of securities.

Investments in Pre-IPO Securities

The Portfolios may invest in pre-IPO (initial public offering) securities. Pre-IPO securities, or venture capital investments, are investments in new and early stage companies, often funded by venture capital and referred to as “venture capital companies”, whose securities have not been offered to the public and that are not publicly traded. These investments may present significant opportunities for capital appreciation but involve a high degree of risk that may result in significant decreases in the value of these investments. Venture capital companies may not have established products, experienced management or earnings history. The Portfolios may not be able to sell such investments when the portfolio managers and/or investment personnel deem it appropriate to do so because they are not publicly traded. As such, these investments are generally considered to be illiquid until a company’s public offering (which may never occur) and are often subject to additional contractual restrictions on resale following any public offering that may prevent the Portfolios from selling their shares of these companies for a period of time. Market conditions, developments within a company, investor perception or regulatory decisions may adversely affect a venture capital company and delay or prevent a venture capital company from ultimately offering its securities to the public.

Investment in Exchange-Traded Funds and Other Investment Companies

The Portfolios may invest in shares of ETFs, subject to the restrictions and limitations of the 1940 Act or any applicable rules, exemptive orders or regulatory guidance. ETFs are pooled investment vehicles, which may be managed or unmanaged, that generally seek to track the performance of a specific index. ETFs will not track their underlying indices precisely since the ETFs have expenses and may need to hold a portion of their assets in cash, unlike the underlying indices, and the ETFs may not invest in all of the securities in the underlying indices in the same proportion as the underlying indices for various reasons. The Portfolios will incur transaction costs when buying and selling ETF shares, and indirectly bear the expenses of the ETFs. In addition, the market value of an ETF’s shares, which is based on supply and demand in the market for the ETF’s shares, may differ from its NAV. Accordingly, there may be times when an ETF’s shares trade at a discount to its NAV.

The Portfolios may also invest in investment companies other than ETFs as permitted by the 1940 Act or the rules and regulations or exemptive orders thereunder. As with ETF investments, if the Portfolios acquire shares in other investment companies, shareholders would bear, indirectly, the expenses of such investment companies (which may include management and advisory fees), which are in addition to the Portfolios’ expenses. The Portfolios intend to invest uninvested cash balances in an affiliated money market fund as permitted by Rule 12d1-1 under the 1940 Act.

Loans of Portfolio Securities

A Portfolio may seek to increase income by lending portfolio securities to brokers, dealers, and financial institutions (“borrowers”) to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act or the rules or regulations thereunder (as such statute, rules, or regulations may be amended from time to time) or by guidance regarding, interpretations of, or exemptive orders under, the 1940 Act. Under the securities lending program, all securities loans will be secured continually by cash collateral. A principal risk in lending portfolio securities is that the borrower will fail to return the loaned securities upon termination of the loan, and that the collateral will not be sufficient to replace the loaned securities upon the borrower’s default.

In determining whether to lend securities to a particular borrower, the Adviser (subject to oversight by the Board) will consider all relevant facts and circumstances, including the creditworthiness of the borrower. The loans would be made only to firms deemed by the Adviser to be creditworthy and when, in the judgment of the Adviser, the consideration that can be earned currently from securities loans of this type justifies the attendant risk. A Portfolio will be compensated for the loan from a portion of the net return from the interest earned on the cash collateral after a rebate paid to the borrower (which may be a negative amount – *i.e.*, the borrower may pay a fee to the Portfolio in connection with the loan) and payments for fees paid to the securities lending agent and for certain other administrative expenses.

A Portfolio will have the right to call a loan and obtain the securities loaned on notice to the borrower within the normal and customary settlement time for the securities. While securities are on loan, the borrower is obligated to pay the Portfolio amounts equal to any income or other distribution from the securities.

A Portfolio will invest any cash collateral from its securities lending activities in shares of an affiliated money market fund managed by the Adviser and approved by the Board. Any such investment of cash collateral will be subject to the money market fund’s investment risk. The Portfolio may pay reasonable finders’, administrative, and custodial fees in connection with a loan.

A Portfolio will not have the right to vote any securities having voting rights during the existence of the loan. The Portfolio will have the right to regain record ownership of loaned securities or equivalent securities in order to exercise voting or ownership rights. When the Portfolio lends its securities, its investment performance will continue to reflect the value of securities on loan.

Mortgage-Related Securities, Other Asset-Backed Securities and Structured Securities

The mortgage-related securities in which a Portfolio may invest typically are securities representing interests in pools of mortgage loans made by lenders such as savings and loan associations, mortgage bankers and commercial banks and are assembled for sale to investors (such as a Portfolio) by governmental, government-related or private organizations. Private organizations include commercial banks, savings associations, mortgage companies, investment banking firms, finance companies, special purpose finance entities (called special purpose vehicles or SPVs) and other entities that acquire and package loans for resales as

mortgage-related securities. Specifically, these securities may include pass-through mortgage-related securities, collateralized mortgage obligations (“CMOs”), CMO residuals, adjustable-rate mortgage securities (“ARMS”), stripped mortgage-backed securities (“SMBSs”), commercial mortgage-backed securities, TBA mortgage-backed securities, mortgage dollar rolls, collateralized obligations, Canadian Government Guaranteed Mortgage Related Securities and other securities that directly or indirectly represent a participation in or are secured by and payable from mortgage loans on real property and other assets.

Pass-Through Mortgage-Related Securities. Interests in pools of mortgage-related securities differ from other forms of debt securities, which normally provide for periodic payment of interest in fixed amounts with principal payments at maturity or specified call dates. Instead, these securities provide a monthly payment consisting of both interest and principal payments. In effect, these payments are a “pass-through” of the monthly payments made by the individual borrowers on their residential mortgage loans, net of any fees paid to the issuer or guarantor of such securities. Additional payments are caused by repayments of principal resulting from the sale of the underlying residential property, refinancing or foreclosure, net of fees or costs that may be incurred. Some mortgage-related securities, such as securities issued by Government National Mortgage Association (“GNMA”), are described as “modified pass-through”. These securities entitle the holder to receive all interest and principal payments owed on the mortgage pool, net of certain fees, regardless of whether or not the mortgagor actually makes the payment.

The average life of pass-through pools varies with the maturities of the underlying mortgage instruments. In addition, a pool’s term may be shortened by unscheduled or early payments of principal and interest on the underlying mortgages. The occurrence of mortgage prepayments is affected by factors including the level of interest rates, general economic conditions, the location and age of the mortgage and other social and demographic conditions. As prepayment rates of individual pools vary widely, it is not possible to accurately predict the average life of a particular pool. For pools of fixed-rate 30-year mortgages, common industry practice is to assume that prepayments will result in a 12-year average life. Pools of mortgages with other maturities or different characteristics will have varying average life assumptions. The assumed average life of pools of mortgages having terms of less than 30 years, is less than 12 years, but typically not less than 5 years.

Yields on pass-through securities are typically quoted by investment dealers and vendors based on the maturity of the underlying instruments and the associated average life assumption. In periods of falling interest rates, the rate of prepayment tends to increase, thereby shortening the actual average life of a pool of mortgage-related securities. Conversely, in periods of rising interest rates the rate of prepayment tends to decrease, thereby lengthening the actual average life of the pool. Historically, actual average life has been consistent with the 12-year assumption referred to above. Actual prepayment experience may cause the yield to differ from the assumed average life yield. Reinvestment of prepayments may occur at higher or lower interest rates than the original investment, thus affecting the yield of a Portfolio. The compounding effect from reinvestment of monthly payments received by a Portfolio will increase the yield to shareholders compared with bonds that pay interest semi-annually.

The principal governmental (*i.e.*, backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government) guarantor of mortgage-related securities is GNMA. GNMA is a wholly-owned U.S. Government corporation within the Department of Housing and Urban Development. GNMA is authorized to guarantee, with the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, the timely payment of principal and interest on securities issued by institutions approved by GNMA (such as savings and loan institutions, commercial banks and mortgage bankers) and backed by pools of Federal Housing Administration-insured or U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs-guaranteed mortgages.

Government-related (*i.e.*, not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government) guarantors include the Federal National Mortgage Association (“FNMA”) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“FHLMC”). FNMA and FHLMC are a government-sponsored corporation and corporate instrumentality of the U.S. Government, respectively, (government-sponsored entities or “GSEs”), which were owned entirely by private stockholders until 2008 when they were placed in conservatorship by the U.S. Government. After being placed in conservatorship, the GSEs issued senior preferred stock and common stock to the U.S. Department of the Treasury (“U.S. Treasury”) in an amount equal to 79.9% of each GSE in return for certain funding and liquidity arrangements. The GSEs continue to operate as going concerns while in conservatorship and each remains liable for all of its obligations associated with its mortgage-backed securities. The U.S. Treasury provided additional funding to the GSEs, but recently the GSEs have been paying dividends to the U.S. Treasury in a cumulative amount almost equal to the payments made to the GSEs by the U.S. Treasury since 2008. The future of the GSEs is unclear as Congress is considering whether to adopt legislation that would severely restrict or even terminate their operations. FNMA purchases residential mortgages from a list of approved seller/servicers which include state and federally chartered savings and loan associations, mutual savings banks, commercial banks and credit unions and mortgage bankers. Pass-through securities issued by FNMA are guaranteed as to timely payment of principal and interest by FNMA. Participation certificates issued by FHLMC, which represent interests in mortgages from FHLMC’s national portfolio, are guaranteed by FHLMC as to the timely payment of interest and ultimate collection of principal.

Commercial banks, savings and loan associations, private mortgage insurance companies, mortgage bankers and other secondary market issuers create pass-through pools of conventional residential mortgage loans. Securities representing interests in pools created by non-governmental private issuers generally offer a higher rate of interest than securities representing interests in pools created by governmental issuers because there are no direct or indirect governmental guarantees of the underlying mortgage payments. However, private issuers sometimes obtain committed loan facilities, lines of credit, letters of credit, surety bonds or other forms of liquidity and credit enhancement to support the timely payment of interest and principal with respect to their securities if the borrowers on the underlying mortgages fail to make their mortgage payments. The ratings of such non-governmental securities are generally dependent upon the ratings of the providers of such liquidity and credit support and would be adversely affected if the rating of such an enhancer were downgraded.

The structuring of the pass-through pool may also provide credit enhancement. Examples of such credit support arising out of the structure of the transaction include the issue of senior and subordinated securities (*e.g.*, the issuance of securities by a SPV in multiple classes or

“tranches”, with one or more classes being senior to other subordinated classes as to payment of principal and interest, with the result that defaults on the underlying mortgage loans are borne first by the holders of the subordinated class); creation of “reserve funds” (in which case cash or investments sometimes funded from a portion of the payments on the underlying mortgage loans, are held in reserve against future losses); and “overcollateralization” (in which case the scheduled payments on, or the principal amount of, the underlying mortgage loans exceeds that required to make payment of the securities and pay any servicing or other fees). There can be no guarantee the credit enhancements, if any, will be sufficient to prevent losses in the event of defaults on the underlying mortgage loans.

In addition, mortgage-related securities that are issued by private issuers are not subject to the underwriting requirements for the underlying mortgages that are applicable to those mortgage-related securities that have a government or government-sponsored entity guaranteed. As a result, the mortgage loans underlying private mortgage-related securities may, and frequently do, have less favorable collateral, credit risk or other underwriting characteristics than government or government-sponsored mortgage-related securities and have wider variances in a number of terms, including interest rate, term, size, purposes and borrower characteristics. Privately-issued pools more frequently include second mortgages, high loan-to-value mortgages and manufactured housing loans. The coupon rates and maturities of the underlying mortgage loans in a private-label mortgage-related pool may vary to a greater extent than those included in a government guaranteed pool, and the pool may include subprime mortgage loans. Subprime loans refer to loans made to borrowers with weakened credit histories or with a lower capacity to make timely payments on their loans. For these reasons, the loans underlying these securities have had in many cases higher default rates than those loans that meet government underwriting requirements.

Collateralized Mortgage Obligations. Another form of mortgage-related security is a “pay-through” security, which is a debt obligation of the issuer secured by a pool of mortgage loans pledged as collateral that is legally required to be paid by the issuer, regardless of whether payments are actually made on the underlying mortgages. CMOs are the predominant type of “pay-through” mortgage-related security. In a CMO, a series of bonds or certificates is issued in multiple classes. Each class of a CMO, often referred to as a “tranche”, is issued at a specific coupon rate and has a stated maturity or final distribution date. Principal prepayments on collateral underlying a CMO may cause one or more tranches of the CMO to be retired substantially earlier than the stated maturities or final distribution dates of the collateral. Although payment of the principal of, and interest on, the underlying collateral securing privately issued CMOs may be guaranteed by GNMA, FNMA or FHLMC, these CMOs represent obligations solely of the private issuer and are not insured or guaranteed by GNMA, FNMA, FHLMC, any other governmental agency or any other person or entity.

Adjustable-Rate Mortgage Securities. ARMS bear interest at a rate determined by reference to a predetermined interest rate or index. ARMS may be secured by fixed-rate mortgages or adjustable-rate mortgages. ARMS secured by fixed-rate mortgages generally have lifetime caps on the coupon rates of the securities. To the extent that general interest rates increase faster than the interest rates on the ARMS, these ARMS will decline in value. The adjustable-rate mortgages that secure ARMS will frequently have caps that limit the maximum amount by which the interest rate or the monthly principal and interest payments on the

mortgages may increase. These payment caps can result in negative amortization (*i.e.*, an increase in the balance of the mortgage loan). Furthermore, since many adjustable-rate mortgages only reset on an annual basis, the values of ARMS tend to fluctuate to the extent that changes in prevailing interest rates are not immediately reflected in the interest rates payable on the underlying adjustable-rate mortgages.

Stripped Mortgage-Related Securities. Stripped mortgage-related securities (“SMRS”) are mortgage-related securities that are usually structured with separate classes of securities collateralized by a pool of mortgages or a pool of mortgage-backed bonds or pass-through securities, with each class receiving different proportions of the principal and interest payments from the underlying assets. A common type of SMRS has one class of interest-only securities (IOs) receiving all of the interest payments from the underlying assets and one class of principal-only securities (POs) receiving all of the principal payments from the underlying assets. IOs and POs are extremely sensitive to interest rate changes and are more volatile than mortgage-related securities that are not stripped. IOs tend to decrease in value as interest rates decrease and are extremely sensitive to the rate of principal payments (including prepayments) on the related underlying mortgage assets, and a rapid rate of principal prepayments may have a material adverse effect on the yield to maturity of the IO class. POs generally increase in value as interest rates decrease. If prepayments of the underlying mortgages are greater than anticipated, the amount of interest earned on the overall pool will decrease due to the decreasing principal balance of the assets. Due to their structure and underlying cash flows, SMRS may be more volatile than mortgage-related securities that are not stripped. Changes in the values of IOs and POs can be substantial and occur quickly, such as occurred in the first half of 1994 when the value of many POs dropped precipitously due to increases in interest rates.

A Portfolio will only invest in SMRS that are issued by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities and supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Although SMRS are purchased and sold by institutional investors through several investment banking firms acting as brokers or dealers, the complexity of these instruments and the smaller number of investors in the sector can lead to illiquid markets in the sector.

Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities. Commercial mortgage-backed securities are securities that represent an interest in, or are secured by, mortgage loans secured by multifamily or commercial properties, such as industrial and warehouse properties, office buildings, retail space and shopping malls, and cooperative apartments, hotels and motels, nursing homes, hospitals and senior living centers. Commercial mortgage-backed securities have been issued in public and private transactions by a variety of public and private issuers using a variety of structures, some of which were developed in the residential mortgage context, including multi-class structures featuring senior and subordinated classes. Commercial mortgage-backed securities may pay fixed or floating rates of interest. The commercial mortgage loans that underlie commercial mortgage-related securities have certain distinct risk characteristics. Commercial mortgage loans generally lack standardized terms, which may complicate their structure, tend to have shorter maturities than residential mortgage loans and may not be fully amortizing. Commercial properties themselves tend to be unique and are more difficult to value than single-family residential properties. In addition, commercial properties, particularly industrial and warehouse properties, are subject to environmental risks and the burdens and costs of compliance with environmental laws and regulations.

Certain Risks. The value of mortgage-related securities is affected by a number of factors. Unlike traditional debt securities, which have fixed maturity dates, mortgage-related securities may be paid earlier than expected as a result of prepayments of underlying mortgages. Such prepayments generally occur during periods of falling mortgage interest rates. If property owners make unscheduled prepayments of their mortgage loans, these prepayments will result in the early payment of the applicable mortgage-related securities. In that event, a Portfolio may be unable to invest the proceeds from the early payment of the mortgage-related securities in investments that provide as high a yield as the mortgage-related securities. Early payments associated with mortgage-related securities cause these securities to experience significantly greater price and yield volatility than is experienced by traditional fixed-income securities. The level of general interest rates, general economic conditions and other social and demographic factors affect the occurrence of mortgage prepayments. During periods of falling interest rates, the rate of mortgage prepayments tends to increase, thereby tending to decrease the life of mortgage-related securities. Conversely, during periods of rising interest rates, a reduction in prepayments may increase the effective life of mortgage-related securities, subjecting them to greater risk of decline in market value in response to rising interest rates. If the life of a mortgage-related security is inaccurately predicted, the Portfolio may not be able to realize the rate of return it expected.

As with other fixed-income securities, there is also the risk of nonpayment of mortgage-related securities, particularly for those securities that are backed by mortgage pools that contain subprime loans. Market factors adversely affecting mortgage loan repayments include a general economic downturn, high unemployment, a general slowdown in the real estate market, a drop in the market prices of real estate, or higher mortgage payments required to be made by holders of adjustable rate mortgages due to scheduled increases or increases due to higher interest rates.

Subordinated mortgage-related securities may have additional risks. The subordinated mortgage-related security may serve as credit support for the senior securities purchased by other investors. In addition, the payments of principal and interest on these subordinated securities generally will be made only after payments are made to the holders of securities senior to the subordinated securities. Therefore, if there are defaults on the underlying mortgage loans, the holders of subordinated mortgage-related securities will be less likely to receive payments of principal and interest and will be more likely to suffer a loss.

Commercial mortgage-related securities, like all fixed-income securities, generally decline in value as interest rates rise. Moreover, although generally the value of fixed-income securities increases during periods of falling interest rates, this inverse relationship is not as marked in the case of single-family residential mortgage-related securities, due to the increased likelihood of prepayments during periods of falling interest rates, and may not be as marked in the case of commercial mortgage-related securities. The process used to rate commercial mortgage-related securities may focus on, among other factors, the structure of the security, the quality and adequacy of collateral and insurance, and the creditworthiness of the originators, servicing companies and providers of credit support.

Although the market for mortgage-related securities is becoming increasingly liquid, those issued by certain private organizations may not be readily marketable. There may be

a limited market for these securities, especially when there is a perceived weakness in the mortgage and real estate market sectors. In particular, the secondary markets for CMOs, IOs and POs may be more volatile and less liquid than those for other mortgage-related securities, thereby potentially limiting a Portfolio's ability to buy or sell those securities at any particular time. Without an active trading market, mortgage-related securities held in the Portfolio's portfolio may be particularly difficult to value because of the complexities involved in the value of the underlying mortgages. In addition, the rating agencies may have difficulties in rating commercial mortgage-related securities through different economic cycles and in monitoring such ratings on a longer-term basis.

As with fixed-income securities generally, the value of mortgage-related securities can also be adversely affected by increases in general interest rates relative to the yield provided by such securities. Such an adverse effect is especially possible with fixed-rate mortgage securities. If the yield available on other investments rises above the yield of the fixed-rate mortgage securities as a result of general increases in interest rate levels, the value of the mortgage-related securities will decline.

Other Asset-Backed Securities. A Portfolio may invest in other asset-backed securities. The securitization techniques used to develop mortgage-related securities are being applied to a broad range of financial assets. Through the use of trusts and special purpose corporations, various types of assets, including automobile loans and leases, credit card receivables, home equity loans, equipment leases and trade receivables, are being securitized in structures similar to the structures used in mortgage securitizations. For example, a Portfolio may invest in collateralized debt obligations ("CDOs"), which include collateralized bond obligations ("CBOs"), collateralized loan obligations ("CLOs"), and other similarly structured securities. CBOs and CLOs are types of asset-backed securities. A CBO is a trust, which is backed by a diversified pool of high-risk, below investment grade fixed-income securities. A CLO is a trust typically collateralized by a pool of loans, which may include, among others, domestic and foreign senior secured loans, senior unsecured loans, and subordinate corporate loans, including loans that may be rated below investment grade or equivalent unrated loans. These asset-backed securities are subject to risks associated with changes in interest rates, prepayment of underlying obligations and defaults similar to the risks of investment in mortgage-related securities discussed above.

Each type of asset-backed security also entails unique risks depending on the type of assets involved and the legal structure used. For example, credit card receivables are generally unsecured obligations of the credit card holder 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. There have also been proposals to cap the interest rate that a credit card issuer may charge. In some transactions, the value of the asset-backed security is dependent on the performance of a third party acting as credit enhancer or servicer. Furthermore, in some transactions (such as those involving the securitization of vehicle loans or leases) it may be administratively burdensome to perfect the interest of the security issuer in the underlying collateral and the underlying collateral may become damaged or stolen.

Structured Securities. A Portfolio may invest in securities issued in structured financing transactions, which generally involve aggregating types of debt assets in a pool or special purpose entity and then issuing new securities. Types of structured financings include, for example, mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities. A Portfolio's investments include investments in structured securities that represent interests in entities organized and operated solely for the purpose of restructuring the investment characteristics of debt obligations. 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 of the type in which a Portfolio anticipates it will invest typically involve no credit enhancement, their credit risk generally will be equivalent to that of the underlying instruments.

A Portfolio is permitted to invest in a class of Structured Securities that is either subordinated or unsubordinated to the right of payment of another class. Subordinated Structured Securities typically have higher yields and present greater risks than unsubordinated Structured Securities.

Under the terms of subordinated securities, payments that would be made to their holders may be required to be made to the holders of more senior securities and/or the subordinated or junior securities may have junior liens, if they have any rights at all, in any collateral (meaning proceeds of the collateral are required to be paid first to holders of more senior securities). As a result, subordinated or junior securities will be disproportionately affected by a default or even a perceived decline in the creditworthiness of the issuer.

Preferred Stock

A Portfolio may invest in preferred stock. Preferred stock is an equity security that has features of debt because it generally entitles the holder to periodic payments at a fixed rate of return. Preferred stock is subordinated to any debt the issuer has outstanding but has liquidation preference over common stock. Accordingly, preferred stock dividends are not paid until all debt obligations are first met. Preferred stock may be subject to more fluctuations in market value, due to changes in market participants' perceptions of the issuer's ability to continue to pay dividends, than debt of the same issuer.

Real Estate Investment Trusts

Real Estate Investment Trusts ("REITs") are pooled investment vehicles that invest primarily in income-producing real estate or real estate related loans or interests. REITs are generally classified as equity REITs, mortgage REITs or a combination of equity and mortgage REITs. Equity REITs invest the majority of their assets directly in real property and derive income primarily from the collection of rents. Equity REITs can also realize capital gains

by selling properties that have appreciated in value. Mortgage REITs invest the majority of their assets in real estate mortgages and derive income from the collection of principal and interest and payments. Similar to investment companies, such as the Portfolios, REITs are not taxed on income distributed to shareholders provided they comply with several requirements of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). A Portfolio will indirectly bear its proportionate share of expenses incurred by REITs in which the Portfolio invests in addition to the expenses incurred directly by the Portfolio.

Investing in REITs involves certain unique risks in addition to those risks associated with investing in the real estate industry in general. Equity REITs may be affected by changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the REITs, while mortgage REITs may be affected by the quality of any credit extended. REITs are dependent upon management skills, are not diversified, and are subject to heavy cash flow dependency, default by borrowers and self-liquidation.

Investing in REITs involves risks similar to those associated with investing in small-capitalization companies. REITs may have limited financial resources, may trade less frequently and in a limited volume and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements than larger company securities. Historically, small-capitalization stocks, such as REITs, have had more price volatility than larger capitalization stocks.

REITs are subject to the possibilities of failing to qualify for tax-free pass-through of income under the Code and failing to maintain their exemptions from registration under the 1940 Act. REITs (especially mortgage REITs) also are subject to interest rate risks. When interest rates decline, the value of a REIT’s investment in fixed-rate obligations can be expected to rise. Conversely, when interest rates rise, the value of a REIT’s investment in fixed-rate obligations can be expected to decline. In contrast, as interest rates on adjustable-rate mortgage loans are reset periodically, yields on a REIT’s investments in such loans will gradually align themselves to reflect changes in market interest rates, causing the value of such investments to fluctuate less dramatically in response to interest rate fluctuations than would investments in fixed-rate obligations.

Repurchase Agreements and Buy/Sell Back Transactions

A repurchase agreement is an agreement by which a Portfolio purchases a security and obtains a simultaneous commitment from the seller to repurchase the security at an agreed-upon price and date, normally one day or a week later. The purchase and repurchase obligations are transacted under one document. The resale price is greater than the purchase price, reflecting an agreed-upon “interest rate” that is effective for the period of time the buyer’s money is invested in the security, and which is related to the current market rate of the purchased security rather than its coupon rate. During the term of a repurchase agreement, a Portfolio monitors on a daily basis the market value of the securities subject to the agreement and, if the market value of the securities falls below the resale amount provided under the repurchase agreement, the seller under the repurchase agreement is required to provide additional securities or cash equal to the amount by which the market value of the securities falls below the resale amount. Because a repurchase agreement permits a Portfolio to invest temporarily available cash on a fully-collateralized basis, repurchase agreements permit the Portfolio to earn a return on temporarily

available cash while retaining “overnight” flexibility in pursuit of investments of a longer-term nature. Repurchase agreements may exhibit the characteristics of loans by a Portfolio.

The obligation of the seller under the repurchase agreement is not guaranteed, and there is a risk that the seller may fail to repurchase the underlying security, whether because of the seller’s bankruptcy or otherwise. In such event, a Portfolio would attempt to exercise its rights with respect to the underlying security, including possible sale of the securities. A Portfolio may incur various expenses in connection with the exercise of its rights and may be subject to various delays and risks of loss, including (a) possible declines in the value of the underlying securities, (b) possible reduction in levels of income and (c) lack of access to the securities (if they are held through a third-party custodian) and possible inability to enforce the Portfolio’s rights. The Board has established procedures, which are periodically reviewed by the Board, pursuant to which the Adviser monitors the creditworthiness of the dealers with which the Portfolio enters into repurchase agreement transactions.

A Portfolio may enter into buy/sell back transactions, which are similar to repurchase agreements. In this type of transaction, a Portfolio enters a trade to buy securities at one price and simultaneously enters a trade to sell the same securities at another price on a specified date. Similar to a repurchase agreement, the repurchase price is higher than the sale price and reflects current interest rates. Unlike a repurchase agreement, however, the buy/sell back transaction, though done simultaneously, constitutes two separate legal agreements. A buy/sell back transaction also differs from a repurchase agreement in that the seller is not required to provide margin payments if the value of the securities falls below the repurchase price because the transaction constitutes two separate transactions. A Portfolio has the risk of changes in the value of the purchased security during the term of the buy/sell back agreement although these agreements typically provide for the repricing of the original transaction at a new market price if the value of the security changes by a specific amount.

Reverse Repurchase Agreements

Reverse repurchase agreements are identical to repurchase agreements except that rather than buying securities for cash subject to their repurchase by the seller, a Portfolio sells portfolio assets concurrently with an agreement by the Portfolio to repurchase the same assets at a later date at a fixed price slightly higher than the sale price. During the reverse repurchase agreement period, the Portfolio continues to receive principal and interest payments on these securities. Generally, the effect of a reverse repurchase agreement is that the Portfolio can recover all or most of the cash invested in the portfolio securities involved during the term of the reverse repurchase agreement, while it will be able to keep the interest income associated with those portfolio securities. Such transactions are advantageous only if the “interest cost” to the Portfolio of the reverse repurchase transaction, *i.e.*, the difference between the sale and repurchase price for the securities, is less than the cost of otherwise obtaining the cash.

Reverse repurchase agreements involve the risk that the market value of the securities the Portfolio is obligated to repurchase under the agreement may decline below the repurchase price. In the event the buyer of securities under a reverse repurchase agreement files for bankruptcy or becomes insolvent, the Portfolio’s use of the proceeds of the agreement may be restricted pending a determination by the other party, or its trustee or receiver, whether to

enforce the Portfolio's obligation to repurchase the securities. In addition, the use of these investments results in leveraging the Portfolio's common stocks because the Portfolio uses the proceeds to make investments in other securities. See "Borrowing and Use of Leverage" below.

Rights and Warrants

A Portfolio may invest in rights and warrants, which entitle the holder to buy equity securities at a specific price for a specific period of time but will do so only if the equity securities themselves are deemed appropriate by the Adviser for inclusion in the Portfolio's portfolio. Rights and warrants may be considered more speculative than certain other types of investments in that they do not entitle a holder to dividends or voting rights with respect to the underlying securities which may be purchased nor do they represent any rights in the assets of the issuing company. Also, the value of a right or warrant does not necessarily change with the value of the underlying securities and a right or warrant ceases to have value if it is not exercised prior to the expiration date.

Securities Acquired in Restructurings and Workouts

A Portfolio's investments may include fixed-income securities (particularly lower-rated fixed-income securities) or loan participations that default or are in risk of default ("Distressed Securities"). A Portfolio's investments may also include senior obligations of a borrower issued in connection with a restructuring pursuant to Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (commonly known as "debtor-in-possession" or "DIP" financings). Distressed Securities may be the subject of restructurings outside of bankruptcy court in a negotiated workout or in the context of bankruptcy proceedings. In connection with these investments or an exchange or workout of such securities, a Portfolio may determine or be required to accept various instruments. These instruments may include, but are not limited to, equity securities, warrants, rights, participation interests in sales of assets and contingent-interest obligations. Depending upon, among other things, the Adviser's evaluation of the potential value of such securities in relation to the price that could be obtained at any given time if they were sold, a Portfolio may determine to hold the securities in its portfolio.

Securities Ratings

The ratings of fixed-income securities by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") Fitch Ratings ("Fitch") and A.M. Best Company are a generally accepted barometer of credit risk. They are, however, subject to certain limitations from an investor's standpoint. The rating of an issuer is heavily weighted by past developments and does not necessarily reflect probable future conditions. There is frequently a lag between the time a rating is assigned and the time it is updated. In addition, there may be varying degrees of difference in credit risk of securities within each rating category.

Securities rated Baa, BBB+, BBB, or BBB- by S&P or Baa1, Baa2 or Baa3 by Moody's are considered by Moody's to have speculative characteristics. Sustained periods of deteriorating economic conditions or rising interest rates are more likely to lead to a weakening in the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal than in the case of higher-rated securities.

Non-rated securities will also be considered for investment by a Portfolio when the Adviser believes that the financial condition of the issuers of such securities, or the protection afforded by the terms of the securities themselves, limits the risk to a Portfolio to a degree comparable to that of rated securities which are consistent with a Portfolio's objectives and policies.

The Adviser generally uses ratings issued by S&P, Moody's and Fitch. Some securities are rated by more than one of these ratings agencies, and the ratings assigned to the security by the rating agencies may differ. In such an event and for purposes of determining compliance with restrictions on investments for the Portfolios, if a security is rated by two or more rating agencies, the Adviser will deem the security to be rated at the highest rating. For example, if a security is rated by Moody's and S&P only, with Moody's rating the security as Ba and S&P as BBB, the Adviser will deem the security to be rated as the equivalent of BBB (*i.e.*, Baa by Moody's and BBB by S&P). Or, if a security is rated by Moody's, S&P and Fitch, with Moody's rating the security as Ba, S&P as BBB and Fitch as BB, the Adviser will deem the security to be rated as the equivalent of BBB (*i.e.*, Ba1 by Moody's, BBB by S&P and BBB by Fitch).

The Adviser will try to reduce the risk inherent in a Portfolio's investment in fixed-income securities through credit analysis, diversification and attention to current developments and trends in interest rates and economic conditions. However, there can be no assurance that losses will not occur. In considering high-yielding investments for a Portfolio, the Adviser will attempt to identify those fixed-income securities whose financial condition is adequate to meet future obligations, has improved or is expected to improve in the future. The Adviser's analysis focuses on relative values based on such factors as interest or dividend coverage, asset coverage earnings prospects and the experience and managerial strength of the issuer.

Unless otherwise indicated, references to securities ratings by one rating agency in this SAI shall include the equivalent rating by another rating agency.

Short Sales

A Portfolio may make short sales of securities or maintain a short position. A short sale is effected by selling a security that a Portfolio does not own, or if the Portfolio does own such security, it is not to be delivered upon consummation of sale. A short sale is against the box to the extent that a Portfolio contemporaneously owns or has the right to obtain securities identical to those sold. A short sale of a security involves the risk that, instead of declining, the price of the security sold short will rise. If the price of the securities sold short increases between the time of a short sale and the time a Portfolio replaces the borrowed security, the Portfolio will incur a loss; conversely, if the price declines, the Portfolio will realize a gain. The potential for the price of a fixed-income security sold short to rise is a function of both the remaining maturity of the obligation, its creditworthiness and its yield. Unlike short sales of equities or other instruments, potential for the price of a fixed-income security to rise may be limited due to the fact that the security will be no more than par at maturity. However, the short sale of other instruments or securities generally, including fixed-income securities convertible into equities or other instruments, a fixed-income security trading at a deep discount from par or

which pays a coupon that is high in relative or absolute terms, or which is denominated in a currency other than the U.S. Dollar, involves the possibility of a theoretically unlimited loss since there is a theoretically unlimited potential for the market price of the security sold short to increase.

Special Situations

A special situation arises when, in the opinion of the Adviser, the securities of a particular company will, within a reasonably estimable period of time, be accorded market recognition at an appreciated value solely by reason of a development particularly or uniquely applicable to that company, and regardless of general business conditions or movements of the market as a whole. Developments creating special situations might include, among others, liquidations, reorganizations, recapitalizations or mergers, material litigation, technological breakthroughs and new management or management policies. Although large and well-known companies may be involved, special situations often involve much greater risk than is inherent in ordinary investment securities.

Standby Commitment Agreements

A Portfolio may, from time to time, enter into standby commitment agreements. Such agreements commit a 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 and coupon of the security are fixed at the time of the commitment. At the time of entering into the agreement a Portfolio is paid a commitment fee, regardless of whether or not the security is ultimately issued. A Portfolio will enter into such agreements only for the purpose of investing in the security underlying the commitment at a yield and price which are considered advantageous to the Portfolio and which are unavailable on a firm commitment basis.

There can be no assurance that the securities subject to a standby commitment will be issued, and the value of the security, if issued, on the delivery date may be more or less than its purchase price. Since the issuance of the security underlying the commitment is at the option of the issuer, a Portfolio will bear the risk of capital loss in the event the value of the security declines and may not benefit from an appreciation in the value of the security during the commitment period if the issuer decides not to issue and sell the security to the Portfolio.

The purchase of a security subject to a standby commitment agreement and the related commitment fee will be recorded on the date on which the security can reasonably be expected to be issued, and the value of the security will thereafter be reflected in the calculation of a Portfolio's NAV. The cost basis of the security will be adjusted by the amount of the commitment fee. In the event the security is not issued, the commitment fee will be recorded as income on the expiration date of the standby commitment.

Structured Products

A Portfolio may invest in structured products. Structured products, including indexed or structured securities, combine the elements of futures contracts or options with those of debt, preferred equity or a depositary instrument. Generally, the principal amount, amount payable upon maturity or redemption, or interest rate of a structured product is tied (either

positively or negatively) to prices, changes in prices, or differences between prices, of underlying assets, such as securities, currencies, intangibles, goods, articles or commodities or by reference to an unrelated benchmark related to an objective index, economic factor or other measure, such as interest rates, currency exchange rates, commodity indices, and securities indices. The interest rate or (unlike most fixed-income securities) the principal amount payable at maturity of a structured product may be increased or decreased depending on changes in the value of the underlying asset or benchmark.

Structured products may take a variety of forms. Most commonly, they are in the form of 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, but may also be issued as 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.

Investing in structured products may be more efficient and less expensive for a Portfolio than investing in the underlying assets or benchmarks and the related derivative. These investments can be used as a means of pursuing a variety of investment goals, including currency hedging, duration management and increased total return. In addition, structured products may be a tax-advantaged investment in that they generate income that may be distributed to shareholders as income rather than short-term capital gains that may otherwise result from a derivatives transaction.

Structured products, however, have more risk than traditional types of debt or other securities. These products may not bear interest or pay dividends. The value of a structured product or its interest rate may be a multiple of a benchmark and, as a result, may be leveraged and move (up or down) more steeply and rapidly than the benchmark. Under certain conditions, the redemption value of a structured product could be zero. Structured products are potentially more volatile and carry greater market risks than traditional debt instruments. The prices of the structured instrument and the benchmark or underlying asset may not move in the same direction or at the same time. Structured products may be less liquid and more difficult to price than less complex securities or instruments or more traditional debt securities. The risk of these investments can be substantial with the possibility that the entire principal amount is at risk. The purchase of structured products also exposes a Portfolio to the credit risk of the issuer of the structured product.

Structured Notes and Indexed Securities: A Portfolio may invest in a particular type of structured instrument sometimes referred to as a “structured note”. The terms of these notes may be structured by the issuer and the purchaser of the note. Structured notes are derivative debt instruments, the interest rate or principal of which is determined by an unrelated indicator (for example, a currency, security, commodity or index thereof). Indexed securities may include structured notes as well as securities other than debt securities, the interest rate or principal of which is determined by an unrelated indicator. The terms of structured notes and indexed securities may provide that in certain circumstances no principal is due at maturity, which may result in a total loss of invested capital. Structured notes and indexed securities may be positively or negatively indexed, so that appreciation of the unrelated indicator may produce an increase or a decrease in the interest rate or the value of the structured note or indexed

security at maturity may be calculated as a specified multiple of the change in the value of the unrelated indicator. Therefore, the value of such notes and securities may be very volatile. Structured notes and indexed securities may entail a greater degree of market risk than other types of debt securities because the investor bears the risk of the unrelated indicator. Structured notes or indexed securities also may be more volatile, less liquid, and more difficult to accurately price than less complex securities and instruments or more traditional debt securities.

Commodity Index-Linked Notes and Commodity-Linked Notes: Structured products may provide exposure to the commodities markets. These structured notes may include leveraged or unleveraged commodity index-linked notes, which are derivative debt instruments with principal and/or coupon payments linked to the performance of commodity indices. They also include commodity-linked notes with principal and/or coupon payments linked to the value of particular commodities or commodities futures contracts, or a subset of commodities and commodities future contracts. The value of these notes will rise or fall in response to changes in the underlying commodity, commodity futures contract, subset of commodities or commodities futures contracts or commodity index. These notes expose a Portfolio economically to movements in commodity prices. These notes also are subject to risks, such as credit, market and interest rate risks, that in general affect the values of debt securities. In addition, these notes are often leveraged, increasing the volatility of each note's market value relative to changes in the underlying commodity, commodity futures contract or commodity index. Therefore, a Portfolio might receive interest or principal payments on the note that are determined based upon a specified multiple of the change in value of the underlying commodity, commodity futures contract or index.

Credit-Linked Securities: Credit-linked securities are issued by a limited purpose trust or other vehicle that, in turn, invests in a basket of derivative instruments, such as credit default swaps, interest rate swaps and other securities, in order to provide exposure to certain high-yield or other fixed-income markets. For example, a Portfolio may invest in credit-linked securities as a cash management tool in order to gain exposure to certain high-yield markets and/or to remain fully invested when more traditional income-producing securities are not available. Like an investment in a bond, investments in credit-linked securities represent the right to receive periodic income payments (in the form of distributions) and payment of principal at the end of the term of the security. However, these payments are conditioned on the trust's receipt of payments from, and the trust's potential obligations to, the counterparties to the derivative instruments and other securities in which the trust invests. For instance, the trust may sell one or more credit default swaps, under which the trust would receive a stream of payments over the term of the swap agreements provided that no event of default has occurred with respect to the referenced debt obligation upon which the swap is based. If a default occurs, the stream of payments may stop and the trust would be obligated to pay the counterparty the par value (or other agreed-upon value) of the referenced debt obligation. This, in turn, would reduce the amount of income and principal that a Portfolio would receive as an investor in the trust. A Portfolio's investments in these instruments are indirectly subject to the risks associated with derivative instruments, including, among others, credit risk, default or similar event risk, counterparty risk, interest rate risk, and leverage risk and management risk. These securities are generally structured as Rule 144A Securities so that they may be freely traded among institutional buyers. However, changes in the market for credit-linked securities or the availability of willing buyers may result in the securities becoming illiquid.

Trust Preferred Securities

Trust preferred securities are preferred securities typically issued by a special purpose trust subsidiary and backed by subordinated debt of that subsidiary's parent corporation. Unlike typical asset-backed securities, which have many underlying payors and usually are overcollateralized, trust preferred securities have only one underlying payor and are not overcollateralized. Trust preferred securities may have varying maturity dates, at times in excess of 30 years, or may have no specified maturity date with an onerous interest rate adjustment if not called on the first call date. Dividend payments of the trust preferred securities generally coincide with interest payments on the underlying subordinated debt. Issuers of trust preferred securities and their parents currently enjoy favorable tax treatment. If the tax characterization of trust preferred securities were to change, they could be redeemed by the issuers, resulting in a loss to a Portfolio. Trust preferred securities are subject to special risks. Dividend payments only will be paid if interest payments on the underlying obligations are made. These interest payments are dependent on the financial condition of the parent corporation and may be deferred for up to 20 consecutive quarters. There is also the risk that the underlying obligations, and thus the trust preferred securities, may be prepaid after a stated call date or as a result of certain tax or regulatory events, resulting in a lower yield to maturity.

U.S. Government Securities

U.S. Government securities may be backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, supported only by the right of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury or backed only by the credit of the issuing agency itself. These securities include: (i) the following U.S. Treasury securities, which are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States and differ only in their interest rates, maturities and times of issuance: U.S. Treasury bills (maturities of one year or less with no interest paid and hence issued at a discount and repaid at full face value upon maturity), U.S. Treasury notes (maturities of one to ten years with interest payable every six months) and U.S. Treasury bonds (generally maturities of greater than ten years with interest payable every six months); (ii) obligations issued or guaranteed by U.S. Government agencies and instrumentalities that are supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, such as securities issued by GNMA, the Farmers Home Administration, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Export-Import Bank, the General Services Administration and the Small Business Administration, including obligations that are issued by private issuers that are guaranteed as to principal or interest by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities; and (iii) obligations issued or guaranteed by U.S. Government agencies and instrumentalities that are not supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government or a right to borrow from the U.S. Treasury, such as securities issued by the FNMA and FHLMC, and governmental CMOs. The maturities of the U.S. Government securities listed in paragraphs (i) and (ii) above usually range from three months to 30 years. Such securities, except GNMA certificates, normally provide for periodic payments of interest in fixed amount with principal payments at maturity or specified call dates.

U.S. Government securities also include zero-coupon securities and principal-only securities and certain stripped mortgage-related securities. Zero-coupon securities are described in more detail in "Zero-Coupon Treasury Securities" below, and stripped mortgage-related securities and principal-only securities are described in more detail in "Mortgage-Related

Securities and Other Asset-Backed Securities-Stripped Mortgage-Related Securities” above. In addition, other U.S. Government agencies and instrumentalities have issued stripped securities that are similar to SMRS.

Inflation-protected securities, or IPS, such as Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities, or TIPS, are fixed-income securities whose principal value is periodically adjusted according to the rate of inflation. If the index measuring inflation falls, the principal value of these securities will be adjusted downward, and consequently the interest payable on these securities (calculated with respect to a smaller principal amount) will be reduced. Repayment of the original bond principal upon maturity (as adjusted for inflation) is guaranteed in the case of U.S. Treasury inflation-protected securities. For bonds that do not provide a similar guarantee, the adjusted principal value of the bond repaid at maturity may be less than the original principal.

IPS tend to react to changes in real interest rates. In general, the price of these securities can fall when real interest rates rise, and can rise when real interest rates fall. In addition, the value of these securities may be vulnerable to changes in expectations of inflation. Interest payments on these securities can be unpredictable and will vary as the principal and/or interest is adjusted for inflation.

TIPS, which are issued by the U.S Treasury, use the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers, or the CPI, as the inflation measure. The principal of TIPS increases with inflation and decreases with deflation, as measured by the CPI. When TIPS mature, the holder is paid the adjusted principal or original principal, whichever is greater. TIPS pay interest twice a year, at a fixed rate, which is determined by auction at the time the TIPS are issued. The rate is applied to the adjusted principal; so, like the principal, interest payments rise with inflation and fall with deflation. TIPS are issued in terms of 5, 10, and 30 years.

Guarantees of securities by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities guarantee only the payment of principal and interest on the securities, and do not guarantee the securities’ yield or value or the yield or value of the shares of the Portfolio that holds the securities.

U.S. Government securities are considered among the safest of fixed-income investments. As a result, however, their yields are generally lower than the yields available from other fixed-income securities.

Zero-Coupon Treasury Securities. Zero-coupon Treasury securities are U.S. Treasury bills, notes and bonds which have been stripped of their unmatured interest coupons and receipts or certificates representing interests in such stripped debt obligations and coupons. A zero-coupon security is a debt obligation that does not entitle the holder to any periodic payments prior to maturity but, instead, is issued and traded at a discount from its face amount. The discount varies depending on the time remaining until maturity, prevailing interest rates, liquidity of the security and perceived credit quality of the issuer. The market prices of zero-coupon securities are generally more volatile than those of interest-bearing securities, and are likely to respond to changes in interest rates to a greater degree than otherwise comparable securities that do pay periodic interest. Current federal tax law requires that a holder (such as a Portfolio) of a zero-coupon security accrue a portion of the discount at which the security was

purchased as income each year, even though the holder receives no interest payment on the security during the year. As a result, in order to make the distributions necessary for a Portfolio not to be subject to federal income or excise taxes, the Portfolio might be required to pay out as an income distribution each year an amount, obtained by liquidation of portfolio securities if necessary, greater than the total amount of cash that the Portfolio has actually received as interest during the year. The Adviser believes, however, that it is highly unlikely that it would be necessary to liquidate any portfolio securities for this purpose.

Currently the only U.S. Treasury security issued without coupons is the Treasury bill. Although the U.S. Treasury does not itself issue treasury notes and bonds without coupons, under the U.S. Treasury STRIPS program interest and principal on certain long term treasury securities may be maintained separately in the Federal Reserve book entry system and may be separately traded and owned. However, in the last few years a number of banks and brokerage firms have separated (“stripped”) the principal portions (“corpus”) from the coupon portions of the U.S. Treasury bonds and notes and sold them separately in the form of receipts or certificates representing undivided interests in these instruments (which instruments are generally held by a bank in a custodial or trust account).

Variable, Floating and Inverse Floating-Rate Securities

These securities have interest rates that are reset at periodic intervals, usually by reference to some interest rate index or market interest rate. Although the rate adjustment feature may act as a buffer to reduce sharp changes in the value of these securities, they are still subject to changes in value based on changes in market interest rates or changes in the issuer’s creditworthiness. Because the interest rate is reset only periodically, changes in the interest rate on these securities may lag behind changes in prevailing market interest rates. Also, some of these securities (or the underlying mortgages) are subject to caps or floors that limit the maximum change in the interest rate during a specified period or over the life of the security.

Variable Notes

Variable amount master demand notes and variable amount floating-rate notes are obligations that permit the investment of fluctuating amounts by a Portfolio at varying rates of interest pursuant to direct arrangements between the Portfolio, as lender, and the borrower. Master demand notes permit daily fluctuations in the interest rate while the interest rate under variable amount floating rate notes fluctuate on a weekly basis. These notes permit daily changes in the amounts borrowed. A Portfolio has the right to increase the amount under these notes at any time up to the full amount provided by the note agreement, or to decrease the amount, and the borrower may repay up to the full amount of the notes without penalty. Because these types of notes are direct lending arrangements between the lender and the borrower, it is not generally contemplated that such instruments will be traded and there is no secondary market for these notes. Master demand notes are redeemable (and, thus, immediately repayable by the borrower) at face value plus accrued interest at any time. Variable amount floating-rate notes are subject to next-day redemption for 14 days after the initial investment therein. With both types of notes, therefore, a Portfolio’s right to redeem depends on the ability of the borrower to pay principal and interest on demand. In connection with both types of note arrangements, the Portfolio considers earning power, cash flow and other liquidity ratios of the issuer. These notes,

as such, are not typically rated by credit rating agencies. Unless they are so rated, a Portfolio may invest in them only if, at the time of an investment, the issuer has an outstanding issue of unsecured debt rated Aa3 or better by Moody's or AA- or better by S&P or Fitch.

General

The Fund has voluntarily agreed that each Portfolio with the ability to invest in foreign issuers will adhere to the foreign security diversification guidelines promulgated by certain State Insurance Departments. Pursuant to these guidelines, each such Portfolio will invest in issuers from a minimum of five different foreign countries. This minimum will be reduced to four different foreign countries when securities of foreign issuers comprise less than 80% of the Portfolio's NAV, three different foreign countries when securities of foreign issuers comprise less than 60% of the Portfolio's NAV, two different foreign countries when securities of foreign issuers comprise less than 40% of the Portfolio's NAV and one foreign country when securities of foreign issuers comprise less than 20% of the Portfolio's NAV. The Fund has also voluntarily agreed that each Portfolio that may invest in securities of foreign issuers will limit its investment in the securities of issuers located in any one country to 20% of the Portfolio's NAV, except that the Portfolio may have an additional 15% of its NAV invested in securities of issuers located in Australia, Canada, France, Japan, the United Kingdom or Germany.

In addition, the Fund has adopted an investment policy, which is not designated a "fundamental policy" within the meaning of the 1940 Act, of intending to have each Portfolio comply at all times with the diversification requirements prescribed in Section 817(h) of the Code or any successor thereto and the applicable Treasury Regulations thereunder. This policy may be changed upon notice to shareholders of the Fund, but without their approval. For more information, see "Dividends, Distributions and Taxes" below.

Certain Risk and Other Considerations

Borrowing and Use of Leverage. A Portfolio may use borrowings for investment purposes, subject to the restrictions of the 1940 Act. Borrowings by a Portfolio result in leveraging of the Portfolio's shares of common stock. The proceeds of such borrowings will be invested in accordance with the Portfolio's investment objective and policies. A Portfolio may also create leverage through the use of derivatives or use leverage for investment purposes by entering into transactions such as reverse repurchase agreements and forward contracts. This means that the Portfolio uses the cash proceeds made available during the term of these transactions to make investments in other securities.

Utilization of leverage, which is usually considered speculative, however, involves certain risks to a Portfolio's shareholders. These include a higher volatility of the NAV of a Portfolio's shares of common stock and the relatively greater effect on the NAV of the shares caused by favorable or adverse changes in market conditions or interest rates. So long as a Portfolio is able to realize a net return on the leveraged portion of its investment portfolio that is higher than the interest expense paid on borrowings or the carrying costs of leveraged transactions, the effect of leverage will be to cause a Portfolio's shareholders to realize a higher net return than if the Portfolio were not leveraged. However, to the extent that the interest expense on borrowings or the carrying costs of leveraged transactions approaches the net return

on the leveraged portion of a Portfolio's investment portfolio, the benefit of leverage to a Portfolio's shareholders will be reduced, and if the interest expense on borrowings or carrying costs of leveraged transactions were to exceed the net return to shareholders, a Portfolio's use of leverage would result in a lower rate of return than if the Portfolio were not leveraged. Similarly, the effect of leverage in a declining market could be a greater decrease in NAV per share than if a Portfolio were not leveraged. In an extreme case, if a Portfolio's current investment income were not sufficient to meet the interest expense on borrowings or the carrying costs of leveraged transactions, it could be necessary for the Portfolio to liquidate certain of its investments in adverse circumstances, potentially significantly reducing its NAV.

Certain transactions, such as derivatives transactions, forward commitments, reverse repurchase agreements and short sales involve leverage and may expose a Portfolio to potential losses that, in some cases, may exceed the amount originally invested by the Portfolio. When a Portfolio engages in such transactions, it will, in accordance with guidance provided by the SEC or its staff in, among other things, regulations, interpretative releases and no-action letters, deposit in a segregated account certain liquid assets with a value at least equal to the Portfolio's exposure, on a marked-to-market or on another relevant basis, to the transaction. Transactions for which assets have been segregated will not be considered "senior securities" for purposes of the Portfolio's investment restriction concerning senior securities. The segregation of assets is intended to enable the Portfolio to have assets available to satisfy its obligations with respect to these transactions, but will not limit the Portfolio's exposure to loss. As noted above under "Risks of Derivatives and Other Regulatory Issues – Regulatory Risk", the SEC has recently proposed a rule regarding derivatives and similar transactions. The proposed rule would replace the SEC's guidance on asset segregation with new standardized requirements that may, if adopted, limit the Portfolio's flexibility to enter into these transactions by increasing asset segregation amounts.

Cyber Security Risk. As the use of the Internet and other technologies has become more prevalent in the course of business, the Portfolios and their service providers, including the Adviser, have 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 the Portfolios or their service providers or the issuers of securities in which the Portfolios invest have the ability to cause disruptions and affect business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses, the inability of Portfolio shareholders to transact business, violations of applicable privacy and other laws, regulatory fines, 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 the Portfolios do not control the cyber security defenses or plans of their service providers, financial intermediaries and companies in which they invest or with which they do business.

Real Estate Investments

If a Portfolio, including, in particular, the Real Estate Investment Portfolio, receives rental income or income from the disposition of real property acquired as a result of a default on securities the Portfolio owns, the receipt of such income may adversely affect the Portfolio's ability to retain its tax status as a regulated investment company. Investments by the Real Estate Investment Portfolio in securities of companies providing mortgage servicing will be subject to the risks associated with refinancings and their impact on servicing rights.

Risks of Investments in Foreign Securities

Investors should understand and consider carefully the substantial risks involved in securities of foreign companies and governments of foreign nations, some of which are referred to below, and which are in addition to the usual risks inherent in domestic investments. Investing in securities of non-U.S. companies, which are generally denominated in foreign currencies, and utilization of derivative investment products denominated in, or the value of which is dependent upon movements in the relative value of, a foreign currency, involve certain considerations comprising both risk and opportunity not typically associated with investing in U.S. companies. These considerations include changes in exchange rates and exchange control regulations, political and social instability, expropriation, imposition of foreign taxes, less liquid markets and less available information than are generally the case in the United States, higher transaction costs, less government supervision of exchanges, brokers and issuers, difficulty in enforcing contractual obligations, lack of uniform accounting and auditing standards and greater price volatility.

There is generally less publicly available information about foreign companies comparable to reports and ratings that are published about companies in the United States. Foreign issuers are subject to accounting and financial standards and requirements that differ, in some cases significantly, from those applicable to U.S. issuers. In particular, the assets and profits appearing on the financial statements of a foreign issuer may not reflect its financial position or results of operations in the way they would be reflected had the financial statement been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. In addition, for an issuer that keeps accounting records in local currency, inflation accounting rules in some of the countries in which a Portfolio may invest require, for both tax and accounting purposes, that certain assets and liabilities be restated on the issuer's balance sheet in order to express items in terms of currency of constant purchasing power. Inflation accounting may indirectly generate losses or profits. Consequently, financial data may be materially affected by restatements for inflation and may not accurately reflect the real condition of those issuers and securities markets. Substantially less information is publicly available about certain non-U.S. issuers than is available about U.S. issuers.

It is contemplated that foreign securities will be purchased in OTC markets or on stock exchanges located in the countries in which the respective principal offices of the issuers of the various securities are located, if that is the best available market. Foreign securities markets are generally not as developed or efficient as those in the United States. While growing in volume, they usually have substantially less volume than the New York Stock Exchange (the "Exchange"), and securities of some foreign companies are less liquid and more volatile than

securities of comparable U.S. companies. Similarly, volume and liquidity in most foreign bond markets is less than in the United States and, at times, volatility of price can be greater than in the United States. Fixed commissions on foreign stock exchanges are generally higher than negotiated commissions on U.S. exchanges, although a Portfolio will endeavor to achieve the most favorable net results on its portfolio transactions. There is generally less government supervision and regulation of stock exchanges, brokers and listed companies than in the United States.

Expropriation, confiscatory taxation, nationalization, political, economic or social instability or other similar developments, such as military coups, have occurred in the past in countries in which a Portfolio may invest and could adversely affect a Portfolio's assets should these conditions or events recur.

In June 2016, the United Kingdom ("UK") voted in a referendum to leave the European Union ("EU"). On March 29, 2017, the UK notified the European Council of its intention to withdraw from the EU. It is expected that the UK's withdrawal will be completed within two years of such notification. There is still considerable uncertainty relating to the potential consequences of the withdrawal. During this period and beyond, the impact on the UK and European economies and the broader global economy could be significant, resulting in increased volatility and illiquidity, currency fluctuations, impacts on arrangements for trading and on other existing cross-border cooperation arrangements (whether economic, tax, fiscal, legal, regulatory or otherwise), and in potentially lower growth for companies in the UK, Europe and globally, which could have an adverse effect on the value of a Portfolio's investments.

Foreign investment in certain foreign securities is restricted or controlled to varying degrees. These restrictions or controls may at times limit or preclude foreign investment in certain foreign securities and increase the costs and expenses of a Portfolio. Certain countries in which a Portfolio may invest require governmental approval prior to investments by foreign persons, limit the amount of investment by foreign persons in a particular issuer, limit the investment by foreign persons only to a specific class of securities of an issuer that may have less advantageous rights than the classes available for purchase by domiciliaries of the countries and/or impose additional taxes on foreign investors.

Certain countries may require governmental approval for the repatriation of investment income, capital or the proceeds of sales of securities by foreign investors. In addition, if a deterioration occurs in a country's balance of payments, the country could impose temporary restrictions on foreign capital remittances.

Income from certain investments held by a Portfolio could be reduced by foreign income taxes, including withholding taxes. It is impossible to determine the effective rate of foreign tax in advance. A Portfolio's NAV may also be affected by changes in the rates or methods of taxation applicable to that Portfolio or to entities in which that Portfolio has invested. The Adviser generally will consider the cost of any taxes in determining whether to acquire any particular investments, but can provide no assurance that the tax treatment of investments held by the Portfolio will not be subject to change. A shareholder otherwise subject to U.S. federal income taxes may, subject to certain limitations, be entitled to claim a credit or deduction for

U.S. federal income tax purposes for his or her proportionate share of such foreign taxes paid by the Portfolio. See “Dividends, Distributions and Taxes”.

Investors should understand that the expense ratio of a fund investing in securities of foreign issuers may be higher than investment companies investing only in domestic securities since, among other things, the cost of maintaining the custody of securities of foreign issuers is higher and the purchase and sale of portfolio securities may be subject to higher transaction charges, such as stamp duties and turnover taxes.

For many foreign securities, there are U.S. Dollar-denominated ADRs that are traded in the United States on exchanges or OTC. ADRs do not lessen the foreign exchange risk inherent in investing in the securities of foreign issuers. However, by investing in ADRs rather than directly in stock of foreign issuers, a Portfolio can avoid currency risks which might occur during the settlement period for either purchases or sales.

Foreign Currency Transactions. A Portfolio may invest in securities denominated in foreign currencies and a corresponding portion of the Portfolio’s revenues will be received in such currencies. In addition, a Portfolio may conduct foreign currency transactions for hedging and non-hedging purposes on a spot (*i.e.*, cash) basis or through the use of derivatives transactions, such as forward currency exchange contracts, currency futures and options thereon, and options on currencies as described above. The dollar equivalent of a Portfolio’s net assets and distributions will be adversely affected by reductions in the value of certain foreign currencies relative to the U.S. Dollar. Such changes will also affect a Portfolio’s income. A Portfolio will, however, have the ability to attempt to protect itself against adverse changes in the values of foreign currencies by engaging in certain of the investment practices listed above. While a Portfolio has this ability, there is no certainty as to whether and to what extent the Portfolio will engage in these practices.

Currency exchange rates may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time causing, along with other factors, a Portfolio’s NAV to fluctuate. Currency exchange rates generally are determined by the forces of supply and demand in the foreign exchange markets and the relative merits of investments in different countries, actual or anticipated changes in interest rates and other complex factors, as seen from an international perspective. Currency exchange rates also can be affected unpredictably by the intervention of U.S. or foreign governments or central banks, or the failure to intervene, or by currency controls or political developments in the United States or abroad. To the extent a Portfolio’s total assets adjusted to reflect the Portfolio’s net position after giving effect to currency transactions is denominated or quoted in the currencies of foreign countries, the Portfolio will be more susceptible to the risk of adverse economic and political developments within those countries.

A Portfolio will incur costs in connection with conversions between various currencies. A Portfolio may hold foreign currency received in connection with investments when, in the judgment of the Adviser, it would be beneficial to convert such currency into U.S. Dollars at a later date, based on anticipated changes in the relevant exchange rate.

If the value of the foreign currencies in which a Portfolio receives income falls relative to the U.S. Dollar between receipt of the income and the making of Portfolio

distributions, a Portfolio may be required to liquidate securities in order to make distributions if a Portfolio has insufficient cash in U.S. Dollars to meet the distribution requirements that the Portfolio must satisfy to qualify as a regulated investment company for federal income tax purposes. Similarly, if the value of a particular foreign currency declines between the time a Portfolio incurs expenses in U.S. Dollars and the time cash expenses are paid, the amount of the currency required to be converted into U.S. Dollars in order to pay expenses in U.S. Dollars could be greater than the equivalent amount of such expenses in the currency at the time they were incurred. In light of these risks, a Portfolio may engage in certain currency hedging transactions, which themselves, involve certain special risks.

Risks of Forward Currency Exchange Contracts, Foreign Currency Futures Contracts and Options thereon, Options on Foreign Currencies, Over-the-Counter Options on Securities. Transactions in forward currency exchange contracts, as well as futures and options on foreign currencies, are subject to all of the correlation, liquidity and other risks outlined above. In addition, however, such transactions are subject to the risk of governmental actions affecting trading in or the prices of currencies underlying such contracts, which could restrict or eliminate trading and could have a substantial adverse effect on the value of positions held by a Portfolio. In addition, the value of such positions could be adversely affected by a number of other complex political and economic factors applicable to the countries issuing the underlying currencies.

Further, unlike trading in most other types of instruments, there is no systematic reporting of last sale information with respect to the foreign currencies underlying contracts thereon. As a result, the available information on which trading decisions will be based may not be as complete as the comparable data on which a Portfolio makes investment and trading decisions in connection with other transactions. Moreover, because the foreign currency market is a global, twenty-four hour market, events could occur in that market but will not be reflected in the forward, futures or options markets until the following day, thereby preventing the Portfolio from responding to such events in a timely manner.

Settlements of exercises of OTC forward currency exchange contracts or foreign currency options generally must occur within the country issuing the underlying currency, which in turn requires traders to accept or make delivery of such currencies in conformity with any U.S. or foreign restrictions and regulations regarding the maintenance of foreign banking relationships and fees, taxes or other charges.

Unlike transactions entered into by a Portfolio in futures contracts and exchange-traded options, options on foreign currencies, forward currency exchange contracts and OTC options on securities and securities indices may not be traded on contract markets regulated by the CFTC or (with the exception of certain foreign currency options) the SEC. Such instruments are instead traded through financial institutions acting as market-makers, although foreign currency options are also traded on certain national securities exchanges, such as the Philadelphia Stock Exchange and the Chicago Board Options Exchange, that are subject to SEC regulation. In an OTC trading environment, many of the protections afforded to exchange participants will not be available. For example, there are no daily price fluctuation limits, and adverse market movements could therefore continue to an unlimited extent over a period of time. Although the purchaser of an option cannot lose more than the amount of the premium plus

related transaction costs, this entire amount could be lost. Moreover, the option writer could lose amounts substantially in excess of the initial investment due to the margin and collateral requirements associated with such positions.

In addition, OTC transactions can be entered into only with a financial institution willing to take the opposite side, as principal, of a Portfolio's position unless the institution acts as broker and is able to find another counterparty willing to enter into the transaction with the Portfolio. Where no such counterparty is available, it will not be possible to enter into a desired transaction. There also may be no liquid secondary market in the trading of OTC contracts, and the Portfolio could be required to retain options purchased or written, or forward currency exchange contracts, until exercise, expiration or maturity. This in turn could limit the Portfolio's ability to profit from open positions or to reduce losses experienced, and could result in greater losses.

Further, OTC transactions are not subject to the guarantee of an exchange clearinghouse, and a Portfolio will therefore be subject to the risk of default by, or the bankruptcy of, the financial institution serving as its counterparty. The Portfolio will enter into an OTC transaction only with parties whose creditworthiness has been reviewed and found to be satisfactory by the Adviser.

Transactions in OTC options on foreign currencies are subject to a number of conditions regarding the commercial purpose of the purchaser of such option. A Portfolio is not able to determine at this time whether or to what extent additional restrictions on the trading of OTC options on foreign currencies may be imposed at some point in the future, or the effect that any such restrictions may have on the hedging strategies to be implemented by the Portfolio.

Options on foreign currencies traded on national securities exchanges are within the jurisdiction of the SEC, as are other securities traded on such exchanges. As a result, many of the protections provided to traders on organized exchanges will be available with respect to such transactions. In particular, all foreign currency option positions entered into on a national securities exchange are cleared and guaranteed by the Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC"), thereby reducing the risk of counterparty default. Further, a liquid secondary market in options traded on a national securities exchange may be more readily available than in the OTC market, potentially permitting a Portfolio to liquidate open positions at a profit prior to exercise or expiration, or to limit losses in the event of adverse market movements.

The purchase and sale of exchange-traded foreign currency options, however, is subject to the risks of the availability of a liquid secondary market described above, as well as the risks regarding adverse market movements, the margining of options written, the nature of the foreign currency market, possible intervention by governmental authorities and the effects of other political and economic events. In addition, exchange-traded options on foreign currencies involve certain risks not presented by the OTC market. For example, exercise and settlement of such options must be made exclusively through the OCC, which has established banking relationships in applicable foreign countries for this purpose. As a result, if the OCC determines that foreign governmental restrictions or taxes would prevent the orderly settlement of foreign currency option exercises, or would result in undue burdens on the OCC or its clearing member,

the OCC may impose special procedures on exercise and settlement, such as technical changes in the mechanics of delivery of currency, the fixing of dollar settlement prices or prohibitions on exercise.

INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

Fundamental Investment Policies. The following investment restrictions may not be changed without approval by the vote of (1) 67% or more of the shares of that Portfolio represented at a meeting at which more than 50% of the outstanding shares are present in person or by proxy or (2) more than 50% of the outstanding shares of that Portfolio, whichever is less.

As a fundamental policy, a Portfolio:

(a) may not concentrate investments in an industry as concentration may be defined under the 1940 Act or the rules and regulations thereunder (as such statute, rules or regulations may be amended from time to time) or by guidance regarding, interpretations of, or exemptive orders under, the 1940 Act or the rules or regulations thereunder published by appropriate regulatory authorities;¹

(b) may not issue any senior security (as that term is defined in the 1940 Act) or borrow money, except to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act or the rules and regulations thereunder (as such statute, rules or regulations may be amended from time to time) or by guidance regarding, or interpretations of, or exemptive orders under, the 1940 Act or the rules or regulations thereunder published by appropriate regulatory authorities. For purposes of this restriction, margin and collateral arrangements, including, for example, with respect to permitted borrowings, options, futures contracts, options on futures contracts and other derivatives such as swaps are not deemed to involve the issuance of a senior security;

(c) may not make loans except through (i) the purchase of debt obligations in accordance with its investment objective and policies; (ii) the lending of portfolio securities; (iii) the use of repurchase agreements; or (iv) the making of loans to affiliated funds as permitted under the 1940 Act, the rules and regulations thereunder (as such statutes, rules or regulations may be amended from time to time), or by guidance regarding, and interpretations of, or exemptive orders under, the 1940 Act;

¹ The Real Estate Investment Portfolio has not adopted a policy to concentrate investments in any one industry. Although it invests generally in the real estate industry sector, the primary economic characteristics of companies in this sector are materially different. For example, the Real Estate Investment Portfolio invests in equity and mortgage REITs, each of which seeks different types of investments. Equity REITs invest directly in real estate properties, and mortgage REITs make loans to real estate owners and purchase mortgages on real estate. In addition, there are many different types of REITs in which the Real Estate Investment Portfolio may invest, including, for example, those that invest in shopping malls, industrial and office buildings, apartments, warehouses, lodging and hotels, and health care facilities. REITs may also invest in specific regions, states, or countries. Foreign REITs or other non-U.S. real estate investments may have significantly different characteristics than those in the United States.

(d) may not purchase or sell real estate except that it may dispose of real estate acquired as a result of the ownership of securities or other instruments. This restriction does not prohibit a Portfolio from investing in securities or other instruments backed by real estate or in securities of companies engaged in the real estate business;

(e) may purchase or sell commodities or options thereon to the extent permitted by applicable law; and

(f) may not act as an underwriter of securities, except that a Portfolio may acquire restricted securities under circumstances in which, if such securities were sold, the Portfolio might be deemed to be an underwriter for purposes of the Securities Act.

As a fundamental policy, each Portfolio, other than Global Bond Portfolio, Global Risk Allocation—Moderate Portfolio and Multi-Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio, is diversified (as that term is defined in the 1940 Act). This means that at least 75% of the Portfolio's assets consist of:

- Cash or cash items;
- Government securities;
- Securities of other investment companies; and
- Securities of any one issuer that represent not more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of the issuer of the securities and not more than 5% of the total assets of the Portfolio.

Non-Fundamental Investment Policies

As a matter of non-fundamental policy, Global Bond Portfolio, Global Risk Allocation—Moderate Portfolio and Multi-Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio are "non-diversified" investment companies, which means the Portfolios are not limited in the proportion of their assets that may be invested in the securities of a single issuer. This policy may be changed without a shareholder vote. Because Global Bond Portfolio, Global Risk Allocation—Moderate Portfolio and Multi-Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio are non-diversified investment companies, they may invest in a smaller number of individual issuers than a diversified investment company, and an investment in the Portfolios may, under certain circumstances, present greater risk to an investor than an investment in a diversified investment company.

As a matter of non-fundamental policy, each Portfolio has adopted a policy that provides that the Portfolio may not purchase securities on margin, except (i) as otherwise provided under rules adopted by the SEC under the 1940 Act or by guidance regarding the 1940 Act, or interpretations thereof, and (ii) that the Portfolio may obtain such short-term credits as are necessary for the clearance of portfolio transactions, and the Portfolio may make margin payments in connection with futures contracts, options, forward contracts, swaps, caps, floors, collars and other financial instruments.

MANAGEMENT OF THE PORTFOLIOS

The Adviser

The Adviser, a Delaware limited partnership with principal offices at 1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10105, has been retained under investment advisory agreements (the “Advisory Agreements”) to provide investment advice and, in general, to conduct the management and investment program of each Portfolio under the supervision of the Board, and to serve as the “manager of managers” of the Multi-Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio. As manager of managers, the Adviser determines the allocations to the Multi-Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio’s sub-advisers, if any, and may also manage a portion of the Portfolio’s assets directly. Subject to oversight by the Board, the Adviser has ultimate responsibility for monitoring and coordinating the management of the Multi-Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio, including monitoring sub-advisers for the Portfolio and ensuring that asset allocations are consistent with the guidelines that have been approved by the Board. The Adviser is an investment adviser registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended.

The Adviser is a leading global investment management firm supervising client accounts with assets as of December 31, 2016, totaling over \$480 billion. The Adviser provides management services for many of the largest U.S. public and private employee benefit plans, endowments, foundations, public employee retirement funds, banks, insurance companies and high net worth individuals worldwide.

As of December 31, 2016, the ownership structure of the Adviser, expressed as a percentage of general and limited partnership interests, was as follows:

AXA and its subsidiaries	63.2%
AllianceBernstein Holding L.P.	35.6
Unaffiliated holders	1.2
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AXA is a *societe anonyme* organized under the laws of France and the holding company for an international group of insurance and related financial services companies, through certain of its subsidiaries (“AXA and its subsidiaries”). AllianceBernstein Holding L.P. (“Holding”) is a Delaware limited partnership the units of which (“Holding Units”), are traded publicly on the Exchange under the ticker symbol “AB”. As of December 31, 2016, AXA owned approximately 1.5% of the issued and outstanding assignments of beneficial ownership of Holding Units.

AllianceBernstein Corporation (an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of AXA) is the general partner of both Holding and the Adviser. AllianceBernstein Corporation owns 100,000 general partnership units in Holding and a 1% general partnership interest in the Adviser. Including both the general partnership and limited partnership interests in Holding and the Adviser, AXA and its subsidiaries had an approximate 63.7% economic interest in the Adviser as of December 31, 2016.

Advisory Agreements and Expenses

The Adviser serves as investment manager and adviser of each of the Portfolios, continuously furnishes an investment program for each Portfolio, and manages, supervises and conducts the affairs of each Portfolio, subject to the oversight of the Board.

Under the Advisory Agreements, the Adviser furnishes advice and recommendations with respect to the Portfolios' portfolios of securities and investments, and provides persons satisfactory to the Board to act as officers of the Fund. Such officers or employees may be employees of the Adviser or of its affiliates.

The Adviser is, under each Portfolio's Advisory Agreement, responsible for certain expenses incurred by the Portfolios, including, for example, office facilities, and any expenses incurred in promoting the sale of shares of the Portfolios (other than the portion of the promotional expenses borne by the Portfolios in accordance with an effective plan pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act, and the costs of printing prospectuses of the Fund and other reports to shareholders and fees related to registration with the SEC and with state regulatory authorities). With respect to Multi-Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio, the Adviser is also responsible, under that Portfolio's Advisory Agreement, for providing administrative and accounting services to the Portfolio.

The Fund has under the Advisory Agreements assumed the obligation for payment of all other expenses. As to the obtaining of services other than those specifically provided to the Fund by the Adviser, the Fund may employ its own personnel. The Advisory Agreements, except the Advisory Agreement for Multi-Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio, provide for reimbursement to the Adviser of the costs of certain non-advisory services provided to the Fund. Costs currently reimbursed include the costs of the Adviser's personnel performing certain administrative services for the Fund, including clerical, accounting, legal and other services ("administrative services"), and associated overhead costs, such as office space, supplies and information technology. The administrative services are provided to the Fund on a fully-costed basis (*i.e.*, includes each person's total compensation and a factor reflecting the Adviser's total cost relating to that person, including all related overhead expenses). The reimbursement of these costs to the Adviser will be specifically approved by the Board. The following table shows, for the Portfolios listed, the amounts the Adviser received for such services during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

<u>PORTFOLIO</u>	<u>AMOUNT RECEIVED</u>
Intermediate Bond Portfolio	\$49,317
Large Cap Growth Portfolio	\$49,317
Growth and Income Portfolio	\$49,319

<u>PORTFOLIO</u>	<u>AMOUNT RECEIVED</u>
Growth Portfolio	\$49,317
International Growth Portfolio	\$49,317
Global Thematic Growth Portfolio	\$49,317
Small Cap Growth Portfolio	\$49,399
Real Estate Investment Portfolio	\$49,399
International Value Portfolio	\$49,399
Small/Mid Cap Value Portfolio	\$49,399
Value Portfolio	\$49,399
Balanced Wealth Strategy Portfolio	\$49,399
Dynamic Asset Allocation Portfolio	\$49,317
Global Bond Portfolio*	\$49,782
Global Risk Allocation—Moderate Portfolio	\$50,449

* Waived by the Adviser.

The Advisory Agreement, with respect to all Portfolios except Multi-Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio, continues in effect with respect to each Portfolio, provided that such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by a vote of a majority of each Portfolio's outstanding voting securities or by the Board, including in either case approval by a majority of the Directors who are not parties to the Advisory Agreement or "interested persons" of such parties, as defined by the 1940 Act. Most recently, continuance of the Advisory Agreement, with respect to all Portfolios except Multi-Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio, was approved for an additional annual term by the Board, including a majority of the Directors who are not parties to the Advisory Agreement or interested persons of any such party, at meetings held on May 3-5, 2016, August 2-3, 2016 and November 1-3, 2016.

The Advisory Agreement for Multi-Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio became effective on December 16, 2015. The Advisory Agreement will continue in effect for two years from its effective date and thereafter from year to year provided that such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by majority vote of the holders of the outstanding voting securities of the Portfolio or by the Directors, and, in either case, by a majority of the Directors who are not parties to the Advisory Agreement or "interested persons" of any such party at a meeting in person called for the purpose of voting on such matter.

Any material amendment to the Advisory Agreements must be approved by the vote of a majority of the outstanding securities of the relevant Portfolio and by the vote of a majority of the Directors who are not interested persons of the Fund or the Adviser. The Advisory Agreements are terminable without penalty on 60 days' written notice by a vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of each Portfolio, by a vote of a majority of the Directors, or by the Adviser on 60 days' written notice, and will automatically terminate in the event of their assignment. The Advisory Agreements provide that in the absence of willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence on the part of the Adviser, or of reckless disregard of its obligations thereunder, the Adviser shall not be liable for any action or failure to act in accordance with its duties thereunder.

Certain other clients of the Adviser may have investment objectives and policies similar to those of the Portfolios. The Adviser may, from time to time, make recommendations that result in the purchase or sale of the particular security by its other clients simultaneously

with the purchase or sale thereof by one or more Portfolios. If transactions on behalf of more than one client during the same period increase the demand for securities being purchased or the supply of securities being sold, there may be an adverse effect on price. It is the policy of the Adviser to allocate advisory recommendations and the placing of orders in a manner that is deemed equitable by the Adviser to the accounts involved, including the Portfolios. When two or more of the clients of the Adviser (including the Portfolios) are purchasing or selling the same security on a given day from the same broker or dealer, such transactions may be averaged as to price.

For services rendered by the Adviser under the Advisory Agreement, the Portfolios listed below pay the Adviser the annual percentage rates of the aggregate daily NAV as listed below.

<u>PORTFOLIO</u>	<u>CONTRACTUAL FEE, AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE PORTFOLIO'S AGGREGATE NET ASSETS</u>
Intermediate Bond Portfolio	.45 of 1% of the first \$2.5 billion, .40 of 1% of the excess over \$2.5 billion up to \$5 billion and .35 of 1% of the excess over \$5 billion
Large Cap Growth Portfolio*	.60 of 1% of the first \$2.5 billion, .50 of 1% of the excess over \$2.5 billion up to \$5 billion and .45 of 1% of the excess over \$5 billion
Growth and Income Portfolio	.55 of 1% of the first \$2.5 billion, .45 of 1% of the excess over \$2.5 billion up to \$5 billion and .40 of 1% of the excess over \$5 billion
International Growth Portfolio	.75 of 1% of the first \$2.5 billion, .65 of 1% of the excess over \$2.5 billion up to \$5 billion and .60 of 1% of the excess over \$5 billion
Growth Portfolio	.75 of 1% of the first \$2.5 billion, .65 of 1% of the excess over \$2.5 billion up to \$5 billion and .60 of 1% of the excess over \$5 billion
Global Thematic Growth Portfolio	.75 of 1% of the first \$2.5 billion, .65 of 1% of the excess over \$2.5 billion up to \$5 billion and .60 of 1% of the excess over \$5 billion
Small Cap Growth Portfolio	.75 of 1% of the first \$2.5 billion, .65 of 1% of the excess over \$2.5 billion up to \$5 billion and .60 of 1% of the excess over \$5 billion

* Effective February 3, 2017. Prior to February 3, 2017, the Adviser was compensated at an annual rate of .75 of 1% of the first \$2.5 billion, .65 of 1% of the excess over \$2.5 billion up to \$5 billion and .60 of 1% of the excess over \$5 billion.

For services rendered by the Adviser under the Advisory Agreement, the Portfolios listed below pay the Adviser the annual percentage rates of the average daily NAV as listed below.

<u>PORTFOLIO</u>	<u>CONTRACTUAL FEE, AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE PORTFOLIO'S AVERAGE NET ASSETS</u>
Real Estate Investment Portfolio	.55 of 1% of the first \$2.5 billion, .45 of 1% of the excess over \$2.5 billion up to \$5 billion and .40 of 1% of the excess over \$5 billion
International Value Portfolio	.75 of 1% of the first \$2.5 billion, .65 of 1% of the excess over \$2.5 billion up to \$5 billion and .60 of 1% of the excess over \$5 billion
Small/Mid Cap Value Portfolio	.75 of 1% of the first \$2.5 billion, .65 of 1% of the excess over \$2.5 billion up to \$5 billion and .60 of 1% of the excess over \$5 billion
Value Portfolio	.55 of 1% of the first \$2.5 billion, .45 of 1% of the excess over \$2.5 billion up to \$5 billion and .40 of 1% of the excess over \$5 billion
Balanced Wealth Strategy Portfolio	.55 of 1% of the first \$2.5 billion, .45 of 1% of the excess over \$2.5 billion up to \$5 billion and .40 of 1% of the excess over \$5 billion
Dynamic Asset Allocation Portfolio	.70 of 1%
Global Risk Allocation – Moderate Portfolio	.60 of 1%
Global Bond Portfolio	.50 of 1% of the first \$2.5 billion, .45 of 1% of the excess over \$2.5 billion up to \$5 billion and .40 of 1% of the excess over \$5 billion
Multi-Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio	1.90%

These fees are accrued daily and paid monthly. The Adviser has contractually agreed for the period from the effective date of the Portfolios' Prospectuses to the effective date of the subsequent Prospectuses incorporating the Portfolios' annual financial statements (the "Period") to waive its fee and bear certain expenses so that total expenses do not exceed, on an annual basis, the percentages of average daily net assets for the share classes of the Portfolios listed below. This fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement agreement automatically extends each year unless the Adviser provides notice to the Portfolios at least 60 days prior to the end of the Period.

<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Expense Caps</u>	
International Value Portfolio	Class A	1.20%
	Class B	1.45%
Small/Mid Cap Value Portfolio	Class A	1.20%
	Class B	1.45%

	<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Expense Caps</u>	
		Class A	Class B
Value Portfolio		1.20%	1.45%
Balanced Wealth Strategy Portfolio		.75%	1.00%
Dynamic Asset Allocation Portfolio		.85%	1.10%

The following table shows, for the Portfolios listed, the amounts the Adviser received for such services for the last three fiscal years.

<u>PORTFOLIO</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR END DECEMBER 31</u>	<u>AMOUNT RECEIVED</u>
Intermediate Bond Portfolio	2014	\$ 362,166
	2015	\$ 322,798
	2016	\$ 282,594
Large Cap Growth Portfolio	2014	\$ 3,096,216
	2015	\$ 3,357,846
	2016	\$ 3,094,014
Growth and Income Portfolio	2014	\$ 4,707,511
	2015	\$ 4,609,822
	2016	\$ 5,073,025
Growth Portfolio	2014	\$ 559,706
	2015	\$ 549,437
	2016	\$ 493,849
International Growth Portfolio	2014	\$ 760,928
	2015	\$ 624,965
	2016	\$ 494,360
Global Thematic Growth Portfolio	2014	\$ 995,970
	2015	\$ 981,829
	2016	\$ 839,934
Small Cap Growth Portfolio	2014	\$ 588,638
	2015	\$ 480,909
	2016	\$ 286,841
Real Estate Investment Portfolio	2014	\$ 264,976
	2015	\$ 280,612
	2016	\$ 290,021
Small/Mid Cap Value Portfolio	2014	\$ 4,992,339
	2015	\$ 4,753,253
	2016	\$ 4,460,430
Value Portfolio	2014	\$ 677,619
	2015	\$ 555,496
	2016	\$ 442,445

<u>PORTFOLIO</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR END DECEMBER 31</u>	<u>AMOUNT RECEIVED</u>
International Value Portfolio	2014	\$ 5,571,673
	2015	\$ 4,986,705
	2016	\$ 3,997,252
Balanced Wealth Strategy Portfolio	2014	\$ 2,088,276
	2015	\$ 1,956,957
	2016	\$ 1,751,783
Dynamic Asset Allocation Portfolio	2014	\$ 3,027,986
	2015	\$ 3,609,273
	2016	\$ 3,589,364

The amounts received in the table above are net of the amounts the Adviser waived under a contractual fee waiver or otherwise. Amounts waived were:

		<u>AMOUNT WAIVED UNDER CONTRACTUAL FEE WAIVER OR OTHERWISE</u>
Intermediate Bond Portfolio	2014	\$ 0
	2015	\$ 0
	2016	\$ 0
Large Cap Growth Portfolio	2014	\$ 0
	2015	\$ 0
	2016	\$ 1,101
Growth and Income Portfolio	2014	\$ 0
	2015	\$ 0
	2016	\$ 3,677
Growth Portfolio	2014	\$ 0
	2015	\$ 0
	2016	\$ 294
International Growth Portfolio	2014	\$ 0
	2015	\$ 0
	2016	\$ 1,236
Global Thematic Growth Portfolio	2014	\$ 0
	2015	\$ 0
	2016	\$ 3,957
Small Cap Growth Portfolio	2014	\$ 0
	2015	\$ 0
	2016	\$ 3,038

	<u>AMOUNT WAIVED UNDER CONTRACTUAL FEE WAIVER OR OTHERWISE</u>	
Real Estate Investment Portfolio	2014	\$ 0
	2015	\$ 0
	2016	\$ 207
Small/Mid Cap Value Portfolio	2014	\$ 0
	2015	\$ 0
	2016	\$ 19,117
Value Portfolio	2014	\$ 0
	2015	\$ 0
	2016	\$ 904
International Value Portfolio	2014	\$ 0
	2015	\$ 0
	2016	\$ 8,645
Balanced Wealth Strategy Portfolio	2014	\$ 0
	2015	\$ 0
	2016	\$ 1,194
Dynamic Asset Allocation Portfolio	2014	\$ 5,544
	2015	\$ 0
	2016	\$102,772

GLOBAL BOND PORTFOLIO

Effective as of April 28, 2015, the Portfolio has contractually agreed to pay a monthly fee to the Adviser at an annualized rate of .50 of 1% of the first \$2.5 billion, .45 of 1% of the excess over \$2.5 billion up to \$5 billion and .40 of 1% of the excess over \$5 billion of the Portfolio's average daily net assets. The Adviser has contractually agreed to waive its fee and bear certain expenses so that total expenses (excluding Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses other than the fees and expenses of any AB Mutual Funds in which the Portfolio may invest, interest expense, expenses associated with securities sold short, brokerage commissions and other transaction costs, taxes and extraordinary expenses) do not exceed on an annual basis .64% and .89% of average daily net assets, respectively, for Class A and Class B shares. This fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement agreement may not be terminated before May 1, 2018. Fees waived and expenses borne by the Adviser through April 28, 2016 are subject to reimbursement until the end of the third fiscal year after the fiscal period in which the fee was waived or the expense was borne. No reimbursement payment will be made that would cause the Portfolio's total annualized operating expenses to exceed the amounts listed above. In addition, to the extent not effectively implemented as a result of the expense limitations, the Adviser has contractually agreed to waive its management fees and/or bear Portfolio expenses through May 1, 2018 in an amount equal to the Portfolio's share of all fees and expenses of any AB Mutual Funds in which the Portfolio invests. During the fiscal year or period ended December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Adviser received \$0 and \$0, respectively, in management fees from the Portfolio

(net of \$52,054 and \$33,463, respectively, which was waived by the Adviser due to the expense limitation agreement).

GLOBAL RISK ALLOCATION—MODERATE PORTFOLIO

Effective as of April 28, 2015, the Portfolio has contractually agreed to pay a monthly fee to the Adviser at an annualized rate of .60% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets. The Adviser has contractually agreed to waive its fee and bear certain expenses so that total expenses (excluding interest expense, expenses associated with securities sold short, brokerage commissions and other transaction costs, taxes and extraordinary expenses) do not exceed on an annual basis .75% and 1.00% of average daily net assets, respectively, for Class A and Class B shares. This fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement agreement may not be terminated before May 1, 2018. Fees waived and expenses borne by the Adviser are subject to reimbursement until the end of the third fiscal year after the fiscal period in which the fee was waived or the expense was borne. No reimbursement payment will be made that would cause the Portfolio's total annualized operating expenses to exceed the amounts listed above. During the fiscal year or period ended December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Adviser received \$97,468 and \$0, respectively, in management fees from the Portfolio (net of \$287,955 and \$105,505, respectively, which was waived by the Adviser due to the expense limitation agreement).

MULTI-MANAGER ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES PORTFOLIO

Effective as of December 16, 2015, the Portfolio has contractually agreed to pay a monthly fee to the Adviser at an annualized rate of 1.90% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets. The Adviser has contractually agreed to waive its fee and bear certain expenses so that total expenses (excluding interest expense, expenses associated with securities sold short, brokerage commissions and other transaction costs, taxes and extraordinary expenses) do not exceed on an annual basis 2.15% and 2.40% of average daily net assets, respectively, for Class A and Class B shares. This fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement agreement may not be terminated before May 1, 2018. Fees waived and expenses borne by the Adviser are subject to reimbursement until the end of the third fiscal year after the fiscal period in which the fee was waived or the expense was borne. No reimbursement payment will be made that would cause the Portfolio's total annualized operating expenses to exceed the amounts listed above. In addition, to the extent not effectively implemented as a result of the expense limitations, the Adviser has contractually agreed through May 1, 2018 to waive its management fees and/or bear Portfolio expenses in an amount equal to the Portfolio's share of all fees and expenses of any AB Mutual Funds in which the Portfolio invests, and to waive its management fee so that the effective management fee payable with respect to Portfolio assets invested in Acquired Funds that are not AB Mutual Funds is 0.20%. During the fiscal year or period ended December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Adviser received \$0 and \$0, respectively, in management fees from the Portfolio (net of \$18,884 and \$779, respectively, which was waived by the Adviser due to the expense limitation agreement).

In addition, to the extent that a Portfolio invests in AB Government Money Market Portfolio (except for the investment of any cash collateral from securities lending), the Adviser has contractually agreed to waive its management fee from the Portfolio in an amount

equal to the Portfolio's pro rata share of the AB Government Money Market Portfolio's effective management fee. This agreement will remain in effect until May 1, 2018 and will continue thereafter from year to year unless the Adviser provides notice of termination to the Portfolio at least 60 days prior to the end of the period. To the extent that a Portfolio invests securities lending cash collateral in the AB Government Money Market Portfolio, the Adviser has also agreed to waive a portion of the Portfolio's share of the advisory fees of AB Government Money Market Portfolio. In connection with the investment by the Portfolios in the AB Government Money Market Portfolio, the Adviser waived its investment management fee from Intermediate Bond Portfolio, Large Cap Growth Portfolio, Growth and Income Portfolio, Growth Portfolio, International Growth Portfolio, Global Thematic Growth Portfolio, Small Cap Growth Portfolio, Real Estate Investment Portfolio, Small/Mid Cap Value Portfolio, Value Portfolio, International Value Portfolio, Balanced Wealth Strategy Portfolio, Dynamic Asset Allocation Portfolio, Global Bond Portfolio, Global Risk Allocation-Moderate Portfolio and Multi-Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio, in the amounts of \$0, \$1,101, \$3,677, \$294, \$1,236, \$3,957, \$3,038, \$207, \$19,117, \$904, \$8,645, \$1,194, \$102,772, \$456, \$40,096 and \$0, respectively, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

The Adviser may act as an investment adviser to other persons, firms or corporations, including investment companies, and is the investment adviser to AB Bond Fund, Inc., AB Cap Fund, Inc., AB Core Opportunities Fund, Inc., AB Corporate Shares, AB Discovery Growth Fund, Inc., AB Equity Income Fund, Inc., AB Fixed-Income Shares, Inc., AB Global Bond Fund, Inc., AB Global Real Estate Investment Fund, Inc., AB Global Risk Allocation Fund, Inc., AB Government Exchange Reserves, AB High Income Fund, Inc., AB Institutional Funds, Inc., AB International Growth Fund, Inc., AB Large Cap Growth Fund, Inc., AB Municipal Income Fund, Inc., AB Municipal Income Fund II, AB Relative Value Fund, Inc., AB Sustainable Global Thematic Fund, Inc., AB Trust, AB Unconstrained Bond Fund, Inc., Sanford C. Bernstein Fund, Inc., Bernstein Fund, Inc., Sanford C. Bernstein Fund II, Inc., The AB Pooling Portfolios and The AB Portfolios, all registered open-end investment companies; and to AB Multi-Manager Alternative Fund, AllianceBernstein Global High Income Fund, Inc., AllianceBernstein National Municipal Income Fund, Inc. and Alliance California Municipal Income Fund, Inc., all registered closed-end investment companies. The registered investment companies for which the Adviser serves as investment adviser are referred to collectively below as the "AB Fund Complex", while all of these investment companies, except the Bernstein Fund, Inc., Sanford C. Bernstein Fund, Inc. and the AB Multi-Manager Alternative Fund, are referred to collectively below as the "AB Funds".

MANAGER OF MANAGERS STRUCTURE

Subject to the ultimate responsibility of the Board, the Adviser has the responsibility to oversee the Multi-Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio's sub-advisers (when and if retained) and to recommend their hiring, termination and replacement. The Adviser received exemptive relief from the SEC that permits the Adviser, with respect to the Portfolio, to appoint and replace sub-advisers, and enter into, amend and terminate sub-advisory agreements with sub-advisers, subject to Board approval but without shareholder approval (the "Manager of Managers Structure"). The use of the Manager of Managers Structure with respect to the Portfolio is subject to certain conditions set forth in the SEC exemptive order.

The Manager of Managers Structure enables the Portfolio to operate with greater efficiency and without incurring the expense and delays associated with obtaining approvals of a new sub-advisory (or trading) agreement. The Manager of Managers Structure does not permit the Adviser's investment management fees to increase without shareholder approval.

Board of Directors Information

Certain information concerning the Directors is set forth below.

NAME, ADDRESS*, AGE AND (YEAR FIRST ELECTED**)	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST FIVE YEARS AND OTHER INFORMATION	PORTFOLIOS IN AB FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY DIRECTOR	OTHER PUBLIC COMPANY DIRECTORSHIPS CURRENTLY HELD BY DIRECTOR
INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS			
Marshall C. Turner, Jr., # <i>Chairman of the Board</i> 75 (2005)	Private Investor since prior to 2012. Former Chairman and CEO of Dupont Photomasks, Inc. (components of semi-conductor manufacturing). He has extensive operating leadership and venture capital investing experience, including five interim or full-time CEO roles, and prior service as general partner of institutional venture capital partnerships. He also has extensive non-profit board leadership experience, and currently serves on the boards of two education and science-related non-profit organizations. He has served as a director of one AB Fund since 1992, and director or trustee of multiple AB Funds since 2005. He has been Chairman of the AB Funds since January 2014, and the Chairman of the Independent Directors Committees of such AB Funds since February 2014.	96	Xilinx, Inc. (programmable logic semi-conductors) since 2007

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John H. Dobkin, # 75 (1992)	Independent Consultant since prior to 2012. Formerly, President of Save Venice, Inc. (preservation organization) from 2001-2002; Senior Advisor from June 1999 - June 2000 and President of Historic Hudson Valley (historic preservation) from December 1989 - May 1999. Previously, Director of the National Academy of Design. He has served as a director or trustee of various AB Funds since 1992 and as Chairman of the Audit Committees of a number of such AB Funds from 2001-2008.	95	None
Michael J. Downey, # 73 (2005)	Private Investor since prior to 2012. Formerly, managing partner of Lexington Capital, LLC (investment advisory firm) from December 1997 until December 2003. He served as a Director of Prospect Acquisition Corp. (financial services) from 2007 until 2009. From 1987 until 1993, Chairman and CEO of Prudential Mutual Fund Management, director of the Prudential mutual funds and member of the Executive Committee of Prudential Securities Inc. He has served as a director or trustee of the AB Funds since 2005 and is a director and chairman of one other registered investment company.	96	The Asia Pacific Fund, Inc. (registered investment company) since prior to 2012

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William H. Foulk, Jr., # 84 (1990)	Investment Adviser and an Independent Consultant since prior to 2012. Previously, he was Senior Manager of Barrett Associates, Inc., a registered investment adviser. He was formerly Deputy Comptroller and Chief Investment Officer of the State of New York and, prior thereto, Chief Investment Officer of the New York Bank for Savings. He has served as a director or trustee of various AB Funds since 1983, and was Chairman of the Independent Directors Committees of the AB Funds from 2003 until early February 2014. He served as Chairman of such AB Funds from 2003 through December 2013. He is also active in a number of mutual fund related organizations and committees.	96	None
D. James Guzy, # 81 (2005)	Chairman of the Board of SRC Computers, Inc. (semi-conductors), with which he has been associated since prior to 2012. He served as Chairman of the Board of PLX Technology (semi-conductors) since prior to 2012 until November 2013. He was a director of Intel Corporation (semi-conductors) from 1969 until 2008, and served as Chairman of the Finance Committee of such company for several years until May 2008. He has served as a director or trustee of one or more of the AB Funds since 1982.	93	None

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Nancy P. Jacklin, # 68 (2006)	Private Investor since prior to 2012. Professorial Lecturer at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (2008-2015). U.S. Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund (which is responsible for ensuring the stability of the international monetary system) (December 2002-May 2006); Partner, Clifford Chance (1992-2002); Sector Counsel, International Banking and Finance, and Associate General Counsel, Citicorp (1985-1992); Assistant General Counsel (International), Federal Reserve Board of Governors (1982-1985); and Attorney Advisor, U.S. Department of the Treasury (1973-1982). Member of the Bar of the District of Columbia and of New York; and member of the Council on Foreign Relations. She has served as a director or trustee of the AB Funds since 2006 and has been Chairman of the Governance and Nominating Committees of the AB Funds since August 2014.	96	None
Carol C. McMullen, # 61 (2016)	Managing Director of Slalom Consulting (consulting) since 2014, private investor and member of the Partners Healthcare Investment Committee. Formerly, Director of Norfolk & Dedham Group (mutual property and casualty insurance) from 2011 until November 2016; Director	96	None

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	<p>of Partners Community Physicians Organization (healthcare) from 2014 until December 2016; and Managing Director of The Crossland Group (consulting) from 2012 until 2013. She has held a number of senior positions in the asset and wealth management industries, including at Eastern Bank (where her roles included President of Eastern Wealth Management), Thomson Financial (Global Head of Sales for Investment Management), and Putnam Investments (where her roles included Head of Global Investment Research). She has served on a number of private company and nonprofit boards, and as a director or trustee of the AB Funds since June 2016.</p>		
Garry L. Moody, # 65 (2008)	<p>Independent Consultant. Formerly, Partner, Deloitte & Touche LLP (1995-2008) where he held a number of senior positions, including Vice Chairman, and U.S. and Global Investment Management Practice Managing Partner; President, Fidelity Accounting and Custody Services Company (1993-1995), where he was responsible for accounting, pricing, custody and reporting for the Fidelity mutual funds; and Partner, Ernst & Young LLP (1975-1993), where he served as the National Director of Mutual Fund Tax Services</p>	96	None

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Earl D. Weiner, # 77 (2007)	and Managing Partner of its Chicago Office Tax department. He is a member of the Trustee Advisory Board of BoardIQ, a biweekly publication focused on issues and news affecting directors of mutual funds. He has served as a director or trustee, and as Chairman of the Audit Committees, of the AB Funds since 2008.	96	None
INTERESTED DIRECTOR			
Robert M. Keith, + 57 (2010)	Senior Vice President of the Adviser++ and the head of AllianceBernstein Investments, Inc. (“ABI”)++ since July 2008; Director of ABI and President of the AB Mutual Funds. Previously, he served as Executive Managing Director of ABI from December 2006 to June 2008. Prior to joining	96	None

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	ABI in 2006, Executive Managing Director of Bernstein Global Wealth Management, and prior thereto, Senior Managing Director and Global Head of Client Service and Sales of the Adviser’s institutional investment management business since 2004. Prior thereto, he was Managing Director and Head of North American Client Service and Sales in the Adviser’s institutional investment management business, with which he had been associated since prior to 2004.		

* The address for each of the Fund’s Directors is c/o AllianceBernstein L.P., Attention: Philip L. Kirstein, 1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10105.

** There is no stated term of office for the Fund’s Directors.

Member of the Audit Committee, the Governance and Nominating Committee and the Independent Directors Committee.

+ Mr. Keith is an “interested person”, as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act, of the Fund because of his affiliation with the Adviser.

++ The Adviser and ABI are affiliates of the Fund.

In addition to the public company directorships currently held by the Directors set forth in the table above, Mr. Turner was a director of SunEdison, Inc. (solar materials and power plants) since prior to 2012 until July 2014, Mr. Downey was a director of The Merger Fund (a registered investment company) since prior to 2012 until 2013, Mr. Guzy served as Chairman of the Board of PLX Technology (semi-conductors) since prior to 2012 until November 2013, and Mr. Moody was a director of Greenbacker Renewable Energy Company LLC (renewable energy and energy efficiency projects) from August 2013 until January 2014.

The management of the business and affairs of the Fund are overseen by the direction of the Board. Directors who are not “interested persons” of the Fund as defined in the 1940 Act, are referred to as “Independent Directors”, and Directors who are “interested persons” of the Fund are referred to as “Interested Directors”. Certain information concerning the Fund’s governance structure and each Director is set forth below.

Experience, Skills, Attributes, and Qualifications of the Fund's Directors. The Governance and Nominating Committee of the Board, which is composed of Independent Directors, reviews the experience, qualifications, attributes and skills of potential candidates for nomination or election by the Board, and conducts a similar review in connection with the proposed nomination of current Directors for re-election by shareholders at any annual or special meeting of shareholders. In evaluating a candidate for nomination or election as a Director the Governance and Nominating Committee takes into account the contribution that the candidate would be expected to make to the diverse mix of experience, qualifications, attributes and skills that the Governance and Nominating Committee believes contributes to good governance for the Fund. Additional information concerning the Governance and Nominating Committee's consideration of nominees appears in the description of the Committee below.

The Board believes that, collectively, the Directors have balanced and diverse experience, qualifications, attributes, and skills, which allow the Board to operate effectively in governing the Fund and protecting the interests of shareholders. The Board has concluded that, based on each Director's experience, qualifications, attributes or skills on an individual basis and in combination with those of the other Directors, each Director is qualified and should continue to serve as such.

In determining that a particular Director was and continues to be qualified to serve as a Director, the Board has considered a variety of criteria, none of which, in isolation, was controlling. In addition, the Board has taken into account the actual service and commitment of each Director during his or her tenure (including the Director's commitment and participation in Board and committee meetings, as well as his or her current and prior leadership of standing and ad hoc committees) in concluding that each should continue to serve. Additional information about the specific experience, skills, attributes and qualifications of each Director, which in each case led to the Board's conclusion that the Director should serve (or continue to serve) as a trustee or director of the Fund, is provided in the table above and in the next paragraph.

Among other attributes and qualifications common to all Directors are their ability to review critically, evaluate, question and discuss information provided to them (including information requested by the Directors), to interact effectively with the Adviser, other service providers, counsel and the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, and to exercise effective business judgment in the performance of their duties as Directors. In addition to his or her service as a Director of the Fund and other AB Funds as noted in the table above: Mr. Dobkin has experience as an executive of a number of organizations and served as Chairman of the Audit Committees of many of the AB Funds from 2001 to 2008; Mr. Downey has experience in the investment advisory business including as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of a large fund complex and as director of a number of non-AB funds and as Chairman of a non-AB closed-end fund; Mr. Foulk has experience in the investment advisory and securities businesses, including as Deputy Comptroller and Chief Investment Officer of the State of New York (where his responsibilities included bond issuances, cash management and oversight of the New York Common Retirement Fund), served as Chairman of the Independent Directors Committees from 2003 until early February 2014, served as Chairman of the AB Funds from 2003 through December 2013, and is active in a number of mutual fund related organizations and committees; Mr. Guzy has experience as a corporate director including as Chairman of a public

company and Chairman of the Finance Committee of a large public technology company; Ms. Jacklin has experience as a financial services regulator, as U.S. Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund (which is responsible for ensuring the stability of the international monetary system), and as a financial services lawyer in private practice, and has served as Chairman of the Governance and Nominating Committees of the AB Funds since August 2014; Mr. Keith has experience as an executive of the Adviser with responsibility for, among other things, the AB Funds; Ms. McMullen has experience as a management consultant and as a director of various private companies and non-profit organizations, as well as extensive asset management experience at a number of companies, including as an executive in the areas of portfolio management, research, and sales and marketing; Mr. Moody has experience as a certified public accountant including experience as Vice Chairman and U.S. and Global Investment Management Practice Partner for a major accounting firm, is a member of both the governing council of an organization of independent directors of mutual funds, and the Trustee Advisory Board of BoardIQ, a biweekly publication focused on issues and news affecting directors of mutual funds, and has served as a director or trustee and Chairman of the Audit Committees of the AB Funds since 2008; Mr. Turner has experience as a director (including Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of a number of companies) and as a venture capital investor including prior service as general partner of three institutional venture capital partnerships, and has served as Chairman of the AB Funds since January 2014 and Chairman of the Independent Directors Committees of such AB Funds since February 2014; and Mr. Weiner has experience as a securities lawyer whose practice includes registered investment companies and as director or trustee of various non-profit organizations and Chairman or Vice Chairman of a number of them, and served as Chairman of the Governance and Nominating Committees of the AB Funds from 2007 until August 2014. The disclosure herein of a director's experience, qualifications, attributes and skills does not impose on such director any duties, obligations, or liability that are greater than the duties, obligations and liability imposed on such director as a member of the Board and any committee thereof in the absence of such experience, qualifications, attributes and skills.

Board Structure and Oversight Function. The Board is responsible for oversight of the Fund. The Fund has engaged the Adviser to manage the Fund's Portfolios on a day-to-day basis. The Board is responsible for overseeing the Adviser and the Fund's other service providers in the operations of the Fund in accordance with each Portfolio's investment objective and policies and otherwise in accordance with its prospectus, the requirements of the 1940 Act and other applicable Federal, state and other securities and other laws, and the Fund's charter and bylaws. The Board typically meets in-person at regularly scheduled meetings four times throughout the year. In addition, the Directors may meet in-person or by telephone at special meetings or on an informal basis at other times. The Independent Directors also regularly meet without the presence of any representatives of management. As described below, the Board has established three standing committees – the Audit, Governance and Nominating and Independent Directors Committees – and may establish ad hoc committees or working groups from time to time, to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities. Each committee is composed exclusively of Independent Directors. The responsibilities of each committee, including its oversight responsibilities, are described further below. The Independent Directors have also engaged independent legal counsel, and may, from time to time, engage consultants and other advisors, to assist them in performing their oversight responsibilities.

An Independent Director serves as Chairman of the Board. The Chairman's duties include setting the agenda for each Board meeting in consultation with management, presiding at each Board meeting, meeting with management between Board meetings, and facilitating communication and coordination between the Independent Directors and management. The Directors have determined that the Board's leadership by an Independent Director and its committees composed exclusively of Independent Directors is appropriate because they believe it sets the proper tone to the relationships between the Fund, on the one hand, and the Adviser and other service providers, on the other, and facilitates the exercise of the Board's independent judgment in evaluating and managing the relationships. In addition, the Fund is required to have an Independent Director as Chairman pursuant to certain 2003 regulatory settlements involving the Adviser.

Risk Oversight. The Fund and its Portfolios are subject to a number of risks, including investment, compliance and operational risks, including cyber risks. Day-to-day risk management with respect to the Fund and its Portfolios resides with the Adviser or other service providers (depending on the nature of the risk), subject to supervision by the Adviser. The Board has charged the Adviser and its affiliates with (i) identifying events or circumstances the occurrence of which could have demonstrable and material adverse effects on the Fund or its Portfolios; (ii) to the extent appropriate, reasonable or practicable, implementing processes and controls reasonably designed to lessen the possibility that such events or circumstances occur or to mitigate the effects of such events or circumstances if they do occur; and (iii) creating and maintaining a system designed to evaluate continuously, and to revise as appropriate, the processes and controls described in (i) and (ii) above.

Risk oversight forms part of the Board's general oversight of the Portfolios' investment programs and operations and is addressed as part of various regular Board and committee activities. The Fund's investment management and business affairs are carried out by or through the Adviser and other service providers. Each of these persons has an independent interest in risk management but the policies and the methods by which one or more risk management functions are carried out may differ from the Fund's and each other's in the setting of priorities, the resources available or the effectiveness of relevant controls. Oversight of risk management is provided by the Board and the Audit Committee. The Directors regularly receive reports from, among others, management (including the Chief Risk Officer and the Global Heads of Investment Risk and Trading Risk of the Adviser), the Fund's Senior Officer (who is also the Fund's Independent Compliance Officer), the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer, the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, the Adviser's internal legal counsel, the Adviser's Chief Compliance Officer and internal auditors for the Adviser, as appropriate, regarding risks faced by the Fund and its Portfolios and the Adviser's risk management programs. In addition, the Directors receive regular updates on cyber security matters from the Adviser.

Not all risks that may affect the Fund and its Portfolios can be identified, nor can controls be developed to eliminate or mitigate their occurrence or effects. It may not be practical or cost-effective to eliminate or mitigate certain risks, the processes and controls employed to address certain risks may be limited in their effectiveness, and some risks are simply beyond the reasonable control of the Fund or the Adviser, its affiliates or other service providers. Moreover, it is necessary to bear certain risks (such as investment-related risks) to achieve the Portfolios'

goals. As a result of the foregoing and other factors the Fund's and its Portfolios' ability to manage risk is subject to substantial limitations.

Board Committees. The Board has three standing committees – an Audit Committee, a Governance and Nominating Committee and an Independent Directors Committee. The members of the Audit, Governance and Nominating and Independent Directors Committees are identified above.

The function of the Audit Committee is to assist the Board in its oversight of the Portfolios' accounting and financial reporting policies and practices. The Audit Committee met three times during each Portfolio's most recently completed fiscal year.

The function of the Governance and Nominating Committee includes the nomination of persons to fill any vacancies or newly created positions on the Board. The Governance and Nominating Committee met three times during each Portfolios' most recently completed fiscal year.

The Board has adopted a charter for its Governance and Nominating Committee. Pursuant to the charter, the Committee assists the Board in carrying out its responsibilities with respect to governance of the Fund and identifies, evaluates, selects and nominates candidates for the Board. The Committee may also set standards or qualifications for Directors and reviews at least annually the performance of each Director, taking into account factors such as attendance at meetings, adherence to Board policies, preparation for and participation at meetings, commitment and contribution to the overall work of the Board and its committees, and whether there are health or other reasons that might affect the Director's ability to perform his or her duties. The Committee may consider candidates for nomination as Directors submitted by the Fund's current Board members, officers, the Adviser, shareholders and other appropriate sources.

Pursuant to the charter, the Governance and Nominating Committee will consider candidates for nomination as a Director submitted by a shareholder or group of shareholders who have beneficially owned at least 5% of a Portfolio's common stock or shares of beneficial interest for at least two years prior to the time of submission and who timely provide specified information about the candidates and the nominating shareholder or group. To be timely for consideration by the Governance and Nominating Committee, the submission, including all required information, must be submitted in writing to the attention of the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the Fund not less than 120 days before the date of the proxy statement for the previous year's annual meeting of shareholders. If the Fund did not hold an annual meeting of shareholders in the previous year, the submission must be delivered or mailed and received within a reasonable amount of time before the Fund begins to print and mail its proxy materials. Public notice of such upcoming annual meeting of shareholders may be given in a shareholder report or other mailing to shareholders or by other means deemed by the Governance and Nominating Committee or the Board to be reasonably calculated to inform shareholders.

Shareholders submitting a candidate for consideration by the Governance and Nominating Committee must provide the following information to the Governance and

Nominating Committee: (i) a statement in writing setting forth (A) the name, date of birth, business address and residence address of the candidate; (B) any position or business relationship of the candidate, currently or within the preceding five years, with the shareholder or an associated person of the shareholder as defined below; (C) the class or series and number of all shares of a Portfolio owned of record or beneficially by the candidate; (D) any other information regarding the candidate that is required to be disclosed about a nominee in a proxy statement or other filing required to be made in connection with the solicitation of proxies for election of Directors pursuant to Section 20 of the 1940 Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; (E) whether the shareholder believes that the candidate is or will be an “interested person” of the Fund (as defined in the 1940 Act) and, if believed not to be an “interested person”, information regarding the candidate that will be sufficient for the Fund to make such determination; and (F) information as to the candidate’s knowledge of the investment company industry, experience as a director or senior officer of public companies, directorships on the boards of other registered investment companies and educational background; (ii) the written and signed consent of the candidate to be named as a nominee and to serve as a Director if elected; (iii) the written and signed agreement of the candidate to complete a directors’ and officers’ questionnaire if elected; (iv) the shareholder’s consent to be named as such by the Fund; (v) the class or series and number of all shares of each Portfolio of the Fund owned beneficially and of record by the shareholder and any associated person of the shareholder and the dates on which such shares were acquired, specifying the number of shares owned beneficially but not of record by each, and stating the names of each as they appear on the Fund’s record books and the names of any nominee holders for each; and (vi) a description of all arrangements or understandings between the shareholder, the candidate and/or any other person or persons (including their names) pursuant to which the recommendation is being made by the shareholder. “Associated person of the shareholder” means any person who is required to be identified under clause (vi) of this paragraph and any other person controlling, controlled by or under common control with, directly or indirectly, (a) the shareholder or (b) the associated person of the shareholder.

The Governance and Nominating Committee may require the shareholder to furnish such other information as it may reasonably require or deem necessary to verify any information furnished pursuant to the nominating procedures described above or to determine the qualifications and eligibility of the candidate proposed by the shareholder to serve on the Board. If the shareholder fails to provide such other information in writing within seven days of receipt of written request from the Governance and Nominating Committee, the recommendation of such candidate as a nominee will be deemed not properly submitted for consideration, and will not be considered, by the Committee.

The Governance and Nominating Committee will consider only one candidate submitted by such a shareholder or group for nomination for election at an annual meeting of shareholders. The Governance and Nominating Committee will not consider self-nominated candidates. The Governance and Nominating Committee will consider and evaluate candidates submitted by shareholders on the basis of the same criteria as those used to consider and evaluate candidates submitted from other sources. These criteria include the candidate’s relevant knowledge, experience, and expertise, the candidate’s ability to carry out his or her duties in the best interests of the Fund, and the candidate’s ability to qualify as an Independent Director. When assessing a candidate for nomination, the Committee considers whether the individual’s

background, skills, and experience will complement the background, skills, and experience of other nominees and will contribute to the diversity of the Board.

The function of the Independent Directors Committee is to consider and take action on matters that the Board or Committee believes should be addressed in executive session of the Independent Directors, such as review and approval of the Advisory and Distribution Services Agreements. The Independent Directors Committee met seven times during the Portfolios' most recently completed fiscal year.

The dollar range of the Fund's securities owned by each Director and the aggregate dollar range of securities of funds in the AB Fund Complex owned by each Director are set forth below.

	DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES IN THE PORTFOLIOS AS OF <u>DECEMBER 31, 2016*</u>	AGGREGATE DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES IN THE AB FUND COMPLEX AS OF <u>DECEMBER 31, 2016</u>
John H. Dobkin	None	Over \$100,000
Michael J. Downey	None	Over \$100,000
William H. Foulk, Jr.	None	Over \$100,000
D. James Guzy	None	Over \$100,000
Nancy P. Jacklin	None	Over \$100,000
Robert M. Keith	None	None
Carol C. McMullen	None	Over \$100,000
Garry L. Moody	None	Over \$100,000
Marshall C. Turner, Jr.	None	Over \$100,000
Earl D. Weiner	None	Over \$100,000

* The Directors cannot directly invest in the Fund's Portfolios, because direct investments in the Portfolios may be made only by variable annuity and variable life insurance separate accounts.

Officer Information

Certain information concerning the Fund's officers is set forth below.

<u>NAME, ADDRESS* AND AGE</u>	<u>POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST FIVE YEARS</u>
Robert M. Keith, 57	President and Chief Executive Officer	See biography above.
Philip L. Kirstein, 71	Senior Vice President and Independent Compliance Officer	Senior Vice President and Independent Compliance Officer of the AB Funds, with which he has been associated since 2004. Prior thereto, he was Of Counsel to Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, LLP from October 2003 to October 2004, and General Counsel of Merrill Lynch Investment Managers L.P. since prior to March 2003.
Tawhid Ali, 46	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
Bruce K. Aronow, 50	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
Takeo Aso, 52	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
Brian T. Brugman, 36	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
Michael Canter, 47	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.

<u>NAME, ADDRESS* AND AGE</u>	<u>POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST FIVE YEARS</u>
Frank V. Caruso, 60	Vice President	Senior Vice President and Chief Investment Officer of U.S. Growth Equities of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
Paul J. DeNoon, 55	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
Scott A. DiMaggio, 45	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
Vincent C. Dupont, 54	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
John H. Fogarty, 47	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
Eric J. Franco, 57	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
Marc H. Gamsin, 61	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
Cem Inal, 48	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
Shawn E. Keegan, 45	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.

<u>NAME, ADDRESS* AND AGE</u>	<u>POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST FIVE YEARS</u>
Ajit D. Ketkar, 45	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
N. Kumar Kirpalani, 63	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
Samantha S. Lau, 44	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which she has been associated since prior to 2012.
Avi Lavi, 50	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
Daniel J. Loewy, 42	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
James W. MacGregor, 49	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
Christopher H. Nikolich, 47	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
Greg Outcalt, 55	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
Joseph G. Paul, 57	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.

<u>NAME, ADDRESS* AND AGE</u>	<u>POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST FIVE YEARS</u>
Douglas J. Peebles, 51	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
Daniel C. Roarty, 45	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
Karen A. Sesin, 58	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which she has been associated since prior to 2012.
Matthew S. Sheridan, 42	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
Shri Singhvi, 43	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
Wen-Tse Tseng, 51	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
Greg J. Wilensky, 50	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
Leon Zhu, 49	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
Vadim Zlotnikov, 55	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.

<u>NAME, ADDRESS* AND AGE</u>	<u>POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST FIVE YEARS</u>
Joseph J. Mantineo, 58	Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer	Senior Vice President of ABIS**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2012.
Vincent S. Noto, 52	Chief Compliance Officer	Senior Vice President since 2015 and Mutual Fund Chief Compliance Officer of the Adviser** since 2014. Prior thereto, he was Vice President and Director of Mutual Fund Compliance of the Adviser** since prior to 2012.
Emilie D. Wrapp, 61	Secretary	Senior Vice President, Assistant General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of ABI**, with which she has been associated since prior to 2012.
Phyllis J. Clarke, 56	Controller and Chief Accounting Officer	Vice President of ABIS**, with which she has been associated since prior to 2012.

* The address for each of the Fund's Officers is 1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10105.

** The Adviser, ABI and ABIS are affiliates of the Fund.

The Fund's Portfolios do not pay any fees to, or reimburse expenses of, its Directors who are considered "interested persons" (as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act) of the Fund. The aggregate compensation paid by the Fund's Portfolios to each of the Directors during each Portfolio's fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, the aggregate compensation paid to each of the Directors during calendar year 2016 by the AB Fund Complex, and the total number of registered investment companies (and separate investment portfolios within those companies) in the AB Fund Complex with respect to which each of the Directors serves as a director or trustee, are set forth below. Neither the Fund or its Portfolios nor any other registered investment company in the AB Fund Complex provides compensation in the form of pension or retirement benefits to any of its directors or trustees. Each of the Directors is a director or trustee of one or more registered investment companies in the AB Fund Complex.

<u>Name of Director</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From Intermediate Bond Portfolio</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From Large Cap Growth Portfolio</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From Growth and Income Portfolio</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From Growth Portfolio</u>
John H. Dobkin	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615
Michael J. Downey	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615
William H. Foulk, Jr.	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615
D. James Guzy	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615
Nancy P. Jacklin	\$ 2,780	\$ 2,780	\$ 2,780	\$ 2,780
Robert M. Keith	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Carol C. McMullen*	\$ 1,368	\$ 1,368	\$ 1,368	\$ 1,368
Garry L. Moody	\$ 2,937	\$ 2,936	\$ 2,936	\$ 2,936
Marshall C. Turner, Jr.	\$ 4,404	\$ 4,404	\$ 4,404	\$ 4,404
Earl D. Weiner	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615

<u>Name of Director</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From International Growth Portfolio</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From Global Thematic Growth Portfolio</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From Small Cap Growth Portfolio</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From Real Estate Investment Portfolio</u>
John H. Dobkin	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615
Michael J. Downey	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615
William H. Foulk, Jr.	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615
D. James Guzy	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615
Nancy P. Jacklin	\$ 2,780	\$ 2,780	\$ 2,780	\$ 2,780
Robert M. Keith	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Carol C. McMullen*	\$ 1,368	\$ 1,368	\$ 1,368	\$ 1,368
Garry L. Moody	\$ 2,937	\$ 2,936	\$ 2,936	\$ 2,936
Marshall C. Turner, Jr.	\$ 4,404	\$ 4,404	\$ 4,404	\$ 4,404
Earl D. Weiner	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615

<u>Name of Director</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From International Value Portfolio</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From Small/Mid Cap Value Portfolio</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From Value Portfolio</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From Balanced Wealth Strategy Portfolio</u>
John H. Dobkin	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615
Michael J. Downey	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615
William H. Foulk, Jr.	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615
D. James Guzy	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615
Nancy P. Jacklin	\$ 2,780	\$ 2,780	\$ 2,780	\$ 2,780
Robert M. Keith	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Carol C. McMullen*	\$ 1,368	\$ 1,368	\$ 1,368	\$ 1,368
Garry L. Moody	\$ 2,936	\$ 2,936	\$ 2,936	\$ 2,936
Marshall C. Turner, Jr.	\$ 4,404	\$ 4,404	\$ 4,404	\$ 4,404
Earl D. Weiner	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615

<u>Name of Director</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From Dynamic Asset Allocation Portfolio</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From Global Bond Portfolio</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From Global Risk Allocation—Moderate Portfolio</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From Multi-Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio</u>
John H. Dobkin	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615
Michael J. Downey	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615
William H. Foulk, Jr.	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615
D. James Guzy	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615
Nancy P. Jacklin	\$ 2,780	\$ 2,780	\$ 2,780	\$ 2,780
Robert M. Keith	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Carol C. McMullen*	\$ 1,368	\$ 1,368	\$ 1,368	\$ 1,368
Garry L. Moody	\$ 2,936	\$ 2,937	\$ 2,937	\$ 2,937
Marshall C. Turner, Jr.	\$ 4,404	\$ 4,404	\$ 4,404	\$ 4,404
Earl D. Weiner	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,615

* Ms. McMullen was elected as a director of the Portfolios effective June 22, 2016.

<u>Name of Director</u>	<u>Total Compensation From the AB Fund Complex, Including the Fund</u>	<u>Total Number of Registered Investment Companies in the AB Fund Complex, Including the Fund, as to which the Director is a Director or Trustee</u>	<u>Total Number of Investment Portfolios in the AB Fund Complex, Including the Fund, as to which the Director is a Director or Trustee</u>
John H. Dobkin	\$ 285,000	28	95
Michael J. Downey	\$ 285,000	28	96
William H. Foulk, Jr.	\$ 285,000	28	96
D. James Guzy	\$ 285,000	28	93
Nancy P. Jacklin	\$ 303,000	28	96
Robert M. Keith	\$ 0	28	96
Carol C. McMullen*	\$ 147,816	28	96
Garry L. Moody	\$ 320,000	28	96
Marshall C. Turner, Jr.	\$ 480,000	28	96
Earl D. Weiner	\$ 285,000	28	96

* Ms. McMullen was elected as a director of the Portfolios effective June 22, 2016.

As of March 2, 2017, the Directors and officers of the Fund as a group owned less than 1% of the shares of the Fund.

Additional Information About The Portfolios' Portfolio Managers

Additional information regarding the investment professional(s)² primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of each Portfolio's portfolio may be found below. For additional information about the portfolio management of each Portfolio, see "Management of the Portfolios – Portfolio Managers" in the Portfolio's Prospectuses.

None of the investment professionals identified below owned any equity securities of the Portfolio directly or indirectly because shares of the Portfolio are held through the separate accounts of the Insurers.

INTERMEDIATE BOND PORTFOLIO

The day-to-day management of, and investment decisions for, the Portfolio are made by the Adviser's U.S. Core Fixed Income Investment Team. Mr. Michael Canter, Mr. Shawn E. Keegan, Mr. Douglas J. Peebles and Mr. Greg J. Wilensky are the investment professionals with the most significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio.

² Investment professionals at the Adviser include portfolio managers and research analysts. Investment professionals are part of investment groups (or teams) that service individual fund portfolios. The number of investment professionals assigned to a particular Portfolio will vary from Portfolio to Portfolio.

The following tables provide information regarding registered investment companies other than the Portfolio, other pooled investment vehicles and other accounts over which the portfolio managers also have day-to-day management responsibilities. The tables provide the numbers of such accounts, the total assets in such accounts and the number of accounts and total assets whose fees are based on performance. The information is provided as of December 31, 2016.

REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES (excluding the Portfolio)				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees
Michael Canter	38	\$8,765,000,000	None	None
Shawn E. Keegan	2	\$435,000,000	None	None
Douglas J. Peebles	29	\$14,436,000,000	None	None
Greg J. Wilensky	38	\$8,765,000,000	None	None

OTHER POOLED INVESTMENT VEHICLES				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees
Michael Canter	31	\$3,085,000,000	None	None
Shawn E. Keegan	31	\$40,442,000,000	None	None
Douglas J. Peebles	67	\$6,422,000,000	None	None
Greg J. Wilensky	31	\$3,085,000,000	None	None

OTHER ACCOUNTS				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Accounts Managed	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed	Number of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees
Michael Canter	105	\$7,522,000,000	3	\$640,000,000
Shawn E. Keegan	103	\$45,575,000,000	1	\$4,716,000,000
Douglas J. Peebles	80	\$24,760,000,000	4	\$2,515,000,000
Greg J. Wilensky	105	\$7,522,000,000	3	\$640,000,000

LARGE CAP GROWTH PORTFOLIO

The management of, and investment decisions for, the Portfolio's portfolio are made by the Adviser's U.S. Large Cap Growth Investment Team. Mr. Frank V. Caruso, Mr. Vincent C. Dupont, Mr. John H. Fogarty and Ms. Karen Sesin are the investment professionals with the most significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio.

The following tables provide information regarding registered investment companies other than the Portfolio, other pooled investment vehicles and other accounts over which the portfolio managers also have day-to-day management responsibilities. The tables provide the numbers of such accounts, the total assets in such accounts and the number of accounts and total assets whose fees are based on performance. The information is provided as of December 31, 2016.

REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES (excluding the Fund)				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees
Frank V. Caruso	30	\$12,480,000,000	None	None
Vincent C. Dupont	24	\$7,639,000,000	None	None
John H. Fogarty	26	\$8,364,000,000	None	None
Karen Sesin	35	\$14,357,000,000	None	None

OTHER POOLED INVESTMENT VEHICLES				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees
Frank V. Caruso	17	\$2,692,000,000	None	None
Vincent C. Dupont	12	\$2,509,000,000	None	None
John H. Fogarty	13	\$2,919,000,000	None	None
Karen Sesin	84	\$20,768,000,000	1	\$184,000,000

OTHER ACCOUNTS				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Accounts Managed	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed	Number of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees
Frank V. Caruso	28,924	\$15,620,000,000	None	None
Vincent C. Dupont	3,100	\$1,809,000,000	None	None
John H. Fogarty	3,104	\$2,044,000,000	None	None
Karen Sesin	3,119	\$16,719,000,000	None	None

GROWTH AND INCOME PORTFOLIO

Mr. Frank V. Caruso is the investment professional primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio's portfolio.

The following tables provide information regarding registered investment companies other than the Portfolio, other pooled investment vehicles and other accounts over which the portfolio manager also has day-to-day management responsibilities. The tables provide the numbers of such accounts, the total assets in such accounts and the number of accounts and total assets whose fees are based on performance. The information is provided as of the Portfolio's fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES (excluding the Portfolio)				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees
Frank V. Caruso	30	\$11,818,000,000	None	None

OTHER POOLED INVESTMENT VEHICLES				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees
Frank V. Caruso	17	\$2,692,000,000	None	None

OTHER ACCOUNTS				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Accounts Managed	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed	Number of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees
Frank V. Caruso	28,924	\$15,620,000,000	None	None

GROWTH PORTFOLIO

The management of, and investment decisions for, the Portfolio's portfolio are made by the Adviser's Growth Investment Team. Mr. Bruce K. Aronow, Mr. Frank V. Caruso and Mr. John H. Fogarty are the investment professionals with the most significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio's portfolio.

The following tables provide information regarding registered investment companies other than the Portfolio, other pooled investment vehicles and other accounts over which the portfolio managers also have day-to-day management responsibilities. The tables provide the numbers of such accounts, the total assets in such accounts and the number of accounts and total assets whose fees are based on performance. The information is provided as of the Portfolio's fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES (excluding the Fund)				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees
Bruce K. Aronow	20	\$5,258,000,000	None	None
Frank V. Caruso	30	\$12,799,000,000	None	None
John H. Fogarty	26	\$8,684,000,000	None	None

OTHER POOLED INVESTMENT VEHICLES				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees
Bruce K. Aronow	22	\$161,000,000	None	None
Frank V. Caruso	17	\$2,692,000,000	None	None
John H. Fogarty	13	\$2,919,000,000	None	None

OTHER ACCOUNTS				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Accounts Managed	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed	Number of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees
Bruce K. Aronow	30	\$2,987,000,000	3	\$644,000,000
Frank V. Caruso	28,924	\$15,620,000,000	None	None
John H. Fogarty	3,104	\$2,044,000,000	None	None

GLOBAL THEMATIC GROWTH PORTFOLIO

The day-to-day management of, and investment decisions for, the Portfolio's portfolio are made by the Adviser's Global Growth and Thematic Investment Team. Mr. Daniel C. Roarty is the investment professional with the most significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio's portfolio.

The following tables provide information regarding registered investment companies other than the Portfolio, other pooled investment vehicles and other accounts over which the portfolio manager also has day-to-day management responsibilities. The tables provide the numbers of such accounts, the total assets in such accounts and the number of accounts and total assets whose fees are based on performance. The information is provided as of the Portfolio's fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES (excluding the Fund)				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees
Daniel C. Roarty	28	\$5,250,000,000	None	None

OTHER POOLED INVESTMENT VEHICLES				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-Based Fees	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees
Daniel C. Roarty	65	\$21,598,000,000	2	\$184,000,000

OTHER ACCOUNTS				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Accounts Managed	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed	Number of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees
Daniel C. Roarty	243	\$15,914,000,000	None	None

INTERNATIONAL GROWTH PORTFOLIO

The management of, and investment decisions for, the Portfolio's portfolio are made by the Adviser's Global Growth and Thematic Investment Team. Mr. Daniel C. Roarty is the investment professional with the most significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio's portfolio.

The following tables provide information regarding registered investment companies other than the Portfolio, other pooled investment vehicles and other accounts over which the portfolio manager also has day-to-day management responsibilities. The tables provide the numbers of such accounts, the total assets in such accounts and the number of accounts and total assets whose fees are based on performance. The information is provided as of the Portfolio's fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES (excluding the Portfolio)				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees
Daniel C. Roarty	28	\$5,298,000,000	None	None

OTHER POOLED INVESTMENT VEHICLES				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees
Daniel C. Roarty	65	\$21,598,000,000	2	\$184,000,000

OTHER ACCOUNTS				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Accounts Managed	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed	Number of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees
Daniel C. Roarty	243	\$15,914,000,000	None	None

SMALL CAP GROWTH PORTFOLIO

The management of, and investment decisions for, the Portfolio's portfolio are made by the Small Cap Growth Investment Team. Mr. Bruce K. Aronow, Mr. N. Kumar Kirpalani, Ms. Samantha Lau and Mr. Wen-Tse Tseng are the investment professionals with the most significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio's portfolio.

The following tables provide information regarding registered investment companies other than the Portfolio, other pooled investment vehicles and other accounts over which the portfolio managers also have day-to-day management responsibilities. The tables provide the numbers of such accounts, the total assets in such accounts and the number of accounts and total assets whose fees are based on performance. The information is provided as of the Portfolio's fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES (excluding the Portfolio)				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees
Bruce K. Aronow	20	\$5,282,000,000	None	None
N. Kumar Kirpalani	18	\$4,557,000,000	None	None
Samantha Lau	18	\$4,557,000,000	None	None
Wen-Tse Tseng	18	\$4,557,000,000	None	None

OTHER POOLED INVESTMENT VEHICLES				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees
Bruce K. Aronow	22	\$161,000,000	None	None
N. Kumar Kirpalani	18	\$161,000,000	None	None
Samantha Lau	18	\$161,000,000	None	None
Wen-Tse Tseng	18	\$161,000,000	None	None

OTHER ACCOUNTS				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Accounts Managed	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed	Number of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees
Bruce K. Aronow	30	\$2,987,000,000	3	\$644,000,000
N. Kumar Kirpalani	26	\$2,571,000,000	3	\$644,000,000
Samantha Lau	26	\$2,571,000,000	3	\$644,000,000
Wen-Tse Tseng	26	\$2,571,000,000	3	\$644,000,000

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

The management of, and investment decisions for, the Portfolio's portfolio are made by the REIT Senior Investment Management Team. Mr. Eric J. Franco and Mr. Ajit Ketkar are the investment professionals with the most significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio's portfolio.

The following tables provide information regarding registered investment companies other than the Portfolio, other pooled investment vehicles and other accounts over which the portfolio managers also have day-to-day management responsibilities. The tables provide the numbers of such accounts, the total assets in such accounts and the number of accounts and total assets whose fees are based on performance. The information is provided as of the Portfolio's fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES (excluding the Portfolio)				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees
Eric J. Franco	28	\$935,000,000	None	None
Ajit Ketkar	28	\$935,000,000	None	None

OTHER POOLED INVESTMENT VEHICLES				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees
Eric J. Franco	42	\$989,000,000	None	None
Ajit Ketkar	42	\$989,000,000	None	None

OTHER ACCOUNTS				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Accounts Managed	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed	Number of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees
Eric J. Franco	5	\$245,000,000	None	None
Ajit Ketkar	5	\$245,000,000	None	None

INTERNATIONAL VALUE PORTFOLIO

The management of, and investment decisions for, the Portfolio's portfolio are made by the International Value Senior Investment Management Team. Mr. Takeo Aso, Mr. Avi Lavi and Mr. Tawhid Ali are the investment professionals with the most significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio's portfolio.

The following tables provide information regarding registered investment companies other than the Portfolio, other pooled investment vehicles and other accounts over which the portfolio managers also have day-to-day management responsibilities³. The tables provide the numbers of such accounts, the total assets in such accounts and the number of accounts and total assets whose fees are based on performance. The information is provided as of the Portfolio's fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

³ Each investment vehicle or account represented in the chart, for which the investment professionals have portfolio management responsibility, is based upon one of eleven model portfolios. Each vehicle or account differs from its respective model portfolio only to a limited extent based on specific client requirements relating to tax considerations, cash flows due to the frequency and amount of investments, the client's country of residence and currency strategies related thereto, and/or client-imposed investment restrictions regarding particular types of companies or industries.

REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES (excluding the Portfolio)				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees
Tawhid Ali	30	\$4,241,000,000	None	None
Takeo Aso	30	\$3,771,000,000	None	None
Avi Lavi	34	\$6,618,000,000	None	None

OTHER POOLED INVESTMENT VEHICLES				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees
Tawhid Ali	32	\$2,699,000,000	1	\$94,000,000
Takeo Aso	27	\$1,258,000,000	1	\$94,000,000
Avi Lavi	34	\$1,387,000,000	1	\$94,000,000

OTHER ACCOUNTS				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Accounts Managed	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed	Number of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees
Tawhid Ali	43	\$7,564,000,000	1	\$348,000,000
Takeo Aso	34	\$6,947,000,000	1	\$348,000,000
Avi Lavi	35	\$6,963,000,000	1	\$348,000,000

SMALL/MID CAP VALUE PORTFOLIO

The management of, and investment decisions for, the Portfolio's portfolio are made by the Small/Mid Cap Value Senior Investment Management Team. Mr. James W. MacGregor, Mr. Joseph G. Paul and Mr. Shri Singhvi are the investment professionals with the most significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio's portfolio.

The following tables provide information regarding registered investment companies other than the Portfolio, other pooled investment vehicles and other accounts over which the portfolio managers also have day-to-day management responsibilities. The tables provide the numbers of such accounts, the total assets in such accounts and the number of accounts and total assets whose fees are based on performance. The information is provided as of the Portfolio's fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES (excluding the Portfolio)				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees
James W. MacGregor	25	\$5,771,000,000	None	None
Joseph G. Paul	17	\$6,681,000,000	None	None
Shri Singhvi	25	\$5,771,000,000	None	None

OTHER POOLED INVESTMENT VEHICLES				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees
James W. MacGregor	36	\$709,000,000	None	None
Joseph G. Paul	15	\$444,000,000	None	None
Shri Singhvi	34	\$547,000,000	None	None

OTHER ACCOUNTS				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Accounts Managed	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed	Number of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees
James W. MacGregor	42	\$1,584,000,000	None	None
Joseph G. Paul	29,697	\$16,701,000,000	None	None
Shri Singhvi	42	\$1,584,000,000	None	None

VALUE PORTFOLIO

The management of, and investment decisions for, the Portfolio's portfolio are made by the U.S. Value Senior Investment Management Team. Mr. Cem Inal and Mr. Joseph G. Paul are the investment professionals with the most significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio's portfolio.

The following tables provide information regarding registered investment companies other than the Portfolio, other pooled investment vehicles and other accounts over which the portfolio managers also have day-to-day management responsibilities.⁴ The tables

⁴ Each investment vehicle or account represented in the chart, for which the investment professionals have portfolio management responsibility, is based upon one of three model portfolios. Each vehicle or account

provide the numbers of such accounts, the total assets in such accounts and the number of accounts and total assets whose fees are based on performance. The information is provided as of the Portfolio's fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES (excluding the Portfolio)				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees
Cem Inal	12	\$2,484,000,000	None	None
Joseph G. Paul	16	\$6,600,000,000	None	None

OTHER POOLED INVESTMENT VEHICLES				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees
Cem Inal	10	\$261,000,000	None	None
Joseph G. Paul	15	\$444,000,000	None	None

OTHER ACCOUNTS				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Accounts Managed	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed	Number of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees
Cem Inal	3,876	\$3,105,000,000	None	None
Joseph G. Paul	29,697	\$16,701,000,000	None	None

differs from its respective model portfolio only to a limited extent based on specific client requirements relating to tax considerations, cash flows due to the frequency and amount of investments, the client's country of residence and currency strategies related thereto, and/or client-imposed investment restrictions regarding particular types of companies or industries.

BALANCED WEALTH STRATEGY PORTFOLIO

The management of, and investment decisions for, the Portfolio's portfolio are made by the Multi-Asset Solutions Team. Mr. Daniel J. Loewy, Mr. Christopher H. Nikolich and Mr. Vadim Zlotnikov are the investment professionals with the most significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio's portfolio.

The following tables provide information regarding registered investment companies other than the Portfolio, other pooled investment vehicles and other accounts over which the portfolio managers also have day-to-day responsibilities for coordinating investments. The tables provide the numbers of such accounts, the total assets in such accounts and the number of accounts and total assets whose fees are based on performance. The information is provided as of the Portfolio's fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES (excluding the referenced Portfolio)				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees
Daniel J. Loewy	19	\$13,790,000,000	None	None
Christopher H. Nikolich	11	\$375,000,000	None	None
Vadim Zlotnikov	49	\$14,935,000,000	None	None

OTHER POOLED INVESTMENT VEHICLES				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees
Daniel J. Loewy	191	\$17,679,000,000	None	None
Christopher H. Nikolich	190	\$17,119,000,000	None	None
Vadim Zlotnikov	193	\$17,785,000,000	None	None

OTHER ACCOUNTS				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Accounts Managed	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed	Number of Other Accounts Managed With Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed With Performance-based Fees
Daniel J. Loewy	24	\$20,686,000,000	None	None
Christopher H. Nikolich	20	\$14,990,000,000	None	None
Vadim Zlotnikov	83	\$29,658,000,000	23	\$7,013,000,000

DYNAMIC ASSET ALLOCATION PORTFOLIO

The management of, and investment decisions for, the Portfolio's portfolio are made by the Adviser's Dynamic Asset Allocation Team. Mr. Brian T. Brugman, Mr. Daniel J. Loewy and Mr. Vadim Zlotnikov are the investment professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio's portfolio.

The following tables provide information regarding registered investment companies other than the Portfolio, other pooled investment vehicles and other accounts over which the portfolio managers also have day-to-day management responsibilities. The tables provide the numbers of such accounts, the total assets in such accounts and the number of accounts and total assets whose fees are based on performance. The information is provided as of December 31, 2016.

REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES (excluding the Fund)				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees
Brian T. Brugman	3	\$12,785,000,000	None	None
Daniel J. Loewy	19	\$13,790,000,000	None	None
Vadim Zlotnikov	49	\$14,935,000,000	None	None

OTHER POOLED INVESTMENT VEHICLES				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees
Brian T. Brugman	None	None	None	None
Daniel J. Loewy	190	\$17,119,000,000	None	None
Vadim Zlotnikov	192	\$17,225,000,000	None	None

OTHER ACCOUNTS				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Accounts Managed	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed	Number of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees
Brian T. Brugman	4	\$5,697,000,000	None	None
Daniel J. Loewy	24	\$20,686,000,000	None	None
Vadim Zlotnikov	83	\$29,658,000,000	23	\$7,013,000,000

GLOBAL BOND PORTFOLIO

The day-to-day management of, and investment decisions for, the Portfolio are made by the Adviser's Global Fixed Income Investment Team. Mr. Paul J. DeNoon, Mr. Scott A. DiMaggio, Mr. Douglas J. Peebles and Mr. Matthew S. Sheridan are the investment professionals with the most significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio.

The following tables provide information regarding registered investment companies other than the Portfolio, other pooled investment vehicles and other accounts over which the portfolio managers also have day-to-day management responsibilities. The tables provide the numbers of such accounts, the total assets in such accounts and the number of accounts and total assets whose fees are based on performance. The information is provided as of December 31, 2016.

REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES (excluding the Portfolio)				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees
Paul J. DeNoon	19	\$9,763,000,000	None	None
Scott A. DiMaggio	26	\$14,009,000,000	None	None
Douglas J. Peebles	28	\$14,436,000,000	None	None
Matthew S. Sheridan	34	\$18,573,000,000	None	None

OTHER POOLED INVESTMENT VEHICLES				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees
Paul J. DeNoon	56	\$34,576,000,000	None	None
Scott A. DiMaggio	59	\$3,426,000,000	None	None
Douglas J. Peebles	67	\$6,422,000,000	None	None
Matthew S. Sheridan	79	\$33,211,000,000	None	None

OTHER ACCOUNTS				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Accounts Managed	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed	Number of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees
Paul J. DeNoon	16	\$8,952,000,000	2	\$982,000,000
Scott A. DiMaggio	61	\$22,415,000,000	4	\$2,515,000,000
Douglas J. Peebles	80	\$24,760,000,000	4	\$2,515,000,000
Matthew S. Sheridan	45	\$20,077,000,000	4	\$2,515,000,000

GLOBAL RISK ALLOCATION—MODERATE PORTFOLIO

The management of, and investment decisions for, the Portfolio's portfolio are made by the Adviser's Quantitative Investment Strategies Team. Mr. Daniel J. Loewy and Mr. Leon Zhu are the investment professionals with the most significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio.

The following tables provide information regarding registered investment companies other than the Portfolio, other pooled investment vehicles and other accounts over which the portfolio managers also have day-to-day management responsibilities. The tables provide the numbers of such accounts, the total assets in such accounts and the number of accounts and total assets whose fees are based on performance. The information is provided as of December 31, 2016.

REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES (excluding the Fund)				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees
Daniel J. Loewy	18	\$13,771,000,000	None	None
Leon Zhu	1	\$44,000,000	None	None

OTHER POOLED INVESTMENT VEHICLES				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees
Daniel J. Loewy	191	\$17,679,000,000	None	None
Leon Zhu	None	None	None	None

OTHER ACCOUNTS				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Accounts Managed	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed	Number of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees
Daniel J. Loewy	24	\$20,686,000,000	None	None
Leon Zhu	None	None	None	None

MULTI-MANAGER ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES PORTFOLIO

The management of, and investment decisions for, the Portfolio's portfolio are made by the Adviser's Multi-Manager Alternative Team. Mr. Marc H. Gamsin and Mr. Greg Outcalt are the investment professionals with the most significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio.

The following tables provide information regarding registered investment companies other than the Portfolio, other pooled investment vehicles and other accounts over which the portfolio managers also have day-to-day management responsibilities. The tables provide the numbers of such accounts, the total assets in such accounts and the number of accounts and total assets whose fees are based on performance. The information is provided as of December 31, 2016.

REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES (excluding the Fund)				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed	Number of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Registered Investment Companies Managed with Performance-based Fees
Marc H. Gamsin	8	\$1,626,000,000	None	None
Greg Outcalt	8	\$1,626,000,000	None	None

OTHER POOLED INVESTMENT VEHICLES				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed	Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed with Performance-based Fees
Marc H. Gamsin	13	\$1,365,000,000	None	None
Greg Outcalt	13	\$1,365,000,000	None	None

OTHER ACCOUNTS				
Portfolio Manager	Total Number of Other Accounts Managed	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed	Number of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed with Performance-based Fees
Marc H. Gamsin	None	None	None	None
Greg Outcalt	None	None	None	None

Investment Professional Conflict of Interest Disclosure

As an investment adviser and fiduciary, the Adviser owes its clients and shareholders an undivided duty of loyalty. The Adviser recognizes that conflicts of interest are inherent in its business and accordingly has developed policies and procedures (including oversight monitoring) reasonably designed to detect, manage and mitigate the effects of actual or potential conflicts of interest in the area of employee personal trading, managing multiple accounts for multiple clients, including AB Mutual Funds, and allocating investment

opportunities. Investment professionals, including portfolio managers and research analysts, are subject to the above-mentioned policies and oversight monitoring to ensure that all clients are treated equitably. The Adviser places the interests of its clients first and expects all of its employees to meet their fiduciary duties.

Employee Personal Trading. The Adviser has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that is designed to detect and prevent conflicts of interest when investment professionals and other personnel of the Adviser own, buy or sell securities which may be owned by, or bought or sold for, clients. Personal securities transactions by an employee may raise a potential conflict of interest when an employee owns or trades in a security that is owned or considered for purchase or sale by a client, or recommended for purchase or sale by an employee to a client. Subject to the reporting requirements and other limitations of its Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, the Adviser permits its employees to engage in personal securities transactions, and also allows them to acquire investments in certain funds managed by the Adviser. The Adviser's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics requires disclosure of all personal accounts and maintenance of brokerage accounts with designated broker-dealers approved by the Adviser. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics also requires preclearance of all securities transactions (except transactions in U.S. Treasuries and open-end mutual funds) and imposes a 60-day holding period for securities purchased by employees to discourage short-term trading.

Managing Multiple Accounts for Multiple Clients. The Adviser has compliance policies and oversight monitoring in place to address conflicts of interest relating to the management of multiple accounts for multiple clients. Conflicts of interest may arise when an investment professional has responsibilities for the investments of more than one account because the investment professional may be unable to devote equal time and attention to each account. The investment professional or investment professional teams for each client may have responsibilities for managing all or a portion of the investments of multiple accounts with a common investment strategy, including other registered investment companies, unregistered investment vehicles, such as hedge funds, pension plans, separate accounts, collective trusts and charitable foundations. Among other things, the Adviser's policies and procedures provide for the prompt dissemination to investment professionals of initial or changed investment recommendations by analysts so that investment professionals are better able to develop investment strategies for all accounts they manage. In addition, investment decisions by investment professionals are reviewed for the purpose of maintaining uniformity among similar accounts and ensuring that accounts are treated equitably. Investment professional compensation reflects a broad contribution in multiple dimensions to long-term investment success for clients of the Adviser and is generally not tied specifically to the performance of any particular client's account, nor is it generally tied directly to the level or change in level of assets under management.

Allocating Investment Opportunities. The investment professionals at the Adviser routinely are required to select and allocate investment opportunities among accounts. The Adviser has adopted policies and procedures intended to address conflicts of interest relating to the allocation of investment opportunities. These policies and procedures are designed to ensure that information relevant to investment decisions is disseminated promptly within its portfolio management teams and investment opportunities are allocated equitably among different clients. The policies and procedures require, among other things, objective allocation for limited

investment opportunities (*e.g.*, on a rotational basis), and documentation and review of justifications for any decisions to make investments only for select accounts or in a manner disproportionate to the size of the account. Portfolio holdings, position sizes, and industry and sector exposures tend to be similar across similar accounts, which minimizes the potential for conflicts of interest relating to the allocation of investment opportunities. Nevertheless, access to portfolio funds or other investment opportunities may be allocated differently among accounts due to the particular characteristics of an account, such as size of the account, cash position, tax status, risk tolerance and investment restrictions or for other reasons.

The Adviser's procedures are also designed to address potential conflicts of interest that may arise when the Adviser has a particular financial incentive, such as a performance-based management fee, relating to an account. An investment professional may perceive that he or she has an incentive to devote more time to developing and analyzing investment strategies and opportunities or allocating securities preferentially to accounts for which the Adviser could share in investment gains.

Portfolio Manager Compensation

The Adviser's compensation program for portfolio managers is designed to align with clients' interests, emphasizing each portfolio manager's ability to generate long-term investment success for the Adviser's clients, including the Portfolios. The Adviser also strives to ensure that compensation is competitive and effective in attracting and retaining the highest caliber employees.

Portfolio managers receive a base salary, incentive compensation and contributions to AllianceBernstein's 401(k) plan. Part of the annual incentive compensation is generally paid in the form of a cash bonus, and part through an award under the firm's Incentive Compensation Award Plan (ICAP). The ICAP awards vest over a four-year period. Deferred awards are paid in the form of restricted grants of the firm's Master Limited Partnership Units, and award recipients have the ability to receive a portion of their awards in deferred cash. The amount of contributions to the 401(k) plan is determined at the sole discretion of the Adviser. On an annual basis, the Adviser endeavors to combine all of the foregoing elements into a total compensation package that considers industry compensation trends and is designed to retain its best talent.

The incentive portion of total compensation is determined by quantitative and qualitative factors. Quantitative factors, which are weighted more heavily, are driven by investment performance. Qualitative factors are driven by contributions to the investment process and client success.

The quantitative component includes measures of absolute, relative and risk-adjusted investment performance. Relative and risk-adjusted returns are determined based on the benchmark in the Portfolios' Prospectuses and versus peers over one-, three- and five-year calendar periods, with more weight given to longer-time periods. Peer groups are chosen by Chief Investment Officers, who consult with the product management team to identify products most similar to our investment style and most relevant within the asset class. Portfolio managers of the Portfolios do not receive any direct compensation based upon the investment returns of

any individual client account, and compensation is not tied directly to the level or change in level of assets under management.

Among the qualitative components considered, the most important include thought leadership, collaboration with other investment colleagues, contributions to risk-adjusted returns of other portfolios in the firm, efforts in mentoring and building a strong talent pool and being a good corporate citizen. Other factors can play a role in determining portfolio managers' compensation, such as the complexity of investment strategies managed, volume of assets managed and experience.

The Adviser emphasizes four behavioral competencies—relentlessness, ingenuity, team orientation and accountability—that support its mission to be the most trusted advisor to its clients. Assessments of investment professionals are formalized in a year-end review process that includes 360-degree feedback from other professionals from across the investment teams and the Adviser.

EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIOS

Distribution Services Agreement

The Fund has entered into a Distribution Services Agreement (the “Agreement”) with ABI, the Fund’s principal underwriter, to permit ABI to distribute the Portfolios’ shares and to permit each Portfolio of the Fund to pay distribution services fees to defray expenses associated with distribution of its Class B shares in accordance with a plan of distribution that is included in the Agreement and that has been duly adopted and approved in accordance with Rule 12b-1 adopted by the SEC under the 1940 Act (the “Plan”).

In approving the Plan, the Directors determined that there was a reasonable likelihood that the Plan would benefit each Portfolio and its Class B shareholders. The Adviser may, from time to time, and from its own funds or such other resources as may be permitted by rules of the SEC, make payments for distribution services to ABI; the latter may in turn pay part or all of such compensation to brokers or other persons for their distribution assistance.

The Plan will continue in effect for successive one-year periods, provided that each such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by a majority of the Independent Directors of the Fund who have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Plan or in any agreement relating to the Plan (“Qualified Directors”) and by a vote of a majority of the entire Board at a meeting called for that purpose. Most recently, continuance of the Agreement was approved for an additional annual term by the Board, including a majority of the Directors who are not parties to the Agreement or interested persons of such party, at a meeting held on May 3-5, 2016.

All material amendments to the Plan will become effective only on approval as specified in the preceding paragraph and the Plan may not be amended in order to materially

increase the costs that the Portfolios may bear pursuant to the Plan without the approval of a majority of the holders of the outstanding voting shares of the Class B shares of the Portfolios.

The Agreement may be terminated with respect to a Portfolio (i) by ABI or (ii) by a Portfolio without payment of any penalty upon the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Portfolio, voting separately by class, or by vote of a majority of the Qualified Directors. To terminate an Agreement, any party must give the other 60 days' written notice; to terminate a Plan only, a Portfolio is not required to give prior notice to ABI. The Agreement will terminate automatically in the event of an assignment. The Plan is of a type known as a "compensation plan", which means that it compensates the distributor for services rendered even if the amount paid exceeds the distributor's expenses.

In the event that the Agreement is terminated by either party or not continued with respect to the Class B shares of a Portfolio, (i) no distribution services fees (other than current amounts accrued but not yet paid) would be owed by the Fund to ABI with respect to Class B shares of such Portfolio and (ii) the Fund would not be obligated to pay ABI for any amounts expended under the Agreement not previously recovered by ABI from distribution services fees in respect of shares of such class.

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, the Portfolios paid distribution services fees for expenditures under the Agreement, with respect to Class B shares, in aggregate amounts as described in the table below.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Distribution services fees for expenditures payable to ABI</u>	<u>Percentage per annum of the aggregate average daily net assets attributable to Class B shares</u>
Intermediate Bond Portfolio	\$41,580	.25%
Large Cap Growth Portfolio	\$583,361	.25%
Growth and Income Portfolio	\$1,937,263	.25%
Growth Portfolio	\$99,637	.25%
International Growth Portfolio	\$91,341	.25%
Global Thematic Growth Portfolio	\$208,325	.25%
Small Cap Growth Portfolio	\$41,501	.25%
Real Estate Investment Portfolio	\$39,904	.25%
International Value Portfolio	\$1,219,053	.25%
Small/Mid Cap Value Portfolio	\$994,309	.25%
Value Portfolio	\$197,998	.25%
Balanced Wealth Strategy Portfolio	\$717,511	.25%
Dynamic Asset Allocation Portfolio	\$1,317,583	.25%
Global Bond Portfolio	\$34	.25%
Global Risk Allocation—Moderate Portfolio	\$160,567	.25%

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Distribution services fees for expenditures payable to ABI</u>	<u>Percentage per annum of the aggregate average daily net assets attributable to Class B shares</u>
Multi-Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio	\$25	.25%

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, expenses incurred by each Portfolio and costs allocated to each Portfolio in connection with activities primarily intended to result in the sale of Class B shares were as follows:

<u>Category of Expense</u>	<u>Intermediate Bond Portfolio</u>	<u>Large Cap Growth Portfolio</u>	<u>Growth and Income Portfolio</u>
Advertising/Marketing	\$21	\$304	\$757
Printing and Mailing of Prospectuses and Semi- Annual and Annual Reports to Other Than Current Shareholders	30	437	1,369
Compensation to Underwriters	41,334	582,045	1,945,936
Compensation to Dealers	36,518	528,612	1,562,542
Compensation to Sales Personnel	2,776	38,278	129,581
Interest, Carrying or Other Financing Charges	0	0	0
Other (includes personnel costs of those home office employees involved in the distribution effort and the travel-related expenses incurred by the marketing personnel conducting seminars)	1,802	25,078	84,333
Totals	\$82,481	\$1,174,754	\$3,724,518

<u>Category of Expense</u>	<u>Growth Portfolio</u>	<u>International Growth Portfolio</u>	<u>Global Thematic Growth Portfolio</u>	<u>Small Cap Growth Portfolio</u>
Advertising/ Marketing	\$50	\$45	\$103	\$21
Printing and Mailing of Prospectuses and Semi-Annual and Annual Reports to Other than Current Shareholders	73	67	151	31
Compensation to Underwriters	99,636	91,326	208,311	41,378
Compensation to Dealers	88,329	82,184	184,681	39,712
Compensation to Sales Personnel	6,593	6,010	13,777	2,734
Interest, Carrying or Other Financing Charges	0	0	0	0
Other (includes personnel costs of those home office employees involved in the distribution effort and the travel- related expenses incurred by the marketing personnel conducting seminars)	4,297	3,934	8,979	1,791
Totals	\$198,978	\$183,566	\$416,002	\$85,667

<u>Category of Expense</u>	<u>Real Estate Investment Portfolio</u>	<u>International Value Portfolio</u>	<u>Small/Mid Cap Value Portfolio</u>	<u>Value Portfolio</u>
Advertising/ Marketing	\$17	\$631	\$449	\$99
Printing and Mailing of Prospectuses and Semi-Annual and Annual Reports to Other than Current Shareholders	28	886	707	144
Compensation to Underwriters	39,772	1,218,671	994,645	197,976
Compensation to Dealers	32,525	1,093,745	839,189	175,340
Compensation to Sales Personnel	2,652	80,782	66,381	13,156
Interest, Carrying or Other Financing Charges	0	0	0	0
Other (includes personnel costs of those home office employees involved in the distribution effort and the travel- related expenses incurred by the marketing personnel conducting seminars)	1,727	52,463	42,953	8,538
Totals	\$76,721	\$2,447,178	\$1,944,324	\$395,253

<u>Category of Expense</u>	<u>Balanced Wealth Strategy Portfolio</u>	<u>Dynamic Asset Allocation Portfolio</u>	<u>Global Bond Portfolio</u>	<u>Global Risk Allocation—Moderate Portfolio</u>	<u>Multi-Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio</u>
Advertising/Marketing	\$354	\$618	\$0	\$65	\$0
Printing and Mailing of Prospectuses and Semi-Annual and Annual Reports to Other than Current Shareholders	521	942	0	111	0
Compensation to Underwriters	717,599	1,317,604	0	159,170	0
Compensation to Dealers	627,611	1,106,106	0	2,235	0
Compensation to Sales Personnel	47,529	87,855	1	10,778	0
Interest, Carrying or Other Financing Charges	0	0	0	0	0
Other (includes personnel costs of those home office employees involved in the distribution effort and the travel-related expenses incurred by the marketing personnel conducting seminars)	30,966	57,036	0	6,971	0
Totals	\$1,424,580	\$2,570,161	\$1	\$179,330	\$0

PURCHASE AND REDEMPTION OF SHARES

The following information supplements that set forth in the Portfolios' Prospectuses under the heading "Investing in the Portfolios".

Shares of each Portfolio are offered at NAV on a continuous basis to the separate accounts of the Insurers without any sales or other charge. The separate accounts of insurance companies place orders to purchase shares based on, among other things, the amount of premium payments to be invested and surrendered and transfer requests to be effected pursuant to variable contracts funded by shares of the Portfolio. The Fund reserves the right to suspend the sale of its shares in response to conditions in the securities markets or for other reasons. See the prospectus of the separate account of the participating insurance company for more information on the purchase of shares.

The Insurers maintain omnibus account arrangements with the Fund in respect of one or more Portfolios and place aggregate purchase, redemption and exchange orders for shares of a Portfolio corresponding to orders placed by the Insurers' customers ("Contractholders") who have purchased contracts from the Insurers, in each case, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the relevant contract. Omnibus account arrangements maintained by the Insurers are discussed below.

Frequent Purchases and Sales of Portfolio Shares

The Board has adopted policies and procedures designed to detect and deter frequent purchases and redemptions of Portfolio shares or excessive or short-term trading that may disadvantage long-term Contractholders. These policies are described below. There is no guarantee that a Portfolio will be able to detect excessive or short-term trading or to identify Contractholders engaged in such practices. Contractholders engaged in such practices, particularly with respect to transactions in omnibus accounts. Contractholders should be aware that application of these policies may have adverse consequences, as described below, and should avoid frequent trading in Portfolio shares through purchases, sales and exchanges of shares. Each Portfolio reserves the right to restrict, reject or cancel, without any prior notice, any purchase or exchange order for any reason, including any purchase or exchange order accepted by any Insurer or a Contractholder's financial intermediary.

Risks Associated with Excessive or Short-Term Trading Generally. While the Fund will try to prevent market timing by utilizing the procedures described below, these procedures may not be successful in identifying or stopping excessive or short-term trading attributable to particular Contractholders in all circumstances. By realizing profits through short-term trading, Contractholders that engage in rapid purchases and sales or exchanges of a Portfolio's shares dilute the value of shares held by long-term Contractholders. Volatility resulting from excessive purchases and sales or exchanges of shares of a Portfolio, especially involving large dollar amounts, may disrupt efficient portfolio management and cause a Portfolio to sell portfolio securities at inopportune times to raise cash to accommodate redemptions relating to short-term trading activity. In particular, a Portfolio may have difficulty

implementing its long-term investment strategies if it is forced to maintain a higher level of its assets in cash to accommodate significant short-term trading activity. In addition, a Portfolio may incur increased administrative and other expenses due to excessive or short-term trading and increased brokerage costs and realization of taxable capital gains.

Investments in securities of foreign issuers may be particularly susceptible to short-term trading strategies. This is because securities of foreign issuers are typically traded on markets that close well before the time a Portfolio ordinarily calculates its NAV at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time, which gives rise to the possibility that developments may have occurred in the interim that would affect the value of these securities. The time zone differences among international stock markets can allow a Contractholder engaging in a short-term trading strategy to exploit differences in share prices that are based on closing prices of securities of foreign issuers established some time before a Portfolio calculates its own share price (referred to as “time zone arbitrage”). Each of the Portfolios has procedures, referred to as fair value pricing, designed to adjust closing market prices of securities of foreign issuers to reflect what is believed to be the fair value of those securities at the time the Portfolio calculates its NAV. While there is no assurance, each of the Portfolios expects that the use of fair value pricing, in addition to the short-term trading policies discussed below, will significantly reduce a Contractholder’s ability to engage in time zone arbitrage to the detriment of other Contractholders.

Contractholders engaging in a short-term trading strategy may also target a Portfolio that does not invest primarily in securities of foreign issuers. Any Portfolio that invests in securities that are, among other things, thinly traded, traded infrequently, or relatively illiquid has the risk that the current market price for the securities may not accurately reflect current market values. Contractholders may seek to engage in short-term trading to take advantage of these pricing differences (referred to as “price arbitrage”). All Portfolios may be adversely affected by price arbitrage.

Policy Regarding Short-term Trading. Purchases and exchanges of shares of the Portfolios should be made for investment purposes only. The Fund seeks to prevent patterns of excessive purchases and sales or exchanges of shares of the Portfolios. The Fund seeks to prevent such practices to the extent they are detected by the procedures described below, subject to the Fund’s ability to monitor purchase, sale and exchange activity. Insurers utilizing omnibus account arrangements may not identify to the Fund, ABI or ABIS Contractholders’ transaction activity relating to shares of a particular Portfolio on an individual basis. Consequently, the Fund, ABI and ABIS may not be able to detect excessive or short-term trading in shares of a Portfolio attributable to a particular Contractholder who effects purchase and redemption and/or exchange activity in shares of the Portfolio through an Insurer acting in an omnibus capacity. In seeking to prevent excessive or short-term trading in shares of the Portfolios, including the maintenance of any transaction surveillance or account blocking procedures, the Fund, ABI and ABIS consider the information actually available to them at the time. The Fund reserves the right to modify this policy, including any surveillance or account blocking procedures established from time to time to effectuate this policy, at any time without notice.

Transaction Surveillance Procedures. The Portfolios, through their agents, ABI and ABIS, maintain surveillance procedures to detect excessive or short-term trading in Portfolio shares. This surveillance process involves several factors, which include

scrutinizing individual Insurers' omnibus transaction activity in Portfolio shares in order to seek to ascertain whether any such activity attributable to one or more Contractholders might constitute excessive or short-term trading. Insurers' omnibus transaction activity identified by these surveillance procedures, or as a result of any other information actually available at the time, will be evaluated to determine whether such activity might indicate excessive or short-term trading activity attributable to one or more Contractholders. These surveillance procedures may be modified from time to time, as necessary or appropriate to improve the detection of excessive or short-term trading or to address specific circumstances.

Account Blocking Procedures. If the Fund determines, in its sole discretion, that a particular transaction or pattern of transactions identified by the transaction surveillance procedures described above is excessive or short-term trading in nature, the relevant Insurers' omnibus account(s) will be immediately "blocked" and no future purchase or exchange activity will be permitted, except to the extent the Fund, ABI or ABIS has been informed in writing that the terms and conditions of a particular contract may limit the Fund's ability to apply its short-term trading policy to Contractholder activity as discussed below. As a result, any Contractholder seeking to engage through an Insurer in purchase or exchange activity in shares of one or more Portfolios under a particular contract will be prevented from doing so. However, sales of Portfolio shares back to the Portfolio or redemptions will continue to be permitted in accordance with the terms of the Portfolio's current Prospectus. In the event an account is blocked, certain account-related privileges, such as the ability to place purchase, sale and exchange orders over the internet or by phone, may also be suspended. As a result, unless the Contractholder redeems his or her shares, the Contractholder effectively may be "locked" into an investment in shares of one or more of the Portfolios that the Contractholder did not intend to hold on a long-term basis or that may not be appropriate for the Contractholder's risk profile. To rectify this situation, a Contractholder with a "blocked" account may be forced to redeem Portfolio shares, which could be costly if, for example, these shares have declined in value. To avoid this risk, a Contractholder should carefully monitor the purchases, sales, and exchanges of Portfolio shares and should avoid frequent trading in Portfolio shares. An Insurer's omnibus account that is blocked will generally remain blocked unless and until the Insurer provides evidence or assurance acceptable to the Fund that one or more Contractholders did not or will not in the future engage in excessive or short-term trading.

Applications of Surveillance Procedures and Restrictions to Omnibus Accounts. The Portfolios apply their surveillance procedures to Insurers. As required by SEC rules, the Portfolios have entered into agreements with all of their financial intermediaries that require the financial intermediaries to provide the Portfolios, upon the request of the Portfolios or their agents, with individual account level information about their transactions. If the Portfolios detect excessive trading through their monitoring of omnibus accounts, including trading at the individual account level, Insurers will also execute instructions from the Portfolios to take actions to curtail the activity, which may include applying blocks to accounts to prohibit future purchases and exchanges of Portfolio shares.

Redemption of Shares

An insurance company separate account may redeem all or any portion of the shares in its account at any time at the NAV next determined after a redemption request in the proper form is furnished to the Fund. Any certificates representing shares being redeemed must be submitted with the redemption request. Shares do not earn dividends on the day they are redeemed, regardless of whether the redemption request is received before or after the time of computation of NAV that day. There is no redemption charge. The redemption proceeds will normally be sent within 7 days.

The right of redemption may be suspended or the date of payment may be postponed for any period during which the Exchange is closed (other than customary weekend and holiday closings) or during which the SEC determines that trading thereon is restricted, or for any period during which an emergency (as determined by the SEC) exists as a result of which disposal by the Fund of securities owned by a Portfolio is not reasonably practicable or as a result of which it is not reasonably practicable for the Fund fairly to determine the value of a Portfolio's net assets, or for such other periods as the SEC may by order permit for the protection of security holders of the Portfolios. For information regarding how to redeem shares in the Portfolios, please see your insurance company's separate account prospectus.

The value of a shareholder's shares on redemption or repurchase may be more or less than the cost of such shares to the shareholder, depending upon the market value of the Portfolio's securities at the time of such redemption or repurchase. Payment either in cash or in portfolio securities received by a shareholder upon redemption or repurchase of his shares, assuming the shares constitute capital assets in his hands, will result in long-term or short-term capital gains (or losses) depending upon the shareholder's holding period and basis in respect of the shares redeemed.

Payments to Financial Intermediaries

Financial intermediaries, such as the Insurers, market and sell shares of the Portfolios and typically receive compensation for selling shares of the Portfolios. This compensation is paid from various sources, including any Rule 12b-1 fee that you or the Portfolios may pay.

In the case of Class B shares, up to 100% of the Rule 12b-1 fee applicable to Class B shares each year may be paid to the financial intermediary that sells Class B shares.

Insurers or your financial intermediary receive compensation from the Portfolios, ABI and/or the Adviser in several ways from various sources, which include some or all of the following:

- Rule 12b-1 fees;
- defrayal of costs for educational seminars and training;
- additional distribution support; and
- payments related to providing recordkeeping and/or transfer agency services.

Please read your Portfolio's Prospectus carefully for information on this compensation.

ABI and/or the Adviser may pay Insurers or other financial intermediaries to perform recordkeeping and administrative services in connection with the Portfolios. Such payments will generally not exceed 0.35% of the average daily net assets of each Portfolio attributable to the Insurer.

Other Payments for Educational Support and Distribution Assistance. In addition to the fees described above, ABI, at its expense, currently provides additional payments to the Insurers. These sums include payments to reimburse directly or indirectly the costs incurred by the Insurers and their employees in connection with educational seminars and training efforts about the Portfolios for the Insurers' employees and/or their clients and potential clients and may include payments for distribution analytical data regarding Portfolio sales by the Insurer. The costs and expenses associated with these efforts may include travel, lodging, entertainment and meals.

For 2017, ABI's additional payments to these firms for distribution services and educational support are expected to be approximately \$400,000. In 2016, ABI paid additional payments of approximately \$400,000 for the Portfolios.

If one mutual fund sponsor that offers shares to separate accounts of an Insurer makes greater distribution assistance payments than another, the Insurer may have an incentive to recommend or offer the shares of funds of one fund sponsor over another.

Please speak with your financial intermediary to learn more about the total amounts paid to your financial intermediary by the Funds, the Adviser, ABI and by other mutual fund sponsors that offer shares to Insurers that may be recommended to you. You should also consult disclosures made by your financial intermediary at the time of purchase.

ABI anticipates that the Insurers or their affiliates that will receive additional payments for educational support include:

- AXA Advisors
- Global Atlantic Financial Company
- Jackson National Life
- Lincoln Financial Distributors
- MetLife Inc.
- Minnesota Life Insurance Company
- Ohio National Financial Services
- Pacific Life Insurance Company
- Prudential Financial
- SunAmerica Retirement Markets
- Transamerica Capital, Inc.
- Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company

Although the Portfolios may use brokers and dealers who sell shares of the Portfolios to effect portfolio transactions, the Portfolios do not consider the sale of AB Mutual Fund Shares as a factor when selecting brokers or dealers to effect portfolio transactions.

NET ASSET VALUE

For all of the Portfolios the NAV of each Portfolio is calculated at the close of regular trading on any day the Exchange is open (ordinarily 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time, but sometimes earlier, as in the case of scheduled half-day trading or unscheduled suspensions of trading) following receipt of a purchase or redemption order by a Portfolio on each Portfolio business day on which such an order is received and on such other days as the Board deems appropriate or necessary in order to comply with Rule 22c-1 under the 1940 Act. Each Portfolio's per share NAV is calculated by dividing the value of a Portfolio's total assets, less its liabilities, by the total number of its shares then outstanding. A Portfolio business day is any weekday on which the Exchange is open for trading.

Portfolio securities are valued at current market value or, if market quotations are not readily available or are unreliable, at fair value as determined in accordance with applicable rules under the 1940 Act and the Portfolio's pricing policies and procedures (the "Pricing Policies") established by and under the general supervision of the Board. The Board has delegated to the Adviser, subject to the Board's continuing oversight, certain of the Board's duties with respect to the Pricing Policies. The Adviser has established a Valuation Committee, which operates under policies and procedures approved by the Board, to value a Portfolio's assets on behalf of the Portfolio.

Whenever possible, securities are valued based on market information on the business day as of which the value is being determined, as follows:

- (a) an equity security listed on the Exchange, or on another national or foreign exchange (other than securities listed on the Nasdaq Stock Exchange ("NASDAQ")) is valued at the last sale price reflected on the consolidated tape at the close of the exchange. If there has been no sale on the relevant business day, the security is then valued at the last traded price;
- (b) an equity security traded on NASDAQ is valued at the NASDAQ Official Closing Price;
- (c) an OTC equity security is valued at the mid level between the current bid and ask prices. If the mid price is not available, the security will be valued at the bid price. An equity security traded on more than one exchange is valued in accordance with paragraph (a) above by reference to the principal exchange (as determined by the Adviser) on which the security is traded;
- (d) a listed or OTC put or call option is valued at the mid level between the current bid and ask prices (for options or futures contracts, see item (e)). If neither a current bid nor a current ask price is available, the Adviser will have discretion to determine the best

valuation (*e.g.*, last trade price) and then bring the issue to the Board's Valuation Committee the next day;

(e) an open futures contract and any option thereon are valued at the closing settlement price or, in the absence of such a price, the most recent quoted bid price. If there are no quotations available for the relevant business day, the security is valued at the last available closing settlement price;

(f) a listed right is valued at the last traded price provided by approved vendors. If there has been no sale on the relevant business day, the right is valued at the last traded price from the previous day. On the following day, the security is valued in good faith at fair value. For an unlisted right, the calculation used in determining a value is the price of the reference security minus the subscription price multiplied by the terms of the right. There may be some instances when the subscription price is greater than the referenced security right. In such instances, the right would be valued as worthless;

(g) a listed warrant is valued at the last traded price provided by approved vendors. If there is no sale on the relevant business day, the warrant is valued at the last traded price from the previous day. On the following day, the security is valued in good faith at fair value. All unlisted warrants are valued in good faith at fair value. Once a warrant has expired, it will no longer be valued;

(h) preferred securities are valued based on prices received from approved vendors that use last trade data for listed preferreds and evaluated bid prices for non-listed preferreds, as well as for listed preferreds when there is no trade activity;

(i) U.S. Government securities and any other debt instrument having 60 days or less remaining until maturity generally are valued at market by an independent pricing service, if a market price is available. If a market price is not available, the securities are valued at amortized cost. This methodology pertains to short-term securities that have an original maturity of 60 days or less, as well as short term securities that had an original term to maturity that exceeded 60 days. In instances in which amortized cost is utilized, the Valuation Committee must reasonably conclude that the utilization of amortized cost is approximately the same as the fair value of the security. The factors the Valuation Committee will consider include, but are not limited to, an impairment of the creditworthiness of the issuer or material changes in interest rates. The Adviser is responsible for monitoring any instances when a market price is not applied to a short term security and will report any instances to the Valuation Committee for review;

(j) a fixed-income security is typically valued on the basis of bid prices provided by an approved pricing vendor when the Adviser reasonably believes that such prices reflect the fair market value of the security. In certain markets, the market convention may be to use the mid price between bid and offer. Fixed-income securities may be valued on the basis of mid prices when such prices reflect the conventions of the particular markets. The prices provided by an approved pricing vendor may take into account many factors, including institutional size, trading in similar groups of securities and any developments related to specific securities. If the Adviser determines that an appropriate pricing vendor does not exist for a security in a market that typically values such security on the basis of a bid price, the security is

valued on the basis of a quoted bid price or spread over the applicable yield curve (a bid spread) by a broker/dealer in such security. If the Adviser receives multiple broker quotes that are deemed to be reliable, then the Adviser will utilize the second highest broker quote. If an appropriate pricing vendor does not exist for a security in a market where convention is to use the mid price, the security is valued on the basis of a quoted mid price by a broker-dealer in such security;

(k) bank loans are valued on the basis of bid prices provided by a pricing vendor;

(l) bridge loans are valued at fair value, which equates to the outstanding loan amount, unless it is determined by the Adviser that any particular bridge loan should be valued at something other than the outstanding loan amount. This may occur due to, for example, a significant change in the high yield market and/or a significant change in the status of any particular issuer or issuers of bridge loans;

(m) whole loans: residential and commercial mortgage whole loans and whole loan pools are market priced by an approved vendor or broker-dealer;

(n) forward and spot currency pricing is provided by an independent pricing vendor. The rate provided by the approved vendor is a mid price for forward and spot rates. In most instances whenever both an “onshore” rate and an “offshore” (*i.e.*, NDF) rate is available, the Adviser will use the offshore (NDF) rate. NDF contracts are used for currencies where it is difficult (and sometimes impossible) to take actual delivery of the currency;

(o) OTC derivatives pricing: various independent pricing vendors are used to obtain derivatives values or obtain information used to derive a price for each investment. This information is placed into various pricing models that can be sourced by the Adviser or from approved vendors (depending on the type of derivative) to derive a price for each investment. These pricing models are monitored/reviewed on an ongoing basis by the Adviser;

(p) mutual funds and other pooled vehicles: the Adviser receives pricing information for mutual funds and other pooled vehicles from various sources (including AB Global Fund Administrator and the external custodian banks). Open-end mutual funds are valued at the closing NAV per share and closed-end funds and ETFs are valued at the closing market price per share;

(q) repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements: repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements will be valued based on their original cost plus accrued interest;

(r) hedge funds: hedge funds will be priced at the most recent available closing NAV per share;

(s) equity-linked notes: prices are sourced at the end of the pricing day from approved vendors. The vendor methodology is to source the relevant underlying non-U.S. dollar exchange closing prices and convert them to U.S. dollars; and

(t) credit-linked notes: prices are sourced on the reference bond consistent with fixed-income security methodology as noted above, which are passed through as the price on the credit-linked note. Alternatively, broker marks are obtained.

If the Adviser becomes aware of any news/market events that would cause the Valuation Committee to believe the last traded or market-based price, as applicable, does not reflect fair value, the security is then valued in good faith at fair value by, or in accordance with, procedures approved by the Board.

When a Portfolio uses fair value pricing, it may take into account any factors it deems appropriate. A Portfolio may determine fair value based upon developments related to a specific security, current valuations of foreign stock indices (as reflected in U.S. futures markets) and/or U.S. sector or broader stock market indices. The prices of securities used by a Portfolio to calculate its NAV may differ from quoted or published prices for the same securities. Fair value pricing involves subjective judgments and it is possible that the fair value determined for a security is materially different than the value that could be realized upon the sale of that security.

Each Portfolio expects to use fair value pricing for securities primarily traded on U.S. exchanges only under very limited circumstances, such as the early closing of the exchange on which a security is traded or suspension of trading in the security. A Portfolio may use fair value pricing more frequently for securities primarily traded in non-U.S. markets because, among other things, most foreign markets close well before each Portfolio ordinarily values its securities at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time. The earlier close of these foreign markets gives rise to the possibility that significant events, including broad market moves, may have occurred in the interim. For example, a Portfolio believes that foreign security values may be affected by events that occur after the close of foreign securities markets. To account for this, the Portfolio may frequently value many of its foreign equity securities using fair value prices based on third party vendor modeling tools to the extent available.

Each Portfolio's Board may suspend the determination of its NAV (and the offering and sale of shares), subject to the rules of the SEC and other governmental rules and regulations, at a time when: (1) the Exchange is closed, other than customary weekend and holiday closings, (2) an emergency exists as a result of which it is not reasonably practicable for a Portfolio to dispose of securities owned by it or to determine fairly the value of its net assets, or (3) for the protection of shareholders, the SEC by order permits a suspension of the right of redemption or a postponement of the date of payment on redemption.

For purposes of determining each Portfolio's NAV per share, all assets and liabilities initially expressed in a foreign currency will be converted into U.S. Dollars at the mean of the current bid and ask prices of such currency against the U.S. Dollar last quoted by a major bank that is a regular participant in the relevant foreign exchange market or on the basis of a pricing service that takes into account the quotes provided by a number of such major banks. If such quotations are not available as of the close of the Exchange, the rate of exchange will be determined in good faith by, or under the direction of, the Board.

The assets attributable to the Class A shares and Class B shares are invested together in a single portfolio for each Portfolio. The NAV of each class will be determined

separately by subtracting the liabilities allocated to that class from the assets belonging to that class in conformance with the provisions of a plan adopted by each Portfolio in accordance with Rule 18f-3 under the 1940 Act.

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

Subject to the general oversight of the Board, the Adviser is responsible for the investment decisions and the placing of orders for portfolio transactions of the Portfolios. The Adviser determines the broker or dealer to be used in each specific transaction with the objective of negotiating a combination of the most favorable commission (for transactions on which a commission is payable) and the best price obtainable on each transaction (generally defined as “best execution”). In connection with seeking best price and execution, the Portfolios do not consider sales of shares of the Portfolios or other investment companies managed by the Adviser as a factor in the selection of brokers and dealers to effect portfolio transactions and has adopted a policy and procedures reasonably designed to preclude such considerations.

When consistent with the objective of obtaining best execution, brokerage may be directed to persons or firms supplying investment information to the Adviser. There may be occasions where the transaction cost charged by a broker may be greater than that which another broker may charge if a Portfolio determines in good faith that the amount of such transaction cost is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage, research and statistical services provided by the executing broker.

Neither the Portfolios nor the Adviser has entered into agreements or understandings with any brokers or dealers regarding the placement of securities transactions because of research or statistical services they provide. A broker-dealer may provide the Adviser with research or related services with an expectation, but not necessarily an explicit agreement or contract, that the Adviser will use the broker-dealer to execute client transactions in the future. To the extent that such persons or firms supply investment information to the Adviser for use in rendering investment advice to a Portfolio, such information may be supplied at no cost to the Adviser and, therefore, may have the effect of reducing the expenses of the Adviser in rendering advice to the Portfolio. While it is impracticable to place an actual dollar value on such investment information, the Adviser believes that its receipt probably does not reduce the overall expenses of the Adviser to any material extent.

The investment information provided to the Adviser is of the type described in Section 28(e)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and is designed to augment the Adviser’s own internal research and investment strategy capabilities. Research and statistical services furnished by brokers through which the Fund effects securities transactions are used by the Adviser in carrying out its investment management responsibilities with respect to all its client accounts but not all such services may be utilized by the Adviser in connection with the Portfolios.

The extent to which commissions that will be charged by broker-dealers selected by a Portfolio may reflect an element of value for research cannot presently be determined. To the extent that research services of value are provided by broker-dealers with or through whom the Portfolio places portfolio transactions, the Adviser may be relieved of expenses which it might otherwise bear. Research services furnished by broker-dealers as a result of the placement of portfolio transactions could be useful and of value to the Adviser in servicing its other clients as well as the Portfolio; on the other hand, certain research services obtained by the Adviser as a result of the placement of portfolio brokerage of other clients could be useful and of value to it in servicing the Portfolio.

A Portfolio may deal in some instances in equity securities which are not listed on a national securities exchange but are traded in the OTC market. In addition, most transactions for the Intermediate Bond Portfolio are executed in the OTC market. Where transactions are executed in the OTC market, a Portfolio will seek to deal with the primary market makers, but when necessary in order to obtain the best price and execution, it will utilize the services of others. In all cases, the Portfolio will attempt to negotiate best execution.

The Portfolios' portfolio transactions in equity securities may occur on foreign stock exchanges. Transactions on stock exchanges involve the payment of brokerage commissions. On many foreign stock exchanges these commissions are fixed. Securities traded in foreign OTC markets (including most fixed-income securities) are purchased from and sold to dealers acting as principal. OTC transactions generally do not involve the payment of a stated commission, but the price usually includes an undisclosed commission or markup. The prices of underwritten offerings, however, generally include a stated underwriter's discount. The Adviser expects to effect the bulk of its transactions in securities of companies based in foreign countries through brokers, dealers or underwriters located in such countries. U.S. Government or other U.S. securities constituting permissible investments will be purchased and sold through U.S. brokers, dealers or underwriters.

Investment decisions for a Portfolio are made independently from those for other investment companies and other advisory accounts managed by the Adviser. It may happen, on occasion, that the same security is held in the portfolio of a Portfolio and one or more of such other companies or accounts. Simultaneous transactions are likely when several funds or accounts are managed in accordance with a similar strategy by the Adviser, particularly when a security is suitable for the investment objectives of more than one of such companies or accounts. When two or more companies or accounts managed by the Adviser are simultaneously engaged in the purchase or sale of the same security, the transactions are allocated to the respective companies or accounts both as to amount and price, in accordance with a method deemed equitable to each company or account. In some cases this system may adversely affect the price paid or received by a Portfolio or the size of the position obtainable for the Portfolio.

Allocations are made by the officers of a Portfolio or of the Adviser. Purchases and sales of portfolio securities are determined by the Adviser and are placed with broker-dealers by the order department of the Adviser.

The aggregate brokerage commissions paid by the Portfolios during the three most recent fiscal years or since inception are set forth below:

<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Fiscal Year or Period Ended December 31</u>	<u>Aggregate Amount of Brokerage Commissions</u>
Growth Portfolio	2014	\$41,565
	2015	29,080
	2016	27,891
Intermediate Bond Portfolio	2014	\$269
	2015	1,473
	2016	3,042
Growth and Income Portfolio	2014	\$595,695
	2015	683,647
	2016	809,051
Large Cap Growth Portfolio	2014	\$214,811
	2015	211,315
	2016	174,521
Small Cap Growth Portfolio	2014	\$106,179
	2015	88,397
	2016	40,716
Real Estate Investment Portfolio	2014	\$89,780
	2015	76,908
	2016	55,038
Global Thematic Growth Portfolio	2014	\$100,481
	2015	103,898
	2016	80,659
International Growth Portfolio	2014	\$107,593
	2015	40,968
	2016	68,035
Small/Mid Cap Value Portfolio	2014	\$826,048
	2015	656,741
	2016	669,757
Value Portfolio	2014	\$97,465
	2015	78,465
	2016	79,651
International Value Portfolio	2014	\$985,467
	2015	945,298
	2016	659,888

<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Fiscal Year or Period Ended December 31</u>	<u>Aggregate Amount of Brokerage Commissions</u>
Balanced Wealth Strategy Portfolio	2014	\$245,755
	2015	214,022
	2016	183,001
Dynamic Asset Allocation Portfolio	2014	\$110,261
	2015	133,039
	2016	182,291
Global Bond Portfolio	2015	\$161
	2016	222
Global Risk Allocation—Moderate Portfolio	2015	\$5,487
	2016	71,978
Multi-Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio	2015	\$0
	2016	0

The Fund may, from time to time, place orders for the purchase or sale of securities (including listed call options) with Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. and Sanford C. Bernstein Limited, affiliates of the Adviser (the “Affiliated Brokers”). In such instances, the placement of orders with such brokers would be consistent with each Portfolio’s objective of obtaining best execution and would not be dependent upon the fact that the Affiliated Brokers are affiliates of the Adviser. With respect to orders placed with the Affiliated Brokers for execution on a securities exchange, commissions received must conform to Section 17(e)(2)(A) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17e-1 thereunder, which permit an affiliated person of a registered investment company (such as the Fund), or any affiliated person of such person, to receive a brokerage commission from such registered investment company provided that such commission is reasonable and fair compared to the commissions received by other brokers in connection with comparable transactions involving similar securities during a comparable period of time.

The aggregate amount of brokerage commissions paid to Affiliated Brokers during each Portfolio’s three most recent fiscal years or since inception, and, during the most recent fiscal year, the Affiliated Brokers’ percentage of the aggregate brokerage commissions and the aggregate dollar amount of brokerage transactions, respectively, are set forth below:

<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Fiscal Year or Period Ended December 31</u>	<u>Aggregate Amount of Brokerage Commissions Paid to Affiliated Brokers</u>	<u>% of Portfolio's Aggregate Brokerage Commissions Paid to Affiliated Brokers</u>	<u>% of Portfolio's Aggregate Dollar Amount of Brokerage Transactions Involving the Payment of Commissions Through Affiliated Brokers</u>
Growth and Income Portfolio	2016	\$0	0%	0%
	2015	1		
	2014	0		
Growth Portfolio	2016	\$150	0.54%	0.49%
	2015	70		
	2014	254		
International Growth Portfolio	2016	\$0	0%	0%
	2015	0		
	2014	0		
Global Thematic Growth Portfolio	2016	\$0	0%	0%
	2015	0		
	2014	32		
Small Cap Growth Portfolio	2016	\$42	0.10%	0.06%
	2015	11		
	2014	45		
Real Estate Investment Portfolio	2016	\$0	0%	0%
	2015	0		
	2014	0		
International Value Portfolio	2016	\$0	0%	0%
	2015	0		
	2014	0		
Balanced Wealth Strategy Portfolio	2016	\$5	0%	0%
	2015	0		
	2014	260		
Global Bond Portfolio	2016	\$0	0%	0%
	2015	0		
Global Risk Allocation— Moderate Portfolio	2016	\$0	0%	0%
	2015	0		

<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Fiscal Year or Period Ended December 31</u>	<u>Aggregate Amount of Brokerage Commissions Paid to Affiliated Brokers</u>	<u>% of Portfolio's Aggregate Brokerage Commissions Paid to Affiliated Brokers</u>	<u>% of Portfolio's Aggregate Dollar Amount of Brokerage Transactions Involving the Payment of Commissions Through Affiliated Brokers</u>
Multi- Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio	2016 2015	\$0 0	0%	0%

Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings

The Fund believes that the ideas of the Adviser's investment staff should benefit the Portfolios and their shareholders, and does not want to afford speculators an opportunity to profit by anticipating Portfolio trading strategies or using Portfolio information for stock picking. However, the Fund also believes that knowledge of each Portfolio's portfolio holdings can assist shareholders in monitoring their investment, making asset allocation decisions, and evaluating portfolio management techniques.

The Adviser has adopted, on behalf of the Portfolios, policies and procedures relating to disclosure of the Portfolios' portfolio securities. The policies and procedures relating to disclosure of the Portfolios' portfolio securities are designed to allow disclosure of portfolio holdings information where necessary to the operation of the Portfolios or useful to the Portfolios' shareholders without compromising the integrity or performance of the Portfolios. Except when there are legitimate business purposes for selective disclosure and other conditions (designed to protect the Portfolios and their shareholders) are met, the Portfolios do not provide or permit others to provide information about a Portfolio's portfolio holdings on a selective basis.

The Portfolios include portfolio holdings information as required in regulatory filings and shareholder reports, disclose portfolio holdings information as required by federal or state securities laws and may disclose portfolio holdings information in response to requests by governmental authorities. In addition, the Adviser may post portfolio holdings information on the Adviser's website (www.abfunds.com). For each portfolio security, the posted information includes its name, the number of shares held by a Portfolio, the market value of the Portfolio's holdings, and the percentage of the Portfolio's assets represented by the Portfolio's holdings. The day after portfolio holdings information is publicly available on the website, it may be mailed, e-mailed or otherwise transmitted to any person.

The Adviser may distribute or authorize the distribution of information about a Portfolio's portfolio holdings that is not publicly available, on the website or otherwise, to the Adviser's employees and affiliates that provide services to the Fund. In addition, the Adviser may distribute or authorize distribution of information about a Portfolio's portfolio holdings that is not publicly available, on the website or otherwise, to the Fund's service providers who require access to the information in order to fulfill their contractual duties relating to the

Portfolios, to facilitate the review of the Portfolios by rating agencies, for the purpose of due diligence regarding a merger or acquisition, or for the purpose of effecting in-kind redemption of securities to facilitate orderly redemption of portfolio assets and minimal impact on remaining Portfolio shareholders. The Adviser does not expect to disclose information about a Portfolio's portfolio holdings that is not publicly available to the Portfolio's individual or institutional investors or to intermediaries that distribute the Portfolio's shares. Information may be disclosed with any frequency and any lag, as appropriate.

Before any non-public disclosure of information about a Portfolio's portfolio holdings is permitted, however, the Adviser's Chief Compliance Officer (or his designee) must determine that the Portfolio has a legitimate business purpose for providing the portfolio holdings information, that the disclosure is in the best interests of the Portfolio's shareholders, and that the recipient agrees or has a duty to keep the information confidential and agrees not to trade directly or indirectly based on the information or to use the information to form a specific recommendation about whether to invest in the Portfolio or any other security. Under no circumstances may the Adviser or its affiliates receive any consideration or compensation for disclosing the information.

The Adviser has established procedures to ensure that a Portfolio's portfolio holdings information is only disclosed in accordance with these policies. Only the Adviser's Chief Compliance Officer (or his designee) may approve the disclosure, and then only if he or she and a designated senior officer in the Adviser's product management group determine that the disclosure serves a legitimate business purpose of a Portfolio and is in the best interest of the Portfolio's shareholders. The Adviser's Chief Compliance Officer (or his designee) approves disclosure only after considering the anticipated benefits and costs to the Portfolio and its shareholders, the purpose of the disclosure, any conflicts of interest between the interests of the Portfolio and its shareholders and the interests of the Adviser or any of its affiliates, and whether the disclosure is consistent with the policies and procedures governing disclosure. Only someone approved by the Adviser's Chief Compliance Officer (or his designee) may make approved disclosures of portfolio holdings information to authorized recipients. The Adviser reserves the right to request certifications from senior officers of authorized recipients that the recipient is using the portfolio holdings information only in a manner consistent with the Adviser's policy and any applicable confidentiality agreement. The Adviser's Chief Compliance Officer (or his designee) or another member of the compliance team reports all arrangements to disclose portfolio holdings information to the Fund's Board on a quarterly basis. If the Directors determine that disclosure was inappropriate, the Adviser will promptly terminate the disclosure arrangement.

In accordance with these procedures, each of the following third parties has been approved to receive information concerning the Portfolios' portfolio holdings: (i) the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, for use in providing audit opinions; (ii) Data Communique International, RR Donnelley Financial and, from time to time, other financial printers, for the purpose of preparing Portfolio regulatory filings; (iii) the Fund's custodian in connection with its custody of the assets of the Portfolios; (iv) Institutional Shareholder Services, Inc. for proxy voting services; and (v) data aggregators, such as Vestek. Information may be provided to these parties at any time with no time lag. Each of these parties is contractually and ethically prohibited from sharing a Portfolio's portfolio holdings information unless specifically authorized.

DIVIDENDS, DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

Each Portfolio of the Fund qualified and intends to continue to qualify to be taxed as a regulated investment company under the Code. If so qualified, each Portfolio will not be subject to federal income and excise taxes on its investment company taxable income and net capital gain to the extent such investment company taxable income and net capital gain are distributed to the separate accounts of insurance companies which hold its shares. Under current tax law, capital gains or dividends from any Portfolio are not currently taxable to the holder of a variable annuity or variable life insurance contract when left to accumulate within such variable annuity or variable life insurance contract. Distributions of net investment income and net short-term capital gains will be treated as ordinary income and distributions of net long-term capital gains will be treated as long-term capital gain in the hands of the insurance companies.

Investment income received by a Portfolio from sources within foreign countries may be subject to foreign income taxes withheld at the source. If more than 50% of the value of a Portfolio's total assets at the close of its taxable year consists of stocks or securities of foreign corporations (which for this purpose should include obligations issued by foreign governments), such Portfolio will be eligible to file an election with the Internal Revenue Service to pass through to its shareholders the amount of foreign taxes paid by the Portfolio. If eligible, each such Portfolio intends to file such an election, although there can be no assurance that such Portfolio will be able to do so.

Section 817(h) of the Code requires that the investments of a segregated asset account of an insurance company be adequately diversified, in accordance with Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, in order for the holders of the variable annuity contracts or variable life insurance policies underlying the account to receive the tax-deferred or tax-free treatment generally afforded holders of annuities or life insurance policies under the Code. The Department of the Treasury has issued Regulations under section 817(h) that, among other things, provide the manner in which a segregated asset account will treat investments in a regulated investment company for purposes of the applicable diversification requirements. Under the Regulations, an insurance company segregated account is permitted to look-through a Portfolio to satisfy asset diversification tests and treat its underlying securities, rather than the Portfolio, as investments subject to certain diversification limits. A Portfolio will be considered adequately diversified if no more than 55% of its assets are represented by any one investment, no more than 70% of its assets are represented by any two investments, no more than 80% of its assets are represented by any three investments and no more than 90% of its assets are represented by any four investments. For this purpose, all securities issued by an issuer are treated as a single investment. Each Portfolio plans to satisfy these conditions at all times so that the shares of such Portfolio owned by a segregated asset account of a life insurance company will be subject to this treatment under the Code.

For information concerning the federal income tax consequences for the holders of variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies, such holders should consult the prospectus used in connection with the issuance of their particular contracts or policies.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Description of the Portfolios

The Fund was organized as a Maryland corporation in 1987 under the name “Alliance Variable Products Series Fund, Inc.” The name of the Fund became “AllianceBernstein Variable Products Series Fund, Inc.” on May 1, 2003 and “AB Variable Products Series Fund, Inc.” on March 30, 2015.

All shares of the Fund when duly issued will be fully paid and nonassessable. The Board is authorized to reclassify any unissued shares into any number of additional series and classes without shareholder approval. Accordingly, the Board in the future, for reasons such as the desire to establish one or more additional Portfolio’s with different investment objectives, policies or restrictions or to establish additional channels of distribution, may create additional series and classes of shares. Any issuance of shares of such additional series and classes would be governed by the 1940 Act and the laws of the State of Maryland.

Generally, shares of each Portfolio would vote as a single series for the election of directors and on any other matter that affected each Portfolio in substantially the same manner. As to matters affecting each Portfolio differently, such as approval of the Advisory Agreement and changes in investment policy, shares of each Portfolio would vote as separate series. Moreover, the Class B shares of each Portfolio will vote separately with respect to matters relating to the 12b-1 Plan(s) adopted in accordance with Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act.

It is anticipated that annual meetings of shareholders will not be held; shareholder meetings will only be held when required by federal or state law or in accordance with an undertaking by the Adviser to the SEC. Shareholders have available certain procedures for the election of Directors.

Pursuant to an order received from the SEC, the Fund maintains participation agreements with insurance company separate accounts that obligate the insurance companies to pass any proxy solicitations through to underlying contractholders who in turn are asked to designate voting instructions. In the event that an insurance company does not receive voting instructions from contractholders, it is obligated to vote the shares that correspond to such contractholders in the same proportion as instructions received from all other applicable contractholders.

Control Persons

A shareholder who beneficially owns more than 25% of a Portfolio is presumed to “control” the Portfolio, as that term is defined in the 1940 Act, and may have a significant impact on matters submitted to a shareholder vote. To the knowledge of each Portfolio, no person beneficially owned 25% or more of the Portfolio’s outstanding equity securities as of March 15, 2017.

Principal Holders

To the knowledge of the Fund, the following persons owned of record or beneficially, 5% or more of a class of outstanding shares of each Portfolio listed below as of March 15, 2017.

<u>CLASS A SHARES</u>	<u>PORTFOLIO</u>	<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CLASS A SHARES</u>	<u>% OF CLASS A SHARES</u>
	Intermediate Bond Portfolio	American General Life Insurance Company of Delaware Attn: Patrick Booker 2727A Allen Parkway, MS Life 4-D1 Houston, TX 77019-2107	3,104,869	81.45%
		The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York Attn: Chris Beauman 2727A Allen Parkway, MS 4D-1 Houston, TX 77019-2116	304,954	8.00%
	Large Cap Growth Portfolio	American General Life Insurance Company of Delaware Attn: Patrick Booker 2727A Allen Parkway, MS Life 4-D1 Houston, TX 77019-2107	647,487	16.68%
		Transamerica Advisors Life Insurance Company Merrill Lynch Life Variable Annuity Separate Account A 4333 Edgewood Road NE, MS 4410 Cedar Rapids, IA 52499-0001	1,670,096	43.02%
		Transamerica Advisors Life Insurance Company Merrill Lynch Variable Life Separate Account 4333 Edgewood Road NE, MS 4410 Cedar Rapids, IA 52499-0001	280,913	7.24%
		Transamerica Advisors Life Insurance Company Merrill Lynch Variable Life Separate Account II 4333 Edgewood Road NE, MS 4410 Cedar Rapids, IA 52499-0001	248,509	6.40%

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Growth and Income Portfolio	American General Life Insurance Company of Delaware Attn: Patrick Booker 2727A Allen Parkway MS Life 4-D1 Houston, TX 77019-2107	1,242,682	25.85%
	Jefferson National Life Insurance Company Attn: Separate Accounts 10350 Ormsby Park Place, Suite 600 Louisville, KY 40223-6175	332,970	6.93%
	Lincoln Life Variable Annuity Account N - 6 HO2 Fund Accounting 1300 S. Clinton Street Fort Wayne, IN 46802-3506	949,120	19.74%
	Nationwide Life Insurance Company NWVL14 c/o IPO Portfolio Accounting P.O. Box 182029 Columbus, OH 43218-2029	733,797	15.26%
	Transamerica Advisors Life Insurance Company Merrill Lynch Life Variable Annuity Separate Account A 4333 Edgewood Road NE, MS 4410 Cedar Rapids, IA 52499-0001	242,376	5.04%
Growth Portfolio	American General Life Insurance Company of Delaware Attn: Patrick Booker 2727A Allen Parkway, MS Life 4-D1 Houston, TX 77019-2107	481,382	57.34%
	American General Life Insurance Company of Delaware Attn: Patrick Booker 2727A Allen Parkway, MS Life 4-D1 Houston, TX 77019-2107	54,476	6.49%

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<u>PORTFOLIO</u>	<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CLASS A SHARES</u>	<u>% OF CLASS A SHARES</u>
	Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company FBO Schwab Annuities 8515 E. Orchard Road Greenwood Village, CO 80111-5002	83,082	9.90%
	The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York Attn: Chris Beauman 2727A Allen Parkway, MS 4-D1 Houston, TX 77019-2116	89,575	10.67%
International Growth Portfolio	American General Life Insurance Company of Delaware Attn: Patrick Booker 2727A Allen Parkway, MS Life 4-D1 Houston, TX 77019-2107	734,208	51.87%
	Great-West Life & Annuity FBO Variable Annuity 1 Oncesource 8515 E. Orchard Road, #2T2 Greenwood Village, CO 80111-5002	341,332	24.11%
	Great-West Life & Annuity FBO Variable Annuity 1 Select 8515 E. Orchard Road, #2T2 Greenwood Village, CO 80111-5002	78,064	5.51%
Global Thematic Growth Portfolio	American General Life Insurance Company of Delaware Attn: Patrick Booker 2727A Allen Parkway, MS Life 4-D1 Houston, TX 77019-2107	362,040	29.26%
	Lincoln Life Variable Annuity Account N - 6 HO2 Fund Accounting 1300 S. Clinton Street Fort Wayne, IN 46802-3506	399,589	32.30%
	Transamerica Advisors Life Insurance Company Merrill Lynch Life Variable Annuity Separate Account A 4333 Edgewood Road NE, MS 4410 Cedar Rapids, IA 52499-0001	195,885	15.83%

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	Transamerica Financial Life Insurance Company ML of New York Variable Annuity Separate Account A 4333 Edgewood Road NE, MSC 4410 Cedar Rapids, IA 52499-0001	73,671	5.95%
	The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York Attn: Chris Beauman 2727A Allen Parkway, MS 4D-1 Houston, TX 77019-2116	67,346	5.44%
Small Cap Growth Portfolio	American General Life Insurance Company of Delaware Attn: Patrick Booker 2727A Allen Parkway, MS Life 4-D1 Houston, TX 77019-2107	937,077	56.50%
	Principal Life Insurance Co. FBO Principal Executive Variable Universal Life II Attn: Individual Life Accounting 711 High Street Des Moines, IA 50392-0001	88,833	5.36%
	Principal Life Insurance Co. FBO Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Attn: Individual Life Accounting 711 High Street Des Moines, IA 50392-0001	293,442	17.69%
Real Estate Investment Portfolio	American General Life Insurance Company of Delaware Attn: Patrick Booker 2727A Allen Parkway, MS Life 4-D1 Houston, TX 77019-2107	833,259	22.90%
	Great West Life & Annuity Insurance Company FBO Schwab Annuities Attn: Investment Div. 8515 E. Orchard Road, #2T2 Englewood, CO 80111-5002	1,823,344	50.12%

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	Nationwide Life Insurance Company NWPP c/o IPO Portfolio Accounting P.O. Box 182029 Columbus, OH 43218-2029	448,332	12.32%
International Value Portfolio	American General Life Insurance Company of Delaware Attn: Patrick Booker 2727A Allen Parkway, MS Life 4-D1 Houston, TX 77019-2107	388,408	11.57%
	Great West Life & Annuity Insurance Company FBO Schwab Annuities Attn: Investment Div. 8515 E. Orchard Road, #2T2 Englewood, CO 80111-5002	168,352	5.01%
	Lincoln Life Variable Annuity Account N - 6 HO2 Fund Accounting 1300 S. Clinton Street Fort Wayne, IN 46802-3506	927,874	27.64%
	National Life Group Sentinel Advantage 1 National Life Drive Montpelier, VT 05604-1000	172,672	5.14%
	Nationwide Life Insurance Company NWPP c/o IPO Portfolio Accounting P.O. Box 182029 Columbus, OH 43218-2029	441,849	13.16%
	Nationwide Life Insurance Company NWVLI4 c/o IPO Portfolio Accounting P.O. Box 182029 Columbus, OH 43218-2029	512,581	15.27%
Small/Mid Cap Value Portfolio	American General Life Insurance Company of Delaware Attn: Patrick Booker 2727A Allen Parkway, MS Life 4-D1 Houston, TX 77019-2107	840,130	7.69%

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<u>PORTFOLIO</u>	<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CLASS A SHARES</u>	<u>% OF CLASS A SHARES</u>
	Lincoln Life Variable Annuity Account N - 6 HO2 Fund Accounting 1300 S. Clinton Street Fort Wayne, IN 46802-3506	5,828,536	53.34%
	Nationwide Life Insurance Company NWVLI4 c/o IPO Portfolio Accounting P.O. Box 182029 Columbus, OH 43218-2029	1,018,732	9.32%
	New York Life Insurance and Annuity Corporation 30 Hudson Street Jersey City, NJ 07302-4600	832,378	7.62%
Value Portfolio	Transamerica Advisors Life Insurance Company Merrill Lynch Life Variable Annuity Separate Account A 4333 Edgewood Road NE, MS 4410 Cedar Rapids, IA 52499-0001	81,018	91.37%
Balanced Wealth Strategy Portfolio	American General Life Insurance Company of Delaware Attn: Patrick Booker 2727A Allen Parkway, MS Life 4-D1 Houston, TX 77019-2107	2,456,398	89.12%
	The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York Attn: Chris Beauman 2727A Allen Parkway, MS 4-D1 Houston, TX 77019-2116	170,473	6.18%
Dynamic Asset Allocation Portfolio	Nationwide Life Insurance Co. NWVAII c/o IPO Portfolio Accounting P.O. Box 182029 Columbus, OH 43218-2029	4,922	18.34%

CLASS A
SHARES

<u>PORTFOLIO</u>	<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CLASS A SHARES</u>	<u>% OF CLASS A SHARES</u>
	Nationwide Life Insurance Co. NWVLI4 c/o IPO Portfolio Accounting P.O. Box 182029 Columbus, OH 43218-2029	2,693	10.04%
	Nationwide Life Insurance Co. NWVLI7 c/o IPO Portfolio Accounting P.O. Box 182029 Columbus, OH 43218-2029	10,263	38.24%
	Nationwide Life & Annuity Insurance Co. NWVL-G c/o IPO Portfolio Accounting P.O. Box 182029 Columbus, OH 43218-2029	8,950	33.35%
Global Bond Portfolio	AllianceBernstein L.P. Attn: Brett Mather-Seed Account 1 N. Lexington Avenue White Plains, NY 10601-1712	1,026,985	100%
Global Risk Allocation— Moderate Portfolio	AllianceBernstein L.P. Attn: Brett Mather-Seed Account 1 N. Lexington Avenue White Plains, NY 10601-1712	1,100	100%
Multi-Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio	AllianceBernstein L.P. Attn: Brett Mather-Seed Account 1 N. Lexington Avenue White Plains, NY 10601-1712	99,645	100%

CLASS B
SHARES

<u>PORTFOLIO</u>	<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CLASS B SHARES</u>	<u>% OF CLASS B SHARES</u>
Intermediate Bond Portfolio	Allmerica Financial Life Insurance & Annuity Company One Security Benefit Place Topeka, KS 66636-1000	122,875	8.16%
	American Enterprise Life Insurance Company Minneapolis, MN 55474-0001	84,679	5.63%
	Hartford Life Separate Account 1A Attn: UIT Operations P.O. Box 2999 Hartford, CT 06104-2999	167,341	11.12%
	SunAmerica Annuity and Life Assurance Company Attn: Variable Annuity Accounting 2727A Allen Parkway, 4-DI Houston, TX 77019	1,013,656	67.35%
Large Cap Growth Portfolio	Allmerica Financial Life Insurance & Annuity Company One Security Benefit Place Topeka, KS 66636-1000	671,375	14.51%
	Allstate Life Insurance Company 3100 Sanders Road, #N4A Northbrook, IL 60062-7156	307,004	6.63%
	American General Life Insurance Company of Delaware Attn: Ed Bacon 2727A Allen Parkway, #4D1 Houston, TX 77019-2107	380,831	8.23%
	GE Life and Annuity Assurance Company 6610 W. Broad Street Building 3, 5th Floor Attn: Variable Accounting Richmond, VA 23230-1702	440,960	9.53%

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SHARES

<u>PORTFOLIO</u>	<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CLASS B SHARES</u>	<u>% OF CLASS B SHARES</u>
	IDS Life Insurance Company 707 2 nd Ave. SO Route H19/5889 Minneapolis, MN 55402-2405	1,066,870	23.05%
	SunAmerica Annuity and Life Assurance Company Attn: Variable Annuity Accounting 2727A Allen Parkway, 4 DI Houston, TX 77019	251,722	5.44%
	Transamerica Life Insurance Company Separate Account VA B 4333 Edgewood Road NE, MS 4410 Cedar Rapids, IA 52499-0001	631,296	13.64%
Growth and Income Portfolio	GE Life and Annuity Assurance Company 6610 W. Broad Street Building 3, 5th Floor Attn: Variable Accounting Richmond, VA 23230-1702	1,575,808	5.59%
	Guardian Insurance & Annuity Co., Inc. Attn: James Nemeth 3900 Burgess Place Retirement Solutions FM&C NRO Bethlehem, PA 18017-8993	4,741,234	16.83%
	Guardian Insurance & Annuity Co., Inc. Attn: James Nemeth 3900 Burgess Place Retirement Solutions FM&C NRO Bethlehem, PA 18017-8993	2,414,229	8.57%
	IDS Life Insurance Corp. 707 2 nd Ave. SO Route H19/5889 Minneapolis, MN 55402-2405	4,620,036	16.40%
	Transamerica Life Insurance Company Separate Account VA B 4333 Edgewood Road, NE MS Cedar Rapids, IA 52499-0001	7,207,601	25.59%

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<u>PORTFOLIO</u>	<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CLASS B SHARES</u>	<u>% OF CLASS B SHARES</u>
Growth Portfolio	Allstate Life Insurance Company 3100 Sanders Road, #N4A Northbrook, IL 60062-7156	491,586	36.96%
	American General Life Insurance Company of Delaware Attn: Ed Bacon 2727A Allen Parkway, #4D1 Houston, TX 77019-2107	372,034	27.97%
	SunAmerica Annuity and Life Assurance Company Attn: Variable Annuity Accounting 2727A Allen Parkway, 4 DI Houston, TX 77019	217,997	16.39%
International Growth Portfolio	AXA Equitable Life Separate 1290 Avenue of the Americas 11th Floor New York, NY 10104-1472	425,438	22.72%
	Delaware Life Insurance Company Variable Account F One SunLife Executive Park Wellesley Hills, MA 02481	416,266	22.23%
	Hartford Life & Annuity Separate Account Attn: UIT Operations P.O. Box 2999 Hartford, CT 06104-2999	164,492	8.79%
	Hartford Life and Annuity Separate Account 1-A Attn: UIT Operations P.O. Box 2999 Hartford, CT 06104-2999	315,456	16.85%
	Hartford Life Separate Account 1A Attn: UIT Operations P.O. Box 2999 Hartford, CT 06104-2999	120,525	6.44%

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SHARES

<u>PORTFOLIO</u>	<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CLASS B SHARES</u>	<u>% OF CLASS B SHARES</u>
	SunAmerica Annuity and Life Assurance Company Attn: Variable Annuity Accounting 2727A Allen Parkway, 4 DI Houston, TX 77019	197,381	10.54%
Global Thematic Growth Portfolio	American General Life Insurance Company of Delaware Attn: Ed Bacon 2727A Allen Parkway, # 4D1 Houston, TX 77019-2107	186,594	5.18%
	IDS Life Insurance Co. 707 2 nd Avenue SO Route H19/5889 Minneapolis, MN 55402-2405	286,642	7.95%
	Lincoln Life Variable Annuity Account N - 6 HO2 Fund Accounting 1300 S. Clinton Street Fort Wayne, IN 46802-3506	1,979,081	54.90%
Small Cap Growth Portfolio	Delaware Life Insurance Company Variable Account F 1601 Trapelo Road, Suite 30 Waltham, MA 02451-7360	90,918	7.40%
	GE Life and Annuity Assurance Company 6610 W. Broad Street Building 3, 5th Floor Attn: Variable Accounting Richmond, VA 23230-1702	550,701	44.80%
	Jefferson National Life Insurance Company Attn: Separate Accounts 10350 Ormsby Park Place, Ste. 600 Louisville, KY 40223-6175	71,922	5.85%
	Ohio National Life Insurance Co. FBO Its Separate Accounts One Financial Way Attn: Cathy Gehr, Mail Code 56 Cincinnati, OH 45242-5851	89,331	7.27%

CLASS B
SHARES

<u>PORTFOLIO</u>	<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CLASS B SHARES</u>	<u>% OF CLASS B SHARES</u>
	SunAmerica Annuity and Life Assurance Company Attn: Variable Annuity Accounting 2727A Allen Parkway, 4 DI Houston, TX 77019	338,671	27.55%
Real Estate Investment Portfolio	AXA Equitable Life Separate Account-70 1290 Avenue of the Americas 11th Floor New York, NY 10104-1472	501,441	25.79%
	Guardian Insurance & Annuity Co. Inc. 3900 Burgess Place Bethlehem, PA 18017-9097	137,484	7.07%
	Guardian Insurance & Annuity Co. Inc. 3900 Burgess Place Bethlehem, PA 18017-9097	391,875	20.15%
	Hartford Life & Annuity Separate Account Attn: UIT Operations P.O. Box 2999 Hartford, CT 06104-2999	150,634	7.75%
	Midland National Life Insurance Co. Attn: Product Valuation SE2 5801 SW 6th Avenue Topeka, KS 66636-1001	226,655	11.66%
	SunAmerica Annuity and Life Assurance Company Attn: Variable Annuity Accounting 2727A Allen Parkway, 4 DI Houston, TX 77019	375,839	19.33%
International Value Portfolio	Delaware Life Insurance Company Variable Account F 1601 Trapelo Road, Suite 30 Waltham, MA 02451-7360	2,565,655	7.65%

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SHARES

<u>PORTFOLIO</u>	<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CLASS B SHARES</u>	<u>% OF CLASS B SHARES</u>
	GE Life and Annuity Assurance Company 6610 W. Broad Street Building 3, 5th Floor Attn: Variable Accounting Richmond, VA 23230-1702	5,848,963	17.43%
	Hartford Life and Annuity Separate Account 1-A Attn: UIT Operations P.O. Box 2999 Hartford, CT 06104-2999	4,920,767	14.67%
	Hartford Life Separate Account 1A Attn: UIT Operations P.O. Box 2999 Hartford, CT 06104-2999	2,549,672	7.60%
	IDS Life Insurance Corp. 707 2 nd Ave. SO Route H19/5889 Minneapolis, MN 55402-2405	12,453,144	37.12%
Small/Mid Cap Value Portfolio	Hartford Life & Annuity Separate Account Attn: UIT Operations P.O. Box 2999 Hartford, CT 06104-2999	1,205,467	5.33%
	Hartford Life and Annuity Separate Account 1-A Attn: UIT Operations P.O. Box 2999 Hartford, CT 06104-2999	1,571,678	6.95%
	Lincoln Life Variable Annuity Account N - 6 HO2 Fund Accounting 1300 S. Clinton Street Fort Wayne, IN 46802-3506	9,683,598	42.83%
	Nationwide Life Insurance Company NWVA2 c/o IPO Portfolio Accounting P.O. Box 182029 Columbus, OH 43218-2029	5,270,960	23.31%

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SHARES

<u>PORTFOLIO</u>	<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CLASS B SHARES</u>	<u>% OF CLASS B SHARES</u>
Value Portfolio	American General Life Insurance Company of Delaware Attn: Ed Bacon 2727A Allen Parkway, #4D1 Houston, TX 77019-2107	754,062	15.57%
	Hartford Life and Annuity Separate Account 1-A Attn: UIT Operations P.O. Box 2999 Hartford, CT 06104-2999	1,875,834	38.74%
	Hartford Life Separate Account 1A Attn: UIT Operations P.O. Box 2999 Hartford, CT 06104-2999	1,101,231	22.74%
	SunAmerica Annuity and Life Assurance Company Attn: Variable Annuity Accounting 2727A Allen Parkway, 4 DI Houston, TX 77019	477,956	9.87%
	Delaware Life Insurance Company Variable Account F 1601 Trapelo Road, Suite 30 Waltham, MA 02451-7360	4,734,138	18.77%
Balanced Wealth Strategy Portfolio	GE Life and Annuity Assurance Company 6610 W. Broad Street Building 3, 5th Floor Attn: Variable Accounting Richmond, VA 23230-1702	1,552,846	6.16%
	Hartford Life and Annuity Separate Account 1-A Attn: UIT Operations P.O. Box 2999 Hartford, CT 06104-2999	3,528,573	13.99%
	Hartford Life Separate Account 1A Attn: UIT Operations P.O. Box 2999 Hartford, CT 06104-2999	1,604,219	6.36%

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<u>PORTFOLIO</u>	<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CLASS B SHARES</u>	<u>% OF CLASS B SHARES</u>
	SunAmerica Annuity and Life Assurance Company Attn: Variable Annuity Accounting 2727A Allen Parkway, 4 DI Houston, TX 77019	2,100,410	8.33%
	Transamerica Life Insurance Co. Separate Account VA B 4333 Edgewood Road NE, MS 4410 Cedar Rapids, IA 52499-0001	8,850,644	35.08%
Dynamic Asset Allocation Portfolio	Delaware Life Insurance Company Variable Account F 1601 Trapelo Road, Suite 30 Waltham, MA 02451-7360	7,960,315	16.67%
	Minnesota Mutual Life Mail Station A6-4105 400 Robert Street N Saint Paul, MN 55101-2099	11,852,316	24.81%
	Ohio National Life Insurance Co. FBO Its Separate Accounts One Financial Way Attn: Cathy Gehr, Mail Code 56 Cincinnati, OH 45242-5851	23,771,161	49.77%
Global Bond Portfolio	Forethought Life Insurance Company 300 N. Meridian Street, Suite 1800 Indianapolis, IN 46204-1762	25,033	96.06%
Global Risk Allocation— Moderate Portfolio	Ohio National Life Insurance Co. FBO Its Separate Accounts One Financial Way Attn: Cathy Gehr, Mail Code 56 Cincinnati, OH 45242-5851	8,137,628	97.77%
Multi- Manager Alternative Strategies Portfolio	AllianceBernstein L.P. Attn: Brent Mather Seed Account 1 N. Lexington Avenue White Plains, NY 10601-1712	1,006	100.00%

Custodian and Accounting Agent

State Street Bank and Trust Company (“State Street”), c/o State Street Corporation CCB/5, 1 Iron Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02210, acts as the custodian and as accounting agent for the Fund but plays no part in deciding the purchase or sale of portfolio securities. Subject to the supervision of the Board, State Street may enter into subcustodial agreements for the holding of the Fund’s securities of foreign issuers.

Principal Underwriter

ABI, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Adviser, located at 1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10105, is the Fund’s Principal Underwriter.

Transfer Agent

ABIS, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Adviser located principally at 8000 IH 10 W, 4th Floor, San Antonio, Texas 78230, acts as the transfer agent for the Fund. ABIS registers the transfer, issuance and redemption of Fund shares and disburses dividends and other distributions to Fund shareholders.

Counsel

Legal matters in connection with the issuance of the shares of the Fund offered hereby are passed upon by Seward & Kissel LLP, 901 K Street NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20001.

Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Ernst & Young LLP, 5 Times Square, New York, NY, 10036, has been appointed as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund.

Code of Ethics And Proxy Voting Policies And Procedures

The Fund, the Adviser and ABI have each adopted codes of ethics pursuant to Rule 17j-1 of the 1940 Act. These codes of ethics permit personnel subject to the codes to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by the Fund.

The Fund has adopted the Adviser’s proxy voting policies and procedures. A description of the Adviser’s proxy voting policies and procedures is attached as Appendix A.

Information regarding how the Portfolios voted proxies related to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available (1) without charge, upon request, by calling (800) 227-4618; or through the Fund’s website at www.abfunds.com; or both; and (2) on the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC
ACCOUNTING FIRM

The financial statements of the Portfolios of the Fund for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 and the report of Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, are incorporated herein by reference to the Portfolios' annual report. The annual report was filed on Form N-CSR with the SEC on February 23, 2017. It is available without charge upon request by calling ABIS at (800) 227-4618 or on the Internet at www.abfunds.com.



Proxy Voting Policy Statement

Introduction

As an investment adviser, we are shareholder advocates and have a fiduciary duty to make investment decisions that are in our clients' best interests by maximizing the value of their shares. Proxy voting is an integral part of this process, through which we support strong corporate governance structures, shareholder rights and transparency.

We have an obligation to vote proxies in a timely manner and we apply the principles in our Proxy Voting Policy (“**Proxy Voting Policy**” or “**Policy**”) and this policy statement to our proxy decisions. We believe a company's environmental, social and governance (“**ESG**”) practices may have a significant effect on the value of the company, and we take these factors into consideration when voting. For additional information regarding our ESG policies and practices, please refer to our firm's Statement of Policy Regarding Responsible Investment (“**RI Policy**”).

Our Proxy Voting Policy, which outlines our policies for proxy voting and includes a wide range of issues that often appear on proxies, applies to all of AB's investment management subsidiaries and investment services groups investing on behalf of clients globally. Both this Statement and the Policy are intended for use by those involved in the proxy voting decision-making process and those responsible for the administration of proxy voting (“**Proxy Managers**”), in order to ensure that our proxy voting policies and procedures are implemented consistently. Copies of the Policy, the RI Policy and our voting records, as noted below in “Voting Transparency”, can be found on our Internet site (www.abglobal.com).

We sometimes manage accounts where proxy voting is directed by clients or newly-acquired subsidiary companies. In these cases, voting decisions may deviate from the Policy.

Research Underpins Decision Making

As a research-driven firm, we approach our proxy voting responsibilities with the same commitment to rigorous research and engagement that we apply to all of our investment activities. The different investment philosophies utilized by our investment teams may occasionally result in different conclusions being drawn regarding certain proposals and, in turn, may result in the Proxy Manager making different voting decisions on the same proposal. Nevertheless, the Proxy Manager votes proxies with the goal of maximizing the value of the securities in client portfolios.

In addition to our firm-wide proxy voting policies, we have a Proxy Committee, which provides oversight and includes senior investment professionals from Equities, Legal personnel and Operations personnel. It is the responsibility of the Proxy Committee to evaluate and maintain proxy voting procedures and guidelines, to evaluate proposals and issues not covered by these guidelines, to consider changes in policy, and to review this Statement and the Policy no less frequently than annually. In addition, the Proxy Committee meets at least three times a year and as necessary to address special situations.

Research Services

We subscribe to the corporate governance and proxy research services of Institutional Shareholder Services (“ISS”). All our investment professionals can access these materials via the Proxy Manager and/or Proxy Committee.

Engagement

In evaluating proxy issues and determining our votes, we welcome and seek out the points of view of various parties. Internally, the Proxy Manager may consult the Proxy Committee, Chief Investment Officers, Directors of Research, and/or Research Analysts across our equities platforms, and Portfolio Managers in whose managed accounts a stock is held. Externally, we may engage with companies in advance of their Annual General Meeting, and throughout the year. We believe engagement provides the opportunity to share our philosophy, our corporate governance values, and more importantly, affect positive change. Also, these meetings often are joint efforts between the investment professionals, who are best positioned to comment on company-specific details, and the Proxy Manager(s), who offer a more holistic view of governance practices and relevant trends. In addition, we engage with shareholder proposal proponents and other stakeholders to understand different viewpoints and objectives.

Proxy Voting Guidelines

Our proxy voting guidelines are both principles-based and rules-based. We adhere to a core set of principles that are described in the Proxy Voting Policy. We assess each proxy proposal in light of these principles. Our proxy voting “litmus test” will always be what we view as most likely to maximize long-term shareholder value. We believe that authority and accountability for setting and executing corporate policies, goals and compensation generally should rest with the board of directors and senior management. In return, we support strong investor rights that allow shareholders to hold directors and management accountable if they fail to act in the best interests of shareholders.

Our proxy voting guidelines pertaining to specific issues are set forth in the Policy and include guidelines relating to board and director proposals, compensation proposals, capital changes and anti-takeover proposals, auditor proposals, shareholder access and voting proposals, and environmental, social and disclosure proposals. The following are

examples of specific issues within each of these broad categories:

Board and Director Proposals: Election of Directors

The election of directors is an important vote. We expect directors to represent shareholder interests at the company and maximize shareholder value. We generally vote in favor of the management-proposed slate of directors while considering a number of factors, including local market best practice. We believe companies should have a majority of independent directors and independent key committees. However, we will incorporate local market regulation and corporate governance codes into our decision making. We may support more progressive requirements than those implemented in a local market if we believe more progressive requirements may improve corporate governance practices. We will generally regard a director as independent if the director satisfies the criteria for independence (i) espoused by the primary exchange on which the company's shares are traded, or (ii) set forth in the code we determine to be best practice in the country where the subject company is domiciled. We consider the election of directors who are "bundled" on a single slate on a case-by-case basis considering the amount of information available and an assessment of the group's qualifications.

Compensation Proposals: Approved Remuneration Reports and Policies

In certain markets, (e.g., Australia, Canada, Germany and the United States), publicly traded issuers are required by law to submit their company's remuneration report to a non-binding shareholder vote. The report contains, among other things, the nature and amount of the compensation of the directors and certain executive officers as well as a discussion of the company's performance. In other markets, remuneration policy resolutions are binding.

We evaluate remuneration reports and policies on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the reasonableness of the company's compensation structure and the adequacy of the disclosure. Where a company permits retesting of performance-based awards in its compensation plan, we will evaluate the specific terms of the plan, including the volatility of the industry and the number and duration of the retests, before determining whether or not to support the company's remuneration report. We may abstain or vote against a report if disclosure of the remuneration details is inadequate or the report is not provided to shareholders with sufficient time prior to the meeting to consider its terms.

In markets where remuneration reports are not required for all companies, we will support shareholder proposals asking the board to adopt a policy (i.e., "say on pay") that the company's shareholders be given the opportunity to vote on an advisory resolution to approve the compensation committee's report. Although say on pay votes are by nature only broad indications of shareholder views, they do lead to more compensation-related dialogue between management and shareholders and help ensure that management and shareholders meet their common objective: maximizing the value of the company.

Capital Changes and Anti-Takeover Proposals: Authorize Share Repurchase

We generally support share repurchase proposals that are part of a well-articulated and well-conceived capital strategy. We assess proposals to give the board unlimited authorization to repurchase shares on a case-by-case basis. Furthermore, we would generally support the use of derivative instruments (e.g., put options and call options) as part of a share repurchase plan absent a compelling reason to the contrary. Also, absent a specific concern at the company, we will generally support a repurchase plan that could be continued during a takeover period.

Auditor Proposals: Appointment of Auditors

We believe that the company is in the best position to choose its accounting firm, and we generally support management's recommendation.

We recognize that there may be inherent conflicts when a company's independent auditors perform substantial non-audit related services for the company. Therefore, in reviewing a proposed auditor, we will consider the amount of fees paid for non-audit related services performed compared to the total audit fees paid by the company to the auditing firm, and whether there are any other reasons for us to question the independence or performance of the firm's auditor such as, for example, tenure. We generally will deem as excessive the non-audit fees paid by a company to its auditor if those fees account for 50% or more of total fees paid. In the UK market, which utilizes a different standard, we adhere to a non-audit fee cap of 100% of audit fees. Under these circumstances, we generally vote against the auditor and the directors, in particular the members of the company's audit committee. In addition, we generally vote against authorizing the audit committee to set the remuneration of such auditors. We exclude from this analysis non-audit fees related to IPOs, bankruptcy emergence, and spin-offs and other extraordinary events. We may vote against or abstain due to a lack of disclosure of the name of the auditor while taking into account local market practice.

Shareholder Access and Voting Proposals: Proxy Access for Annual Meetings

These proposals allow "qualified shareholders" to nominate directors. We generally vote in favor of management and shareholder proposals for proxy access that employ guidelines reflecting the SEC framework for proxy access (adopted by the US Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") in 2010, but vacated by the DC Circuit Court of Appeals in 2011), which would have allowed a single shareholder, or group of shareholders, who hold at least 3% of the voting power for at least three years continuously to nominate up to 25% of the current board seats, or two directors, for inclusion in the subject company's annual proxy statement alongside management nominees.

We will generally vote against proposals that use requirements that are stricter than the SEC's framework and against individual board members, or entire boards, who exclude from their ballot properly submitted shareholder proxy access proposals or include their own competing, more strict, proposals on the same ballot.

We will evaluate on a case-by-case basis proposals with less stringent requirements than the vacated SEC framework.

From time to time we may receive requests to join with other shareholders to support a shareholder action. We may, for example, receive requests to join a voting block for purposes of influencing management. If the third parties requesting our participation are not affiliated with us and have no business relationships with us, we will consider the request on a case-by-case basis. However, where the requesting party has a business relationship with us (e.g., the requesting party is a client or a significant service provider), agreeing to such a request may pose a potential conflict of interest. As a fiduciary we have an obligation to vote proxies in the best interest of our clients (without regard to our own interests in generating and maintaining business with our other clients) and given our desire to avoid even the appearance of a conflict, we will generally decline such a request.

Environmental, Social and Disclosure Proposals: Lobbying and Political Spending

We generally vote in favor of proposals requesting increased disclosure of political contributions and lobbying expenses, including those paid to trade organizations and political action committees, whether at the federal, state, or local level. These proposals may increase transparency.

We generally vote proposals in accordance with these guidelines but, consistent with our “principles-based” approach to proxy voting, we may deviate from the guidelines if warranted by the specific facts and circumstances of the situation (i.e., if, under the circumstances, we believe that deviating from our stated policy is necessary to help maximize long-term shareholder value). In addition, these guidelines are not intended to address all issues that may appear on all proxy ballots. Proposals not specifically addressed by these guidelines, whether submitted by management or shareholders, will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, always keeping in mind our fiduciary duty to make voting decisions that, by maximizing long-term shareholder value, are in our clients’ best interests.

Conflicts of Interest

As a fiduciary, we always must act in our clients’ best interests. We strive to avoid even the appearance of a conflict that may compromise the trust our clients have placed in us, and we insist on strict adherence to fiduciary standards and compliance with all applicable federal and state securities laws. We have adopted a comprehensive Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (“**Code**”) to help us meet these obligations. As part of this responsibility and as expressed throughout the Code, we place the interests of our clients first and attempt to avoid any perceived or actual conflicts of interest.

We recognize that there may be a potential material conflict of interest when we vote a proxy solicited by an issuer that sponsors a retirement plan we manage (or administer), that distributes AB-sponsored mutual funds, or with which we or one or more of our employees have another business or personal relationship that may affect how we vote on the issuer’s proxy. Similarly, we may have a potential material conflict of interest when deciding how to vote on a proposal sponsored or supported by a shareholder group

that is a client. In order to avoid any perceived or actual conflict of interest, we have established procedures for use when we encounter a potential conflict to ensure that our voting decisions are based on our clients' best interests and are not the product of a conflict. These procedures include compiling a list of companies and organizations whose proxies may pose potential conflicts of interest (*e.g.*, if such company is our client) and reviewing our proposed votes for these companies and organizations in light of the Policy and ISS's recommendations. If our proposed vote is contrary to, or not contemplated in, the Policy, is consistent with a client's position and is contrary to ISS's recommendation, we refer to proposed vote to our Independent Compliance Officer for his determination.

In addition, our Proxy Committee takes reasonable steps to verify that ISS continues to be independent, including an annual review of ISS's conflict management procedures. When reviewing these conflict management procedures, we consider, among other things, whether ISS (i) has the capacity and competency to adequately analyze proxy issues; and (ii) can offer research in an impartial manner and in the best interests of our clients.

Voting Transparency

We publish our voting records on our Internet site (www.abglobal.com) quarterly, 30 days after the end of the previous quarter. Many clients have requested that we provide them with periodic reports on how we voted their proxies. Clients may obtain information about how we voted proxies on their behalf by contacting their Advisor. Alternatively, clients may make a written request to the Chief Compliance Officer.

Recordkeeping

All of the records referenced in our Policy will be kept in an easily accessible place for at least the length of time required by local regulation and custom, and, if such local regulation requires that records are kept for less than five years from the end of the fiscal year during which the last entry was made on such record, we will follow the U.S. rule of five years. We maintain the vast majority of these records electronically. We will keep paper records, if any, in one of our offices for at least two years.