

**EATON VANCE RISK-MANAGED DIVERSIFIED EQUITY INCOME FUND**  
**Supplement to Prospectus dated November 10, 2021**

**The following replaces the Financial Highlights contained in the Prospectus:**

Selected data for a Common Share outstanding during the periods stated.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net asset value – Beginning of year	\$ 7.990	\$10.380	\$10.080	\$ 9.340	\$ 8.950
Income (Loss) From Operations					
Net investment income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0.021	\$ 0.035	\$ 0.045	\$ 0.067	\$ 0.066
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	1.174	(1.555)	1.159	1.585	1.236
Total income (loss) from operations	\$ 1.195	\$(1.520)	\$ 1.204	\$ 1.652	\$ 1.302
Less Distributions					
From net investment income	\$(0.020)	\$(0.033)	\$(0.045)	\$(0.080)	\$(0.066)
From net realized gain	(0.624)	(0.549)	(0.181)	(0.194)	—
Tax return of capital	(0.051)	(0.294)	(0.686)	(0.638)	(0.846)
Total distributions	\$(0.695)	\$(0.876)	\$(0.912)	\$(0.912)	\$(0.912)
Premium from common shares sold through shelf offering <sup>(1)</sup>	—	\$ 0.006	\$ 0.008	—	—
Net asset value – End of year	\$ 8.490	\$ 7.990	\$10.380	\$10.080	\$ 9.340
Market value – End of year	\$ 7.840	\$ 7.500	\$10.690	\$10.370	\$ 9.330
Total Investment Return on Net Asset Value <sup>(2)</sup>	15.94%	(14.93)%	12.35%	18.78%	15.18%
Total Investment Return on Market Value <sup>(2)</sup>	14.05%	(22.46)%	12.47%	22.33%	26.82%
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Net assets, end of year (000's omitted)	\$571,065	\$537,472	\$677,045	\$643,771	\$595,471
Ratios (as a percentage of average daily net assets):					
Expenses	1.13% <sup>(3)</sup>	1.12% <sup>(3)</sup>	1.10%	1.11%	1.11%
Net investment income	0.25%	0.39%	0.44%	0.70%	0.71%
Portfolio Turnover	73%	55%	41%	52%	57%

(See related footnotes.)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net asset value – Beginning of year	\$10.080	\$ 9.980	\$11.150	\$12.060	\$12.720
Income (Loss) From Operations					
Net investment income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0.059	\$ 0.078	\$ 0.108	\$ 0.197	\$ 0.065
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	(0.277)	0.968	(0.162)	0.007	0.335
Total income (loss) from operations	\$(0.218)	\$ 1.046	\$(0.054)	\$ 0.204	\$ 0.400
Less Distributions					
From net investment income	\$(0.486)	\$(0.946)	\$(0.093)	\$(1.116)	\$(1.116)
Tax return of capital	(0.426)	—	(1.023)	—	—
Total distributions	\$(0.912)	\$(0.946)	\$(1.116)	\$(1.116)	\$(1.116)
Anti-dilutive effect of share repurchase program <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—	—	\$ 0.002	\$ 0.056
Net asset value – End of year	\$ 8.950	\$10.080	\$ 9.980	\$11.150	\$12.060
Market value – End of year	\$ 8.120	\$ 9.630	\$ 8.960	\$10.160	\$10.660
Total Investment Return on Net Asset Value <sup>(2)</sup>	(2.13)%	11.66%	0.60%	2.76%	4.49%
Total Investment Return on Market Value <sup>(2)</sup>	(7.06)%	18.82%	(0.88)%	5.93%	4.25%
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Net assets, end of year (000's omitted)	\$570,021	\$641,923	\$635,595	\$710,166	\$769,202
Ratios (as a percentage of average daily net assets):					
Expenses <sup>(4)</sup>	1.10%	1.10%	1.11%	1.10%	1.10%
Net investment income	0.60%	0.78%	1.05%	1.68%	0.52%
Portfolio Turnover	53%	87%	79%	77%	66%

<sup>(1)</sup> Computed using average shares outstanding.

<sup>(2)</sup> Returns are historical and are calculated by determining the percentage change in net asset value or market value with all distributions reinvested. Distributions are assumed to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes a reduction by the investment adviser of a portion of its adviser fee due to the Fund's investment in the Liquidity Fund (equal to less than 0.005% of average daily net assets for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022).

<sup>(4)</sup> Excludes the effect of custody fee credits, if any, of less than 0.005%. Effective September 1, 2015, custody fee credits, which were earned on cash balances, were discontinued by the custodian.

March 8, 2024

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333-262832, 333-262833, 333-  
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333-264570, 333-265180, 333-  
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333-268410, 333-270448, 333-  
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**EATON VANCE RISK-MANAGED DIVERSIFIED EQUITY INCOME FUND**

Supplement to Prospectus Supplement, Prospectus and  
Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) dated November 10, 2021

**EATON VANCE ENHANCED EQUITY INCOME FUND**

Supplement to Prospectus Supplement, Prospectus and SAI dated January 20, 2022

**EATON VANCE TAX-ADVANTAGED DIVIDEND INCOME FUND**

**EATON VANCE TAX-MANAGED DIVERSIFIED EQUITY INCOME FUND**

**EATON VANCE TAX-MANAGED GLOBAL DIVERSIFIED EQUITY INCOME FUND**

Supplement to Prospectus Supplements, Prospectuses and SAI dated February 18, 2022

**EATON VANCE ENHANCED EQUITY INCOME FUND II**

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**EATON VANCE TAX-MANAGED BUY-WRITE OPPORTUNITIES FUND**

**EATON VANCE TAX-MANAGED GLOBAL BUY-WRITE OPPORTUNITIES FUND**

Supplement to Prospectus Supplements, Prospectuses and SAI dated April 29, 2022

**EATON VANCE NATIONAL MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITIES TRUST**

Supplement to Prospectus Supplement, Prospectus and SAI dated July 28, 2022

**EATON VANCE SENIOR INCOME TRUST**

Supplement to Prospectus Supplement, Prospectus and SAI dated August 25, 2022

**EATON VANCE FLOATING-RATE INCOME TRUST**

Supplement to Prospectus and SAI dated September 27, 2022

**EATON VANCE SENIOR FLOATING-RATE TRUST**

Supplement to Prospectus Supplement, Prospectus and SAI dated March 31, 2023

**EATON VANCE TAX-ADVANTAGED GLOBAL DIVIDEND OPPORTUNITIES FUND**

Supplement to Prospectus Supplement, Prospectus and SAI dated March 31, 2023

**EATON VANCE TAX-MANAGED BUY-WRITE INCOME FUND**

Supplement to Prospectus Supplement, Prospectus and SAI dated May 4, 2023

**EATON VANCE MUNICIPAL INCOME TRUST**

Supplement to Prospectus Supplement, Prospectus and SAI dated May 10, 2023  
(collectively the “Funds”)

Effective March 3, 2024, the Funds and Eaton Vance Management, the Funds’ investment adviser, and Eaton Vance Distributors, Inc., the Funds’ distributor will change the location of their principal offices. Accordingly, effective on that date, all references to “Two International Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02110” are deleted from the Funds’ Prospectus Supplements, Prospectuses and Statements of Additional Information and replaced with “One Post Office Square, Boston, Massachusetts 02109.”

**EATON VANCE RISK-MANAGED DIVERSIFIED EQUITY INCOME FUND**  
Supplement to Prospectus dated November 10, 2021

**1. The following replaces the fifth paragraph under “The Adviser” in “Management of the Fund” in the Prospectus:**

Charles B. Gaffney and Douglas R. Rogers, CFA, CMT are responsible for the overall and day-to-day management of the Fund’s investments. Messrs. Gaffney and Rogers are Vice Presidents of Eaton Vance, have managed other Eaton Vance portfolios for more than five years, and have been portfolio managers of the Fund since May 2023.

May 26, 2023

**EATON VANCE RISK-MANAGED DIVERSIFIED EQUITY INCOME FUND**  
Supplement to Prospectus dated November 10, 2021

The following replaces the Financial Highlights contained in the Prospectus:

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
<b>Net asset value – Beginning of year</b>	\$ 10.380	\$ 10.080	\$ 9.340	\$ 8.950	\$ 10.080
Income (Loss) From Operations					
Net investment income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0.035	\$ 0.045	\$ 0.067	\$ 0.066	\$ 0.059
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	(1.555)	1.159	1.585	1.236	(0.277)
<b>Total income (loss) from operations</b>	\$ (1.520)	\$ 1.204	\$ 1.652	\$ 1.302	\$ (0.218)
Less Distributions					
From net investment income	\$ (0.033)	\$ (0.045)	\$ (0.080)	\$ (0.066)	\$ (0.486)
From net realized gain	(0.549)	(0.181)	(0.194)	—	—
Tax return of capital	(0.294)	(0.686)	(0.638)	(0.846)	(0.426)
<b>Total distributions</b>	\$ (0.876)	\$ (0.912)	\$ (0.912)	\$ (0.912)	\$ (0.912)
<b>Premium from common shares sold through shelf offering<sup>(1)</sup></b>	\$ 0.006	\$ 0.008	—	—	—
<b>Net asset value – End of year</b>	\$ 7.990	\$ 10.380	\$ 10.080	\$ 9.340	\$ 8.950
<b>Market value – End of year</b>	\$ 7.500	\$ 10.690	\$ 10.370	\$ 9.330	\$ 8.120
<b>Total Investment Return on Net Asset Value<sup>(2)</sup></b>	(14.93)%	12.35%	18.78%	15.18%	(2.13)%
<b>Total Investment Return on Market Value<sup>(2)</sup></b>	(22.46)%	12.47%	22.33%	26.82%	(7.06)%
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Net assets, end of year (000's omitted)	\$ 537,472	\$ 677,045	\$ 643,771	\$ 595,471	\$ 570,021
Ratios (as a percentage of average daily net assets):					
Expenses	1.12% <sup>(3)</sup>	1.10%	1.11%	1.11%	1.10%
Net investment income	0.39%	0.44%	0.70%	0.71%	0.60%
Portfolio Turnover	55%	41%	52%	57%	53%

(See related footnotes.)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Net asset value – Beginning of year</b>	\$ 9.980	\$ 11.150	\$ 12.060	\$ 12.720	\$ 11.950
Income (Loss) From Operations					
Net investment income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0.078	\$ 0.108	\$ 0.197	\$ 0.065	\$ 0.088
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.968	(0.162)	0.007	0.335	1.734
<b>Total income (loss) from operations</b>	\$ 1.046	\$ (0.054)	\$ 0.204	\$ 0.400	\$ 1.822
Less Distributions					
From net investment income	\$ (0.946)	\$ (0.093)	\$ (1.116)	\$ (1.116)	\$ (0.098)
Tax return of capital	—	(1.023)	—	—	(1.018)
<b>Total distributions</b>	\$ (0.946)	\$ (1.116)	\$ (1.116)	\$ (1.116)	\$ (1.116)
<b>Anti-dilutive effect of share repurchase program<sup>(1)</sup></b>	—	—	\$ 0.002	\$ 0.056	\$ 0.064
<b>Net asset value – End of year</b>	\$ 10.080	\$ 9.980	\$ 11.150	\$ 12.060	\$ 12.720
<b>Market value – End of year</b>	\$ 9.630	\$ 8.960	\$ 10.160	\$ 10.660	\$ 11.270
<b>Total Investment Return on Net Asset Value<sup>(2)</sup></b>	11.66%	0.60%	2.76%	4.49%	17.59%
<b>Total Investment Return on Market Value<sup>(2)</sup></b>	18.82%	(0.88)%	5.93%	4.25%	19.47%
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Net assets, end of year (000's omitted)	\$ 641,923	\$ 635,595	\$ 710,166	\$ 769,202	\$ 851,013
Ratios (as a percentage of average daily net assets):					
Expenses <sup>(4)</sup>	1.10%	1.11%	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%
Net investment income	0.78%	1.05%	1.68%	0.52%	0.71%
Portfolio Turnover	87%	79%	77%	66%	42%

<sup>(1)</sup> Computed using average shares outstanding.

<sup>(2)</sup> Returns are historical and are calculated by determining the percentage change in net asset value or market value with all distributions reinvested. Distributions are assumed to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes a reduction by the investment adviser of a portion of its adviser fee due to the Fund's investment in the Liquidity Fund (equal to less than 0.005% of average daily net assets for the year ended December 31, 2022).

<sup>(4)</sup> Excludes the effect of custody fee credits, if any, of less than 0.005%. Effective September 1, 2015, custody fee credits, which were earned on cash deposit balances, were discontinued by the custodian.

April 18, 2023

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Supplement to Prospectus dated January 20, 2022

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**EATON VANCE TAX-MANAGED GLOBAL DIVERSIFIED EQUITY INCOME FUND**

Supplement to Prospectuses dated February 18, 2022

**EATON VANCE TAX-ADVANTAGED GLOBAL DIVIDEND OPPORTUNITIES FUND**

Supplement to Prospectuses dated February 28, 2022

**EATON VANCE MUNICIPAL INCOME TRUST**

Supplement to Prospectus dated March 29, 2022

**EATON VANCE ENHANCED EQUITY INCOME FUND II**

Supplement to Prospectus dated April 5, 2022

**EATON VANCE TAX-MANAGED BUY-WRITE INCOME FUND**

Supplement to Prospectus dated April 22, 2022

**EATON VANCE TAX-MANAGED GLOBAL BUY-WRITE OPPORTUNITIES FUND**

**EATON VANCE TAX-MANAGED BUY-WRITE OPPORTUNITIES FUND**

Supplement to Prospectuses dated April 29, 2022

**EATON VANCE NATIONAL MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITIES TRUST**

Supplement to Prospectus dated July 28, 2022

(each, a “Fund”)

1. The following replaces the last sentence of the second paragraph of “COMMON SHARES” under the section “Description of Capital Structure” for each Fund:

On January 26, 2023, the Fund/Trust’s Board of Trustees voted to exempt, on a going forward basis, all prior and, until further notice, new acquisitions of Fund/Trust shares that otherwise might be deemed “Control Share Acquisitions” under the Fund/Trust’s By-Laws from the Control Share Provisions of the Fund/Trust’s By-Laws.

February 1, 2023

**EATON VANCE RISK-MANAGED DIVERSIFIED EQUITY INCOME FUND**  
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The following replaces the Financial Highlights contained in the Prospectus:

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
<b>Net asset value — Beginning of year</b>	\$ 10.080	\$ 9.340	\$ 8.950	\$ 10.080	\$ 9.980
Income (Loss) From Operations					
Net investment income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0.045	\$ 0.067	\$ 0.066	\$ 0.059	\$ 0.078
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	1.159	1.585	1.236	(0.277)	0.968
<b>Total income (loss) from operations</b>	\$ 1.204	\$ 1.652	\$ 1.302	\$ (0.218)	\$ 1.046
Less Distributions					
From net investment income	\$ (0.045)	\$ (0.080)	\$ (0.066)	\$ (0.486)	\$ (0.946)
From net realized gain	(0.181)	(0.194)	—	—	—
Tax return of capital	(0.686)	(0.638)	(0.846)	(0.426)	—
<b>Total distributions</b>	\$ (0.912)	\$ (0.912)	\$ (0.912)	\$ (0.912)	\$ (0.946)
<b>Premium from common shares sold through shelf offering<sup>(1)</sup></b>	\$ 0.008	—	—	—	—
<b>Net asset value — End of year</b>	\$ 10.380	\$ 10.080	\$ 9.340	\$ 8.950	\$ 10.080
<b>Market value — End of year</b>	\$ 10.690	\$ 10.370	\$ 9.330	\$ 8.120	\$ 9.630
<b>Total Investment Return on Net Asset Value<sup>(2)</sup></b>	12.35%	18.78%	15.18%	(2.13)%	11.66%
<b>Total Investment Return on Market Value<sup>(2)</sup></b>	12.47%	22.33%	26.82%	(7.06)%	18.82%
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Net assets, end of year (000's omitted)	\$ 677,045	\$ 643,771	\$ 595,471	\$ 570,021	\$ 641,923
Ratios (as a percentage of average daily net assets):					
Expenses	1.10%	1.11%	1.11%	1.10%	1.10%
Net investment income	0.44%	0.70%	0.71%	0.60%	0.78%
Portfolio Turnover	41%	52%	57%	53%	87%

(See related footnotes.)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
<b>Net asset value – Beginning of year</b>	\$ 11.150	\$ 12.060	\$ 12.720	\$ 11.950	\$ 12.640
Income (Loss) From Operations					
Net investment income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0.108	\$ 0.197	\$ 0.065	\$ 0.088	\$ 0.131
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	(0.162)	0.007	0.335	1.734	0.281
<b>Total income (loss) from operations</b>	\$ (0.054)	\$ 0.204	\$ 0.400	\$ 1.822	\$ 0.412
Less Distributions					
From net investment income	\$ (0.093)	\$ (1.116)	\$ (1.116)	\$ (0.098)	\$ (0.129)
Tax return of capital	(1.023)	—	—	(1.018)	(1.028)
<b>Total distributions</b>	\$ (1.116)	\$ (1.116)	\$ (1.116)	\$ (1.116)	\$ (1.157)
<b>Anti-dilutive effect of share repurchase program<sup>(1)</sup></b>	—	\$ 0.002	\$ 0.056	\$ 0.064	\$ 0.055
<b>Net asset value – End of year</b>	\$ 9.980	\$ 11.150	\$ 12.060	\$ 12.720	\$ 11.950
<b>Market value – End of year</b>	\$ 8.960	\$ 10.160	\$ 10.660	\$ 11.270	\$ 10.430
<b>Total Investment Return on Net Asset Value<sup>(2)</sup></b>	0.60%	2.76%	4.49%	17.59%	5.42%
<b>Total Investment Return on Market Value<sup>(2)</sup></b>	(0.88)%	5.93%	4.25%	19.47%	11.20%
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Net assets, end of year (000's omitted)	\$ 635,595	\$ 710,166	\$ 769,202	\$ 851,013	\$ 839,703
Ratios (as a percentage of average daily net assets):					
Expenses <sup>(3)</sup>	1.11%	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%	1.09%
Net investment income	1.05%	1.68%	0.52%	0.71%	1.07%
Portfolio Turnover	79%	77%	66%	42%	48%

<sup>(1)</sup> Computed using average shares outstanding.

<sup>(2)</sup> Returns are historical and are calculated by determining the percentage change in net asset value or market value with all distributions reinvested. Distributions are assumed to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.

<sup>(3)</sup> Excludes the effect of custody fee credits, if any, of less than 0.005%. Effective September 1, 2015, custody fee credits, which were earned on cash deposit balances, were discontinued by the custodian.

June 17, 2022



Prospectus Supplement  
(To Prospectus dated November 10, 2021)

## Eaton Vance Risk-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund

### Up to 9,600,000 Common Shares

Eaton Vance Risk-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund (the “Fund,” “we,” or “our”) is a diversified, closed-end management investment company. Our investment objective is to provide current income and gains, with a secondary objective of capital appreciation.

The Fund has entered into a distribution agreement dated November 12, 2021 (the “Distribution Agreement”) with Eaton Vance Distributors, Inc. (the “Distributor”) relating to the common shares of beneficial interest (the “Common Shares”) offered by this Prospectus Supplement dated November 12, 2021 and the accompanying Prospectus dated November 10, 2021. The Distributor has entered into a dealer agreement, dated November 12, 2021 (the “Dealer Agreement”) with UBS Securities LLC (the “Dealer”) with respect to the Fund relating to the Common Shares offered by this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus. In accordance with the terms of the Dealer Agreement, we may offer and sell our Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share, from time to time through the Dealer as sub-placement agent for the offer and sale of the Common Shares. Under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), the Fund may not sell any Common Shares at a price below the current net asset value of such Common Shares, exclusive of any distributing commission or discount.

Prior to March 1, 2021, the Distributor was a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Eaton Vance Corp. (“EVC”). On March 1, 2021, Morgan Stanley acquired EVC (the “Transaction”) and the Distributor became an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Morgan Stanley.

Our Common Shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) under the symbol “ETJ.” As of November 8, 2021, the last reported sales price for our Common Shares on the NYSE was \$11.55 per share.

Sales of our Common Shares, if any, under this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus may be made in negotiated transactions or transactions that are deemed to be “at the market” as defined in Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “1933 Act”), including sales made directly on the NYSE or sales made to or through a market maker other than on an exchange.

The Fund will compensate the Distributor with respect to sales of the Common Shares at a commission rate of 1.00% of the gross proceeds of the sale of Common Shares. The Distributor will compensate the Dealer out of this commission at a certain percentage rate of the gross proceeds of the sale of Common Shares sold under the Dealer Agreement, with the exact amount of such compensation to be mutually agreed upon by the Distributor and the Dealer from time to time. In connection with the sale of the Common Shares on the Fund’s behalf, the Distributor may be deemed to be an “underwriter” within the meaning of the 1933 Act and the compensation of the Dealer may be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts.

**The Common Shares have traded both at a premium and a discount to net asset value (“NAV”).** The Fund cannot predict whether Common Shares will trade in the future at a premium or discount to NAV. The provisions of the 1940 Act generally require that the public offering price of common shares (less any underwriting commissions and discounts) must equal or exceed the NAV per share of a company’s common stock. The Fund’s issuance of Common Shares may have an adverse effect on prices in the secondary market for the Fund’s Common Shares by increasing the number of Common Shares available, which may put downward pressure on the market price for the Fund’s Common Shares. Shares of common stock of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a discount from NAV, which may increase investors’ risk of loss.

Investing in our securities involves certain risks. You could lose some or all of your investment. See “Investment Objectives, Policies and Risks” beginning on page 25 of the accompanying Prospectus. You should consider carefully these risks together with all of the other information contained in this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus before making a decision to purchase our securities.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this Prospectus Supplement or the accompanying Prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Prospectus Supplement dated November 12, 2021

This Prospectus Supplement, together with the accompanying Prospectus, sets forth concisely information about the Fund that you should know before investing. You should read this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus, which contain important information, before deciding whether to invest in our securities. You should retain the accompanying Prospectus and this Prospectus Supplement for future reference. A Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”), dated November 10, 2021 as supplemented from time to time, containing additional information about the Fund, has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) and is incorporated by reference in its entirety into this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus. This Prospectus Supplement, the accompanying Prospectus and the SAI are part of a “shelf” registration statement that we filed with the SEC. This Prospectus Supplement describes the specific details regarding this offering (as defined below), including the method of distribution. If information in this Prospectus Supplement is inconsistent with the accompanying Prospectus or the SAI, you should rely on this Prospectus Supplement. You may request a free copy of the SAI, the table of contents of which is on page 59 of the accompanying Prospectus or a free copy of our annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders, obtain other information or make shareholder inquiries, by calling toll-free 1-800-262-1122 or by writing to the Fund at Two International Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. The Fund’s SAI and annual and semi-annual reports also are available free of charge on our website at <http://www.eatonvance.com> and on the SEC’s website (<http://www.sec.gov>). You may also obtain these documents, after paying a duplication fee, by electronic request at the following email address: [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov).

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

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You should rely only on the information contained in, or incorporated by reference into, this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus in making your investment decisions. The Fund has not authorized any person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. The Fund is not making an offer to sell the securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information in this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus is accurate only as of the dates on their covers. The Fund's business, financial condition and prospects may have changed since the date of its description in this Prospectus Supplement or the date of its description in the accompanying Prospectus.

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Until December 7, 2021 (25 days after the date of this Prospectus Supplement), all dealers that buy, sell or trade the Common Shares, whether or not participating in this offering, may be required to deliver the Prospectus and this Prospectus Supplement. This requirement is in addition to the dealers' obligation to deliver the Prospectus and this Prospectus Supplement when acting as underwriters and with respect to their unsold allotments or subscriptions.

## CAUTIONARY NOTICE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Prospectus Supplement, the accompanying Prospectus and the SAI contain “forward-looking statements.” Forward-looking statements can be identified by the words “may,” “will,” “intend,” “expect,” “estimate,” “continue,” “plan,” “anticipate,” and similar terms and the negative of such terms. Such forward-looking statements may be contained in this Prospectus Supplement as well as in the accompanying Prospectus. By their nature, all forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, and actual results could differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. Several factors that could materially affect our actual results are the performance of the portfolio of securities we hold, the price at which our shares will trade in the public markets and other factors discussed in our periodic filings with the SEC.

Although we believe that the expectations expressed in our forward-looking statements are reasonable, actual results could differ materially from those projected or assumed in our forward-looking statements. Our future financial condition and results of operations, as well as any forward-looking statements, are subject to change and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties, such as those disclosed in the “Investment Objectives, Policies and Risks” section of the accompanying Prospectus. All forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus Supplement or the accompanying Prospectus are made as of the date of this Prospectus Supplement or the accompanying Prospectus, as the case may be. Except for our ongoing obligations under the federal securities laws, we do not intend, and we undertake no obligation, to update any forward-looking statement. The forward-looking statements contained in this Prospectus Supplement, the accompanying Prospectus and the SAI are excluded from the safe harbor protection provided by section 27A of the 1933 Act.

Currently known risk factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations include, but are not limited to, the factors described in the “Investment Objectives, Policies and Risks” section of the accompanying Prospectus. We urge you to review carefully that section for a more detailed discussion of the risks of an investment in our securities.

## Prospectus Supplement Summary

*The following summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the more detailed information included elsewhere in this Prospectus Supplement and in the accompanying Prospectus and in the SAI.*

### THE FUND

Eaton Vance Risk-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund (the “Fund,” “we,” or “our”) is a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund seeks to provide current income and gains, with a secondary objective of capital appreciation. Investments are based on Eaton Vance Management’s (“Eaton Vance” or the “Adviser”) internal research and management. An investment in the Fund may not be appropriate for all investors. There is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives.

### THE ADVISER

Eaton Vance acts as the Fund’s investment adviser. Eaton Vance’s principal office is located at Two International Place, Boston, MA 02110. Eaton Vance, its affiliates and predecessor companies have been managing assets of individuals and institutions since 1924 and of investment companies since 1931. Prior to March 1, 2021, Eaton Vance was a wholly owned subsidiary of Eaton Vance Corp. (“EVC”).

On March 1, 2021, Morgan Stanley acquired EVC (the “Transaction”) and Eaton Vance became an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Morgan Stanley. In connection with the Transaction, the Fund entered into a new investment advisory agreement with Eaton Vance. Such agreement was approved by shareholders prior to the consummation of the Transaction and was effective upon its closing.

Morgan Stanley (NYSE: MS), whose principal offices are at 1585 Broadway, New York, New York 10036, is a preeminent global financial services firm engaged in securities trading and brokerage activities, as well as providing investment banking, research and analysis, financing and financial advisory services. As of September 30, 2021, Morgan Stanley’s asset management operations had aggregate assets under management of approximately \$1.5 trillion.

Under the general supervision of the Fund’s Board, Eaton Vance will be responsible for the Fund’s overall investment program, structuring and managing the Fund’s common stock portfolio and developing and monitoring the Fund’s options strategies. The Adviser will furnish to the Fund investment advice and office facilities, equipment and personnel for servicing the investments of the Fund. The Adviser will compensate all Trustees and officers of the Fund who are members of the Adviser’s organization and who render investment services to the Fund, and will also compensate all other Adviser personnel who provide research and investment services to the Fund. In connection with the Transaction, the Fund entered into an investment advisory agreement (the “New Agreement”) with Eaton Vance, which took effect on March 1, 2021. Pursuant to the New Agreement (and the Fund’s investment advisory agreement with Eaton Vance in effect prior to March 1, 2021), the fee is computed at an annual rate of 1.00% of the Fund’s average daily gross assets and is payable monthly. For purposes of this calculation, “gross assets” of the Fund shall mean total assets of the Fund, including any form of investment leverage, minus all accrued expenses incurred in the normal course of operations, but not excluding any liabilities or obligations attributable to investment leverage obtained through (i) indebtedness of any type (including, without limitation, borrowing through a credit facility or the issuance debt securities), (ii) the issuance of preferred stock or other similar preference securities, (iii) the reinvestment of collateral received for securities loaned in accordance with the Fund’s investment objectives and policies, and/or (iv) any other means. During any periods in which the Fund is using leverage, the fees paid to Eaton Vance for investment advisory services will be higher than if the Fund did not use leverage because the fees paid will be calculated on the basis of the Fund’s gross assets, including amounts attributable to financial leverage. The Fund is responsible for all expenses not expressly stated by another party (such as the expenses required to be paid pursuant to an agreement with the investment adviser or administrator).

## THE OFFERING

The Fund has entered into a distribution agreement dated November 12, 2021 (the “Distribution Agreement”) with Eaton Vance Distributors, Inc. (the “Distributor”) relating to the common shares of beneficial interest (the “Common Shares”), offered by this Prospectus Supplement dated November 12, 2021 and the accompanying Prospectus dated November 10, 2021 (the “Offering”). The Distributor has entered into a dealer agreement dated November 12, 2021 (the “Dealer Agreement”) with UBS Securities LLC (the “Dealer”) with respect to the Fund relating to the Common Shares offered by this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus. In accordance with the terms of the Dealer Agreement, the Fund may offer and sell up to 9,600,000 Common Shares, par value \$0.01 per Common Share, from time to time through the Dealer as sub-placement agent for the offer and sale of the Common Shares.

Offerings of the Common Shares will be subject to the provisions of the 1940 Act, which generally require that the public offering price of common shares of a closed-end investment company (exclusive of distribution commissions and discounts) must equal or exceed the net asset value per share of the company’s common shares, absent shareholder approval or under certain other circumstances.

Sales of the Common Shares, if any, under this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus may be made in negotiated transactions or transactions that are deemed to be “at the market” as defined in Rule 415 under the 1933 Act, including sales made directly on the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) or sales made to or through a market maker other than on an exchange. The Common Shares may not be sold through agents, underwriters or dealers without delivery or deemed delivery of a Prospectus and an accompanying Prospectus Supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of Common Shares.

Prior to March 1, 2021, the Distributor was a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Eaton Vance Corp. (“EVC”). On March 1, 2021, Morgan Stanley acquired EVC (the “Transaction”) and the Distributor became an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Morgan Stanley.

## LISTING AND SYMBOL

The Fund’s currently outstanding Common Shares are listed on the NYSE under the symbol “ETJ.” Any new Common Shares offered and sold hereby are expected to be listed on the NYSE and trade under this symbol. The net asset value of the Common Shares on November 8, 2021 was \$10.45 per share. As of November 8, 2021, the last reported sales price for the Common Shares was \$11.55.

## USE OF PROCEEDS

The Fund currently intends to invest substantially all of the net proceeds of any sales of Common Shares pursuant to this Prospectus Supplement in accordance with its investment objectives and policies as described in the accompanying Prospectus under “Investment Objectives, Policies and Risks” within three months of receipt of such proceeds. Such investments may be delayed up to three months if suitable investments are unavailable at the time or for other reasons, such as market volatility and lack of liquidity in the markets of suitable investments. Pending such investment, the Fund anticipates that it will invest the proceeds in short-term money market instruments, securities with remaining maturities of less than one year, cash or cash equivalents. A delay in the anticipated use of proceeds could lower returns and reduce the Fund’s distribution to the holders of Common Shares (“Common Shareholders”) or result in a distribution consisting principally of a return of capital.

## Capitalization

We may offer and sell up to 9,600,000 of our Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share, from time to time through the Dealer as sub-placement agent under this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus. There is no guarantee that there will be any sales of our Common Shares pursuant to this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus. The table below assumes that we will sell 9,600,000 Common Shares at a price of \$11.55 per share (the last reported sales price per share of our Common Shares on the NYSE on November 8, 2021). Actual sales, if any, of our Common Shares under this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus may be greater or less than \$11.55 per share, depending on the market price of our Common Shares at the time of any such sale. To the extent that the market price per share of our Common Shares on any given day is less than the net asset value per share on such day, we will instruct the Dealer not to make any sales on such day.

The following table sets forth our capitalization:

- on a historical basis as of December 31, 2020 (audited) and June 30, 2021 (unaudited); and
- on a pro forma as adjusted basis to reflect the assumed sale of 9,600,000 Common Shares at \$11.55 per share (the last reported sales price for our Common Shares on the NYSE on November 8, 2021), in an offering under this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus, after deducting the assumed commission of \$1,108,800 (representing an estimated commission to the Distributor of 1.00% of the gross proceeds of the sale of Common Shares, of which a certain percentage will be paid to the Dealer in connection with sales of Common Shares effected in this offering).

	As of December 31, 2020 (audited)	As of June 30, 2021 (unaudited)	Pro Forma (unaudited)
	Actual	Actual	As Adjusted
Net assets	\$ 643,771,027	\$ 665,922,838	\$ 775,694,038
\$0.01 par value per share of common shares outstanding	\$ 638,929	\$ 639,710	\$ 735,710
Additional paid-in capital	\$ 420,725,177	\$ 421,533,769	\$ 531,304,969
Distributable earnings	\$ 222,406,921	\$ 243,749,359	\$ 243,653,359
Net assets	\$ 643,771,027	\$ 665,922,838	\$ 775,694,038
Net asset value per share	\$ 10.08	\$ 10.41	\$ 10.54
Common shares issued and outstanding	63,892,866	63,970,955	73,570,955

## Summary of Fund Expenses

The purpose of the table below is to help you understand all fees and expenses that you, as a Common Shareholder, would bear directly or indirectly. The table shows Fund expenses stated as a percentage of net assets attributable to Common Shares, and not as a percentage of total assets.

### Common Shareholder transaction expenses

Sales load paid by you (as a percentage of offering price)	1.00% <sup>(1)</sup>
Offering expenses (as a percentage of offering price)	None <sup>(2)</sup>
Dividend reinvestment plan fees	\$5.00 <sup>(3)</sup>

### Annual expenses

### Percentage of net assets attributable to Common Shares<sup>(4)</sup>

Investment adviser fee	1.00% <sup>(5)</sup>
Other expenses	0.11%
Total annual Fund operating expenses	1.11%

## EXAMPLE

The following example illustrates the expenses that Common Shareholders would pay on a \$1,000 investment in Common Shares, assuming (i) total annual expenses of 1.11% of net assets attributable to Common Shares in years 1 through 10; (ii) a sales load of 1.00%; (iii) a 5% annual return; and (iv) all distributions are reinvested at NAV:

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$21	\$45	\$71	\$144

The above table and example and the assumption in the example of a 5% annual return are required by regulations of the SEC that are applicable to all investment companies; the assumed 5% annual return is not a prediction of, and does not represent, the projected or actual performance of the Fund's Common Shares. For more complete descriptions of certain of the Fund's costs and expenses, see "Management of the Fund." In addition, while the example assumes reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at NAV, participants in the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan may receive Common Shares purchased or issued at a price or value different from NAV. See "Distributions" and "Dividend Reinvestment Plan." The example does not include estimated offering costs, which would cause the expenses shown in the example to increase.

The example should not be considered a representation of past or future expenses, and the Fund's actual expenses may be greater or less than those shown. Moreover, the Fund's actual rate of return may be greater or less than the hypothetical 5% return shown in the example.

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- (1) Represents the estimated commission with respect to the Fund's Common Shares being sold in this offering. There is no guarantee that there will be any sales of the Fund's Common Shares pursuant to this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus. Actual sales of the Fund's Common Shares under this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus, if any, may be less than as set forth under "Capitalization" above. In addition, the price per share of any such sale may be greater or less than the price set forth under "Capitalization" above, depending on market price of the Fund's Common Shares at the time of any such sale.
- (2) Eaton Vance will pay the expenses of the Offering (other than the applicable commissions); therefore, Offering expenses are not included in the Summary of Fund Expenses. Offering expenses generally include, but are not limited to, the preparation, review and filing with the SEC of the Fund's registration statement (including this Prospectus Supplement, the accompanying Prospectus and the SAI), the preparation, review and filing of any associated marketing or similar materials, costs associated with the printing, mailing or other distribution of this Prospectus Supplement, the accompanying Prospectus, SAI and/or marketing materials, associated filing fees, NYSE listing fees, and legal and auditing fees associated with the Offering.
- (3) You will be charged a \$5.00 service charge and pay brokerage charges if you direct the plan agent to sell your Common Shares held in a dividend reinvestment account.
- (4) Stated as a percentage of average net assets attributable to Common Shares for the semi-annual period ended June 30, 2021.
- (5) The adviser fee paid by the Fund to the Adviser is based on the average daily gross assets of the Fund, including all assets attributable to any form of investment leverage that the Fund may utilize. Accordingly, if the Fund were to increase investment leverage in the future, the adviser fee will increase as a percentage of net assets.

## Market and Net Asset Value Information

Our Common Shares are listed on the NYSE under the symbol "ETJ." Our Common Shares commenced trading on the NYSE in 2007.

Our Common Shares have traded both at a premium and a discount to net asset value or NAV. We cannot predict whether our shares will trade in the future at a premium or discount to NAV. The provisions of the 1940 Act generally require that the public offering price of Common Shares (less any underwriting commissions and discounts) must equal or exceed the NAV per share of a company's common stock. Our issuance of Common Shares may have an adverse effect on prices in the secondary market for our Common Shares by increasing the number of Common Shares available, which may put downward pressure on the market price for our Common Shares. Shares of Common Stock of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a discount from NAV. See "Prospectus Summary—Special Risk Considerations—Discount from or premium to NAV" on page 12 of the accompanying Prospectus.

The following table sets forth for the period indicated the high and low closing market prices for Common Shares on the NYSE, and the corresponding NAV per share and the premium or discount to NAV per share at which the Fund's Common Shares were trading as of the same date. NAV is determined no less frequently than daily, generally on each day of the week that the NYSE is open for trading. See "Determination of Net Asset Value" on page 22 of the accompanying SAI for information as to the determination of the Fund's net asset value.

<u>Fiscal Quarter Ended</u>	<u>Market Price</u>		<u>NAV per Share on Date of Market Price</u>		<u>NAV Premium/(Discount) on Date of Market Price</u>	
	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
September 30, 2021	\$11.68	\$10.69	\$10.48	\$10.07	11.45%	6.16%

On November 8, 2021, the last reported sale price, NAV per Common Share and percentage premium/(discount) to NAV per Common Share, were \$11.55, \$10.45 and 10.53%, respectively. As of November 8, 2021, the Fund had 64,071,157 Common Shares outstanding and net assets of \$669,322,617.

The following table provides information about our outstanding Common Shares as of November 8, 2021:

<u>Title of Class</u>	<u>Amount Authorized</u>	<u>Amount Held by the Fund or for its Account</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>
Common Shares	Unlimited	0	64,071,157

## Use of Proceeds

Sales of our Common Shares, if any, under this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus may be made in negotiated transactions or transactions that are deemed to be "at the market" as defined in Rule 415 under the 1933 Act, including sales made directly on the NYSE or sales made to or through a market maker other than on an exchange. There is no guarantee that there will be any sales of our Common Shares pursuant to this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus. Actual sales, if any, of our Common Shares under this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus may be less than as set forth below in this paragraph. In addition, the price per share of any such sale may be greater or less than the price set forth in this paragraph, depending on the market price of our Common Shares at the time of any such sale. As a result, the actual net proceeds we receive may be more or less than the amount of net proceeds estimated in this Prospectus Supplement. Assuming the sale of all of the Common Shares offered under this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus, at the last reported sales price of \$11.55 per share for our Common Shares on the NYSE as of November 8, 2021 we estimate that the net proceeds of this offering will be approximately \$109,771,200 after deducting the estimated sales load and the estimated offering expenses payable by the Fund, if any.

Subject to the remainder of this section, the Fund currently intends to invest substantially all of the net proceeds of any sales of Common Shares pursuant to this Prospectus Supplement in accordance with its investment objectives and policies as described in the accompanying Prospectus under "Investment Objectives, Policies and Risks" within three months of receipt of such proceeds. Such investments may be delayed up to three months if suitable investments are unavailable at the time or for other reasons, such as market volatility and lack of liquidity in the markets of suitable investments. Pending such investment, the Fund anticipates that it will invest the proceeds in short-term money market instruments, securities with remaining maturities of less than one year, cash or cash equivalents. A delay in the anticipated use of proceeds could lower returns and reduce the Fund's distribution to Common Shareholders or result in a distribution consisting principally of a return of capital.

## Plan of Distribution

Under the Dealer Agreement between the Distributor and the Dealer, upon written instructions from the Distributor, the Dealer will use its reasonable best efforts, to sell, as sub-placement agent, the Common Shares under the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Dealer Agreement. The Dealer's solicitation will continue until the Distributor instructs the Dealer to suspend the solicitations and offers. The Distributor will instruct the Dealer as to the amount of Common Shares to be sold by the Dealer. The Distributor may instruct the Dealer not to sell Common Shares if the sales cannot be effected at or above the price designated by the Distributor in any instruction. To the extent that the market price per share of the Fund's Common Shares on any given day is less than the net asset value per share on such day, the Distributor will instruct the Dealer not to make any sales on such day. The Distributor or the Dealer may suspend the offering of Common Shares upon proper notice and subject to other conditions.

The Dealer will provide written confirmation to the Distributor following the close of trading on the day on which Common Shares are sold under the Dealer Agreement. Each confirmation will include the number of shares sold on the preceding day, the net proceeds to the Fund and the compensation payable by the Distributor to the Dealer in connection with the sales.

The Fund will compensate the Distributor with respect to sales of the Common Shares at a commission rate of 1.00% of the gross proceeds of the sale of Common Shares. The Distributor will compensate the Dealer for its services in acting as sub-placement agent in the sale of Common Shares out of this commission at a certain percentage rate of the gross proceeds of the sale of Common Shares sold under the Dealer Agreement, with the exact amount of such compensation to be mutually agreed upon by the Distributor and the Dealer from time to time. There is no guarantee that there will be any sales of the Common Shares pursuant to this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus. Actual sales, if any, of the Common Shares under this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus may be conducted at a price that is greater or less than the last reported sales price set forth in this Prospectus Supplement, depending on the market price of Common Shares at the time of any such sale. Eaton Vance will pay the expenses of the Offering (other than the applicable commissions).

Settlement for sales of Common Shares will occur on the second trading day following the date on which such sales are made, in return for payment of the net proceeds to the Fund. There is no arrangement for funds to be received in an escrow, trust or similar arrangement.

The Distributor has agreed to provide indemnification and contribution to the Dealer against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the 1933 Act.

The Dealer Agreement will remain in full force and effect unless terminated by either party upon 5 days' written notice to the other party.

The principal business address of the Dealer is 1285 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019.

The Dealer and its affiliates hold or may hold in the future, directly or indirectly, investment interests in the Distributor and its funds. The interests held by the Dealer or its affiliates are not attributable to, and no investment discretion is held by, the Dealer or its affiliates.

## Legal Matters

Certain legal matters in connection with the Common Shares will be passed upon for the Fund by internal counsel for Eaton Vance.

## Incorporation by Reference

This Prospectus Supplement is part of a registration statement filed with the SEC. The Fund is permitted to "incorporate by reference" the information filed with the SEC, which means that the Fund can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this Prospectus Supplement, and later information that the Fund files with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information.

The documents listed below, and any reports and other documents subsequently filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 30(b)(2) under the 1940 Act and Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the termination of the offering will be incorporated by reference into this Prospectus Supplement and deemed to be part of this Prospectus Supplement from the date of the filing of such reports and documents:

- The Fund's [Statement of Additional Information](#) ("SAI"), dated November 10, 2021, filed with the accompanying [Prospectus](#);
- our [annual report](#) on Form N-CSR for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020 filed with the SEC on February 25, 2021; and
- our [semiannual report](#) on Form N-CSRS for the period ended June 30, 2021 filed with the SEC on August 24, 2021; and
- the [description of the Fund's common shares](#) contained in its Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on June 11, 2007, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description prior to the termination of the offering registered hereby.

The Fund will provide without charge to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom this Prospectus Supplement is delivered, upon written or oral request, a copy of any and all of the documents that have been or may be incorporated by reference in this Prospectus Supplement, Prospectus, and SAI. You should direct requests for documents by calling (800) 262-1122.

The Fund makes available this Prospectus Supplement, Prospectus, SAI and the Fund's annual and semi-annual reports, free of charge, at <http://www.eatonvance.com>. You may also obtain this Prospectus Supplement, Prospectus, SAI, other documents incorporated by reference and other information the Fund files electronically, including reports and proxy statements, on the SEC website (<http://www.sec.gov>) or with the payment of a duplication fee, by electronic request at [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov). Information contained in, or that can be accessed through, the Fund's website is not part of this Prospectus Supplement, Prospectus or SAI.

## Available Information

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the 1940 Act and are required to file reports, including annual and semi-annual reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. These documents are available on the SEC's EDGAR system.

This Prospectus Supplement, the accompanying Prospectus and the SAI do not contain all of the information in our registration statement, including amendments, exhibits, and schedules that the Fund has filed with the SEC (File No. 333-260965). Statements in this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus about the contents of any contract or other document are not necessarily complete and in each instance reference is made to the copy of the contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, each such statement being qualified in all respects by this reference.

Additional information about us can be found in our registration statement (including amendments, exhibits, and schedules) on Form N-2 filed with the SEC. The SEC maintains a web site (<http://www.sec.gov>) that contains our registration statement, other documents incorporated by reference, and other information we have filed electronically with the SEC, including proxy statements and reports filed under the Exchange Act.

Beginning on January 1, 2021, as permitted by regulations adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, paper copies of the Fund's annual and semi-annual shareholder reports are no longer being sent by mail unless you specifically request paper copies of the reports. Instead, the reports are being made available on the Fund's website ([funds.eatonvance.com/closed-end-fund-and-term-trust-documents.php](http://funds.eatonvance.com/closed-end-fund-and-term-trust-documents.php)), and you will be notified by mail each time a report is posted and provided with a website address to access the report. If you already elected to receive shareholder reports electronically, you will not be affected by this change and you need not take any action. If you hold shares at the Fund's transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC ("AST"), you may elect to receive shareholder reports and other communications from the Fund electronically by contacting AST. If you own your shares through a financial intermediary (such as a broker-dealer or bank), you must contact your financial intermediary to sign up. You may elect to receive all future Fund shareholder reports in paper free of charge. If you hold shares at AST, you can inform AST that you wish to continue receiving paper copies of your shareholder reports by calling 1-866-439-6787. If you own these shares through a financial intermediary, you must contact your financial intermediary or follow instructions included with this disclosure, if applicable, to elect to continue to receive paper copies of your shareholder reports. Your election to receive reports in paper will apply to all funds held with AST or to all funds held through your financial intermediary, as applicable.

## Up to 9,600,000 Shares

### Eaton Vance Risk-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund

### Common Shares

**Investment Objectives and Policies.** Eaton Vance Risk-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund (the “Fund”) is a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund’s primary investment objective is to provide current income and gains, with a secondary objective of capital appreciation. Relative to other equity income funds, the Fund seeks to provide less volatile returns and reduced exposure to loss of value during stock market declines. In pursuing its investment objectives, the Fund evaluates returns on an after-tax basis, seeking to minimize and defer shareholder federal income taxes.

**Portfolio Management Strategies.** Under normal market conditions, the Fund’s investment program consists primarily of owning a diversified portfolio of common stocks and employing a variety of options strategies. The Fund seeks to earn high levels of tax-advantaged income and gains by (1) investing in stocks that pay dividends that qualify for favorable federal income tax treatment, (2) writing (selling) put options on individual stocks deemed attractive for purchase, and/or (3) writing (selling) stock index call options with respect to a portion of its common stock portfolio value. To reduce the Fund’s risk of loss due to a decline in the value of the general equity market, the Fund intends to purchase index put options with respect to a substantial portion of the value of its common stock holdings and stocks subject to written put options.

**Investment Adviser.** Eaton Vance Management (“Eaton Vance” or the “Adviser”) acts as the Fund’s investment adviser under an Investment Advisory Agreement (the “Advisory Agreement”). The Adviser’s principal office is located at Two International Place, Boston, MA 02110. Eaton Vance, its affiliates and predecessor companies have been managing assets of individuals and institutions since 1924 and of investment companies since 1931. Prior to March 1, 2021, Eaton Vance was a wholly owned subsidiary of Eaton Vance Corp. (“EVC”).

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Morgan Stanley (NYSE: MS), whose principal offices are at 1585 Broadway, New York, New York 10036, is a preeminent global financial services firm engaged in securities trading and brokerage activities, as well as providing investment banking, research and analysis, financing and financial advisory services. As of September 30, 2021, Morgan Stanley’s asset management operations had aggregate assets under management of approximately \$1.5 trillion.

**The Offering.** The Fund may offer, from time to time, in one or more offerings (each, an “Offering”), the Fund’s common shares of beneficial interest, \$0.01 par value (“Common Shares”). Common Shares may be offered at prices and on terms to be set forth in one or more supplements to this Prospectus (each, a “Prospectus Supplement”). You should read this Prospectus and the applicable Prospectus Supplement carefully before you invest in Common Shares. Common Shares may be offered directly to one or more purchasers, through agents designated from time to time by us, or to or through underwriters or dealers. The Prospectus Supplement relating to the Offering will identify any agents, underwriters or dealers involved in the offer or sale of Common Shares, and will set forth any applicable offering price, sales load, fee, commission or discount arrangement between the Fund and its agents or underwriters, or among its underwriters, or the basis upon which such amount may be calculated, net proceeds and use of proceeds, and the terms of any sale. The Fund may not sell any Common Shares through agents, underwriters or dealers without delivery of a Prospectus Supplement describing the method and terms of the particular Offering of the Common Shares.

**The Common Shares have traded both at a premium and a discount to net asset value (“NAV”).** The Fund cannot predict whether Common Shares will trade in the future at a premium or discount to its NAV. The provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”) generally require that the public offering price of common shares (less any underwriting commissions and discounts) must equal or exceed the NAV per share of a company’s common stock. The Fund’s issuance of Common Shares may have an adverse effect on prices in the secondary market for the Fund’s Common Shares by increasing the number of Common Shares available, which may put downward pressure on the market price for the Fund’s Common Shares. Shares of common stock of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a discount from NAV, which may increase investors’ risk of loss.

**Investing in shares involves certain risks.** See “Investment Objectives, Policies and Risks” beginning at page 25.

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this Prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

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**Portfolio Contents.** Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its total assets in a combination of (1) dividend-paying common stocks, (2) common stocks the value of which is subject to written put options on individual stocks, and (3) common stocks the value of which is subject to written index call options. In addition, under normal market conditions, the Fund will purchase index put options with respect to at least 80% of the value of its investments in common stocks. The Fund invests primarily in common stocks of United States issuers, but may invest up to 40% of its total assets in common stocks of foreign issuers, including up to 5% of its total assets in securities of issuers located in emerging markets. The Fund may not invest 25% or more of its total assets in the securities of issuers in any single industry. The Fund may consider investments in stocks that pay dividends that qualify for federal income taxation at rates applicable to long-term capital gains. However, the Fund is unable to predict what percentage of its overall income will consist of such qualifying dividends. The Fund may consider writing put options on individual stocks that the Adviser believes are attractive for purchase at prices at or above the exercise price of the put options written.

The Fund generally intends to buy put options and write call options on one or more broad-based stock indices that the Adviser believes collectively approximate the characteristics of its common stock portfolio (or that portion of its portfolio against which options are purchased and written). The Fund intends to buy put options and write call options primarily on the S&P 500® Index ("S&P 500®"), and may also buy put options and write call options on other domestic and foreign stock indices. The Fund's current options strategy consists of purchasing out-of-the-money S&P 500 Index put options and selling out-of-the-money S&P 500 Index call options on all or substantially all of the value of the Fund's common stock portfolio. Purchasing index put options provides protection against loss of principal value during periods of market weakness and selling index call options generates premium income. The Fund generally intends to purchase short-dated (generally 28-day) index put options and sell index call options of the same term, staggering roll dates across the options portfolio. The indices on which the Fund buys put options and writes call options may vary as a result of changes in the availability and liquidity of various listed index options, changes in stock portfolio holdings, the Adviser's evaluation of equity market conditions and other factors. The buying of index put options will reduce the Fund's cash available for distribution from other sources, including from selling put options on individual stocks and index call options.

Writing index call options involves a tradeoff between the options premiums received and reduced participation in potential stock market appreciation. Purchasing index put options is a risk management technique that involves a tradeoff between the options premiums paid and a potential increase in value of the options positions in a stock market decline. Writing put options on individual stocks involves a tradeoff between the options premiums received and exposure to declines in value of the stocks against which put options are written. To the extent that the individual stocks held by the Fund and/or the stocks subject to written put options decrease in value more than the index or indices on which the Fund has purchased put options, the strategy of purchasing index put options will provide only limited protection with respect to the value of the Fund's assets and may result in worse performance for the Fund than if it did not buy index put options. There can be no assurance that the Fund's investment program as a whole or its options strategy will be successful or that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives. In implementing the Fund's option strategy, the Adviser, depending on market conditions, may employ any combination of the above discussed option strategies. An investment in the Fund may not be appropriate for all investors.

The Fund seeks to generate current earnings from dividends on stocks held and from option premiums. The Fund intends to employ a variety of tax-management techniques and strategies as described herein, seeking in part to minimize the Fund's ordinary income (other than qualified dividend income) and net realized short-term capital gains in excess of net realized long-term capital losses and Fund expenses. To the extent that the Fund's ordinary income (other than qualified dividend income) and net realized short-term gains over net realized long-term losses exceed Fund expenses, dividends with respect to such amounts when paid to holders of the Common Shares ("Common Shareholders") will be taxable as ordinary income.

During unusual market conditions, the Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash or cash equivalents temporarily, which may be inconsistent with its investment objectives, principal strategies and other policies.

**Exchange Listing.** As of November 8, 2021, the Fund had 64,071,157 Common Shares outstanding. The Fund's Common Shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") under the symbol "ETJ." As of November 8, 2021, the last reported sale price of a Common Share of the Fund on the NYSE was \$11.55. Common Shares offered and sold pursuant to this Registration Statement will also be listed on the NYSE and trade under this symbol.

This Prospectus, together with any applicable Prospectus Supplement, sets forth concisely information you should know before investing in the shares of the Fund. Please read and retain this Prospectus for future reference. A Statement of Additional Information ("SAI") dated November 10, 2021, has been filed with the SEC and is incorporated by reference into this Prospectus. You may request a free copy of the SAI, the table of contents of which is on page 59 of this Prospectus, a free copy of our annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders (when available), obtain other information or make shareholder inquiries, by calling toll-free 1-800-262-1122 or by writing to the Fund at Two International Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. The Fund's SAI and annual and semi-annual reports also are available free of charge on our website at <http://www.eatonvance.com> and on the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>). You may obtain these documents, after paying a duplication fee, by electronic request at the following email address: [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov). Information contained in, or that can be accessed through, the Fund's website is not part of this Prospectus.

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

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus. The Fund has not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. The Fund is not making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained in this Prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this Prospectus. The Fund's business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

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## CAUTIONARY NOTICE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Prospectus, any accompanying Prospectus Supplement and the SAI contain “forward-looking statements.” Forward-looking statements can be identified by the words “may,” “will,” “intend,” “expect,” “estimate,” “continue,” “plan,” “anticipate,” and similar terms and the negative of such terms. Such forward-looking statements may be contained in this Prospectus as well as in any accompanying Prospectus Supplement. By their nature, all forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, and actual results could differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. Several factors that could materially affect our actual results are the performance of the portfolio of securities we hold, the price at which our shares will trade in the public markets and other factors discussed in our periodic filings with the SEC.

Although we believe that the expectations expressed in our forward-looking statements are reasonable, actual results could differ materially from those projected or assumed in our forward-looking statements. Our future financial condition and results of operations, as well as any forward-looking statements, are subject to change and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties, such as those disclosed in the “Investment Objectives, Policies and Risks” section of this Prospectus. All forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus or any accompanying Prospectus Supplement are made as of the date of this Prospectus or the accompanying Prospectus Supplement, as the case may be. Except for our ongoing obligations under the federal securities laws, we do not intend, and we undertake no obligation, to update any forward-looking statement. The forward-looking statements contained in this Prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement and the SAI are excluded from the safe harbor protection provided by section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “1933 Act”).

Currently known risk factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations include, but are not limited to, the factors described in the “Investment Objectives, Policies and Risks” section of this Prospectus. We urge you to review carefully that section for a more detailed discussion of the risks of an investment in our securities.

Prospectus dated November 10, 2021

## Prospectus Summary

*The following summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the more detailed information included elsewhere in this Prospectus, in any related Prospectus Supplement, and in the SAI.*

### THE FUND

Eaton Vance Risk-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund (the “Fund”) is a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund seeks to provide current income and gains, with a secondary objective of capital appreciation. Investments are based on Eaton Vance Management’s (“Eaton Vance” or the “Adviser”) internal research and management. An investment in the Fund may not be appropriate for all investors.

### THE OFFERING

The Fund may offer, from time to time, in one or more offerings (each, an “Offering”), up to 9,600,000 of the Fund’s common shares of beneficial interest, \$0.01 par value (“Common Shares”), on terms to be determined at the time of the Offering. The Common Shares may be offered at prices and on terms to be set forth in one or more Prospectus Supplements. You should read this Prospectus and the applicable Prospectus Supplement carefully before you invest in Common Shares. Common Shares may be offered directly to one or more purchasers, through agents designated from time to time by the Fund, or to or through underwriters or dealers. The Prospectus Supplement relating to the Offering will identify any agents, underwriters or dealers involved in the offer or sale of Common Shares, and will set forth any applicable offering price, sales load, fee, commission or discount arrangement between the Fund and its agents or underwriters, or among its underwriters, or the basis upon which such amount may be calculated, net proceeds and use of proceeds, and the terms of any sale. See “Plan of Distribution.” The Fund may not sell any of Common Shares through agents, underwriters or dealers without delivery of a Prospectus Supplement describing the method and terms of the particular Offering of Common Shares.

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, POLICIES AND RISKS

The Fund’s primary investment objective is to provide current income and gains, with a secondary objective of capital appreciation. Relative to other equity income funds, the Fund seeks to provide less volatile returns and reduced exposure to loss of value during stock market declines. In pursuing its investment objectives, the Fund evaluates returns on an after-tax basis, seeking to minimize and defer shareholder federal income taxes. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives. The Fund’s investment objectives are considered non-fundamental policies that may be changed by the Fund’s Board of Trustees (the “Board”) without approval of the Fund’s shareholders.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund’s investment program consists primarily of owning a diversified portfolio of common stocks and employing a variety of options strategies. The Fund seeks to earn high levels of tax-advantaged income and gains by (1) investing in stocks that pay dividends that qualify for favorable federal income tax treatment, (2) writing (selling) put options on individual stocks deemed attractive for purchase, and/or (3) writing (selling) stock index call options with respect to a portion of its common stock portfolio value. To reduce the Fund’s risk of loss due to a decline in the value of the general equity market, the Fund intends to purchase index put options with respect to a substantial portion of the value of its common stock holdings and stocks subject to written put options.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its total assets in a combination of (1) dividend-paying common stocks, (2) common stocks the value of which is subject to written put options on individual stocks, and (3) common stocks the value of which is subject to written index call options. In addition, under normal market conditions, the Fund will purchase index put options with respect to at least 80% of the value of its investments in common stocks. The Fund may consider investments in stocks that pay dividends that qualify for federal income taxation at rates applicable to long-term capital gains. However, the Fund is unable to predict what percentage of its overall income will consist of such qualifying dividends. The Fund may consider writing put options on individual stocks that the Adviser believes are attractive for purchase at prices at or above the exercise price of the put options written.

The Fund invests primarily in common stocks of United States issuers. The Fund may invest up to 40% of its total assets in securities of foreign issuers, including securities evidenced by American Depositary Receipts (“ADRs”), Global Depositary Receipts (“GDRs”) and European Depositary Receipts (“EDRs”). The Fund may invest up to 5% of its total assets in securities of emerging market issuers. The Fund expects that its assets will normally be invested across a broad range of industries and market sectors. The Fund may not invest 25% or more of its total assets in the securities of issuers in any single industry. The Fund may invest a portion of its assets in stocks of mid-capitalization companies. Eaton Vance generally considers mid-capitalization companies to be those companies having market capitalizations within the range of capitalizations for the S&P MidCap 400® Index (the “S&P MidCap 400®”). As of October 31, 2021, the median market capitalization of companies in the

S&P MidCap 400® was approximately \$5.6 billion. Market capitalizations of companies within the S&P MidCap 400® are subject to change.

The Fund generally intends to buy put options and write call options on one or more broad-based stock indices that the Adviser believes collectively approximate the characteristics of its common stock portfolio (or that portion of its portfolio against which options are purchased and written). The Fund intends to buy put options and write call options primarily on the S&P 500® Index ("S&P 500®"), and may also buy put options and write call options on other domestic and foreign stock indices. The Fund's current options strategy consists of purchasing out-of-the-money S&P 500 Index put options and selling out-of-the-money S&P 500 Index call options on all or substantially all of the value of the Fund's common stock portfolio. Purchasing index put options provides protection against loss of principal value during periods of market weakness and selling index call options generates premium income. The Fund generally intends to purchase short-dated (generally 28-day) index put options and sell index call options of the same term, staggering roll dates across the options portfolio. The indices on which the Fund buys put options and writes call options may vary as a result of changes in the availability and liquidity of various listed index options, changes in stock portfolio holdings, the Adviser's evaluation of equity market conditions and other factors. The buying of index put options will reduce the Fund's cash available for distribution from other sources, including from selling put options on individual stocks and index call options.

Writing index call options involves a tradeoff between the option premiums received and reduced participation in potential stock market appreciation. Purchasing index put options is a risk management technique that involves a tradeoff between the options premiums paid and a potential increase in value of the options positions in a stock market decline. Writing put options on individual stocks involves a tradeoff between the options premiums received and exposure to declines in value of the stocks against which put options are written. To the extent that the individual stocks held by the Fund and/or the stocks subject to written put options decrease in value more than the index or indices on which the Fund has purchased put options, the strategy of purchasing index put options will provide only limited protection with respect to the value of the Fund's assets and may result in worse performance for the Fund than if it did not buy index put options. There can be no assurance that the Fund's investment program as a whole or its options strategy will be successful. In implementing its options strategies, the Fund generally will use premiums earned on writing options to purchase index put options. Accordingly, the buying of index put options will reduce the Fund's earnings available for distribution from other sources, including from selling options.

As the seller of index call options, the Fund will receive cash (the premiums) from option purchasers. The purchaser of an index call option has the right to any appreciation in the value of the applicable index over a fixed price (the exercise price) as of a specified date in the future (the option valuation date). Generally, the Fund intends to sell call options that are "out-of-the-money" (i.e., the exercise price generally will be above the current level of the applicable index when the option is sold). The Fund may also sell index options that are more substantially "out-of-the-money." In writing index call options, the Fund will, in effect, sell the potential appreciation in the value of the applicable index above the exercise price in exchange for the option premium received. If, at expiration, an index call option sold by the Fund is exercised, the Fund will pay the purchaser the difference between the cash value of the applicable index and the exercise price of the option. The premium received, the exercise price and the market value of the applicable index will determine the gain or loss realized by the Fund as the seller of the index call option.

As the purchaser of index put options, the Fund will seek to benefit from a decline in the market prices of the underlying index, thereby hedging the Fund's exposure to market risk. The Fund will pay a premium to the seller of the option for the right to receive payments of cash to the extent that the value of the applicable index declines below a fixed price (the exercise price) as of a specified date in the future (the option valuation date). If the index price is above the exercise price of the option as of the option valuation date, the option expires worthless and the Fund will not be able to recover the option premium paid to the seller. Generally, the Fund intends to buy index put options that are somewhat "out-of-the-money" (i.e., the exercise price generally will be slightly below the current level of the applicable index (or, for index put options bought with respect to put options written on individual stocks, slightly lower in relation to the current level of the applicable index than the exercise price of the put options written is to the price of the associated stock) when the option is purchased). The Fund may also buy index put options that are more or less "out-of-the-money." Options that are more "out-of-the-money" provide the Fund with less protection against a decline in the applicable index, but generally would be less expensive than put options that are slightly "out-of-the-money." In buying index put options, the Fund will, in effect, acquire protection against a decline in the value of the applicable index below the exercise price in exchange for the option premium paid. If, at expiration, an index put option purchased by the Fund is exercised, the Fund will receive from the option seller the difference between the exercise price of the option and the value of the applicable index. The premium paid, the exercise price and the market value of the applicable index will determine the gain or loss realized by the Fund as the buyer of the index put option.

As the seller of put options on individual stocks, the Fund will receive cash (the premiums) from option purchasers. The purchaser of a put option assumes the right to sell (put) the stock to the seller of the option at a specified price (the exercise price) on or before the expiration date of the option. If the value of the stock on the option expiration date is above the exercise price, the option will generally expire worthless and the Fund, as option seller, will have no obligation to the option holders. If the value of the stock on the option expiration date is at or below the exercise price of the option, the Fund may be obligated to purchase the stock at the exercise price. Generally, the Fund intends to sell put options on individual stocks that are “out-of-the-money” (i.e., the exercise price generally will be below the current level of the applicable stock when the option is sold). The Fund may emphasize writing put options on individual stocks that the Adviser believes are attractive for purchase at prices at or above the exercise price of the put options written.

The Fund’s policies that, under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 80% of its total assets in a combination of (1) dividend-paying common stocks, (2) common stocks the value of which is subject to written put options on individual stocks, and (3) common stocks the value of which is subject to written index call options and that the Fund will purchase index put options with respect to at least 80% of the value of its investments in common stocks are non-fundamental policies that may be changed by the Board without Common Shareholder approval following the provision of 60 days’ prior written notice to Common Shareholders.

In implementing the Fund’s investment strategy, the Adviser intends to employ a variety of techniques and strategies designed to minimize and defer the federal income taxes incurred by Common Shareholders in connection with their investment in the Fund as described below. In implementing the Fund’s option strategy, the Adviser, depending on market conditions, may employ any combination of the above discussed option strategies.

The S&P 500® Index is an unmanaged index of large-cap stocks commonly used as a measure of U.S. stock market performance.

During unusual market circumstances, the Fund may invest up to 100% of assets in cash or cash equivalents temporarily, which may be inconsistent with the Fund’s investment objective and other policies.

## **INVESTMENT STRATEGIES**

Eaton Vance is responsible for the Fund’s overall investment program, structuring and managing the Fund’s common stock portfolio and developing and monitoring the Fund’s options strategies. The Fund’s investments are actively managed, and securities may be bought or sold on a daily basis.

Eaton Vance is responsible for the overall management of the Fund’s investments, including decisions about asset allocation, securities selection and which options strategies to be employed. The portfolio manager utilizes information provided by, and the expertise of, the Adviser’s research staff in making investment decisions. Investment decisions are made primarily on the basis of fundamental research, which involves consideration of the various company-specific and general business, economic and market factors that may influence the future performance of individual companies and equity investments therein. The Adviser will also consider a variety of other factors in constructing and maintaining the Fund’s stock portfolio, including, but not limited to, stock dividend yields and payment schedules, overlap between the Fund’s stock holdings and the indices on which it has outstanding options positions, realization of tax loss harvesting opportunities and other tax management considerations.

The Adviser believes that a strategy of owning a portfolio of common stocks, writing (selling) put options on individual stocks deemed attractive for purchase, selling index call options with respect to a portion of portfolio value, and purchasing index put options on a substantial portion of portfolio value can provide current income and gains and an attractive risk-return profile during a variety of equity market conditions.

The Fund will sell only “covered” call and put options. Options may be “covered,” meaning that the party required to deliver the reference instrument if the option is exercised owns that instrument (or has set aside sufficient assets to meet its obligation to deliver the instrument).

Compared to buying put options and selling call options on individual stocks, the Adviser believes that buying and selling index options can achieve better tax and transactional efficiency because listed options on broad-based securities indices generally qualify as “section 1256 contracts” under the Code which are subject to specialized tax treatment and because the markets for index options are generally deeper and more liquid than options on individual stocks. The Fund may in certain circumstances hold stock index put options with respect to only a portion of such amount, subject to the condition that, under normal market conditions, the Fund will hold index put options with respect to at least 80% of the value of its investments in common stocks. The Fund may in market circumstances deemed appropriate by the Adviser write index call options on up to 100% of its assets. In certain market circumstances, the Fund may forego writing index call options or selling put options on individual stocks. In

implementing the Fund's option strategy, the Adviser, depending on market conditions, may employ any combination of the above discussed option strategies.

To avoid being subject to the "straddle rules" under federal income tax law, the Fund intends to generally limit the overlap between its stock holdings (and any subset thereof) and each index on which it has outstanding options positions to less than 70% on an ongoing basis. Under the "straddle rules," "offsetting positions with respect to personal property" generally are considered to be straddles. In general, investment positions will be offsetting if there is a substantial diminution in the risk of loss from holding one position by reason of holding one or more other positions. The Fund expects that neither the index call options it writes nor the index put options it buys will, together with the Fund's portfolio of common stocks, be considered straddles because its stock holdings will be sufficiently dissimilar from the components of each index on which it has open options positions under applicable guidance established by the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS"). Under certain circumstances, however, the Fund may enter into options transactions or certain other investments that may constitute positions in a straddle. In addition, in keeping with the Fund's strategy, described below, of selling index call options and purchasing index put options that qualify for treatment as "section 1256 contracts" under the Code on which capital gains and losses are generally treated as 60% long-term and 40% short-term, regardless of holding period, the Fund may be limited in the manner in which it writes options on indices based upon foreign stocks. Because many foreign-traded stock index options do not currently qualify for treatment as "section 1256 contracts" under the Code, the Fund generally intends to sell options on broad-based foreign country and/or regional stock indices that are listed for trading in the United States or which otherwise qualify as "section 1256 contracts" under the Code. Options on foreign indices that are listed for trading in the United States or which otherwise qualify as "section 1256 contracts" under the Code may trade in substantially lower volumes and with substantially wider bid-ask spreads than other options contracts on the same or similar indices that trade on other markets outside the United States. To implement its options program most effectively, the Fund may buy and sell index options that do not qualify as "section 1256 contracts" under the Code.

The Fund's options strategies are designed to produce current cash flow from options premiums, to moderate the volatility of the Fund's returns and to reduce the Fund's exposure to loss of value during stock market declines.

The Adviser does not intend to sell index call options or put options on individual stocks collectively representing amounts greater than the value of the Fund's common stocks and other liquid assets (i.e., take a "naked" position). The Adviser generally intends to buy index put options and sell index call options that are exchange-listed and "European style," meaning that the options may only be exercised on the expiration date of the option. Options on individual stocks sold by the Fund may be either "European style" or "American style," meaning the options may be exercised at any time during the option period. The Fund may sell both exchange-traded and over the counter ("OTC") put options on individual stocks. OTC options involve risk that the issuer or counterparty will fail to perform its contractual obligations. Exchange-traded index options are typically settled in cash and provide that the holder of the option has the right to receive an amount of cash determined by the excess of the exercise-settlement value of the index over the exercise price of the option. Put options on individual stocks may be physically settled, requiring the underlying stock to be delivered upon exercise of the option or, alternatively, may have cash settlement provisions.

In implementing the Fund's investment strategy, the Adviser intends to employ a variety of techniques and strategies designed to minimize and defer the federal income taxes incurred by Common Shareholders in connection with their investment in the Fund. These currently include, without limitation: (1) investing in stocks that pay dividends that qualify for federal income taxation at rates applicable to long-term capital gains and complying with the holding period and other requirements for favorable tax treatment; (2) selling index call options and purchasing index put options that qualify for treatment as "section 1256 contracts" under the Code on which capital gains and losses are generally treated as 60% long-term and 40% short-term, regardless of holding period; (3) limiting the overlap between the Fund's stock holdings (and any subset thereof) and each index on which it has outstanding options positions to less than 70% on an ongoing basis so that the Fund's stock holdings and index call options are not subject to the "straddle rules;" (4) engaging in a systematic program of tax-loss harvesting in the Fund's stock portfolio, periodically selling stock positions that have depreciated in value to realize capital losses that can be used to offset capital gains realized by the Fund; and (5) managing the sale of appreciated stock positions so as to minimize the Fund's net realized short-term capital gains in excess of net realized long-term capital losses. When an appreciated security is sold, the Fund intends to select for sale the share lots resulting in the most favorable tax treatment, generally those with holding periods sufficient to qualify for long-term capital gains treatment that have the highest cost basis. However, the Fund's investment program and the tax treatment of Fund distributions may be affected by IRS interpretations of the Code and future changes in tax laws and regulations.

The foregoing policies relating to investments in common stocks and options are the Fund's primary investment policies. In addition to its primary investment policies, the Fund may invest to a limited extent in other types of securities and engage in certain other investment practices. In addition to buying index put options and writing index call options, the Fund may buy put options and/or write call options on up to 20% of the value of its total assets on futures contracts based upon broad-based

securities indices. The Fund's use of such options on index futures would be substantially similar to its use of options directly on indices. In addition to the Fund's primary options strategies as described herein, the Fund may also invest up to 20% of its total assets in other derivative instruments acquired for hedging, risk management and investment purposes (to gain exposure to securities, securities markets, market indices and/or currencies consistent with its investment objectives and policies). However, excluding the Fund's primary options strategies, no more than 10% of the Fund's total assets may be invested in such other derivative instruments for speculative purposes. The loss on derivative instruments (other than purchased options) may substantially exceed an investment in these instruments. To seek to protect against price declines in securities holdings with large accumulated gains, the Fund may use various hedging techniques (such as the purchase and sale of futures contracts on stocks and stock indices and options thereon, equity swaps, covered short sales, forward sales of stocks and the purchase and sale of forward currency exchange contracts and currency futures).

## **LISTING**

As of November 8, 2021, the Fund had 64,071,157 Common Shares outstanding. The Fund's Common Shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") under the symbol "ETJ." As of November 8, 2021, the last reported sale price of a Common Share of the Fund on the NYSE was \$11.55. Common Shares offered and sold pursuant to this Registration Statement will also be listed on the NYSE and trade under this symbol.

## **INVESTMENT ADVISER AND ADMINISTRATOR**

The Fund's investment adviser is Eaton Vance Management ("Eaton Vance" or the "Adviser"). Prior to March 1, 2021, Eaton Vance was a wholly owned subsidiary of Eaton Vance Corp. ("EVC"). On March 1, 2021, Morgan Stanley acquired EVC (the "Transaction") and Eaton Vance became an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Morgan Stanley.

Morgan Stanley (NYSE: MS), whose principal offices are at 1585 Broadway, New York, New York 10036, is a preeminent global financial services firm engaged in securities trading and brokerage activities, as well as providing investment banking, research and analysis, financing and financial advisory services. As of September 30, 2021, Morgan Stanley's asset management operations had aggregate assets under management of approximately \$1.5 trillion.

## **PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

The Fund may sell the Common Shares being offered under this Prospectus in any one or more of the following ways: (i) directly to purchasers; (ii) through agents; (iii) to or through underwriters; or (iv) through dealers. The Prospectus Supplement relating to the Offering will identify any agents, underwriters or dealers involved in the offer or sale of Common Shares, and will set forth any applicable offering price, sales load, fee, commission or discount arrangement between the Fund and its agents or underwriters, or among its underwriters, or the basis upon which such amount may be calculated, net proceeds and use of proceeds, and the terms of any sale.

The Fund may distribute Common Shares from time to time in one or more transactions at: (i) a fixed price or prices that may be changed; (ii) market prices prevailing at the time of sale; (iii) prices related to prevailing market prices; or (iv) negotiated prices; provided, however, that in each case the offering price per Common Share (less any underwriting commission or discount) must equal or exceed the NAV per Common Share.

The Fund from time to time may offer its Common Shares through or to certain broker-dealers, including UBS Securities LLC, that have entered into selected dealer agreements relating to at-the-market offerings.

The Fund may directly solicit offers to purchase Common Shares, or the Fund may designate agents to solicit such offers. The Fund will, in a Prospectus Supplement relating to such Offering, name any agent that could be viewed as an underwriter under the 1933 Act, and describe any commissions the Fund must pay to such agent(s). Any such agent will be acting on a reasonable best efforts basis for the period of its appointment or, if indicated in the applicable Prospectus Supplement or other offering materials, on a firm commitment basis. Agents, dealers and underwriters may be customers of, engage in transactions with, or perform services for the Fund in the ordinary course of business.

If any underwriters or agents are used in the sale of Common Shares in respect of which this Prospectus is delivered, the Fund will enter into an underwriting agreement or other agreement with them at the time of sale to them, and the Fund will set forth in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such Offering their names and the terms of the Fund's agreement with them.

If a dealer is utilized in the sale of Common Shares in respect of which this Prospectus is delivered, the Fund will sell such Common Shares to the dealer, as principal. The dealer may then resell such Common Shares to the public at varying prices to be determined by such dealer at the time of resale.

The Fund may engage in at-the-market offerings to or through a market maker or into an existing trading market, on an exchange or otherwise, in accordance with Rule 415(a)(4) under the 1933 Act. An at-the-market offering may be through an underwriter or underwriters acting as principal or agent for the Fund.

Agents, underwriters and dealers may be entitled under agreements which they may enter into with the Fund to indemnification by the Fund against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the 1933 Act, and may be customers of, engage in transactions with or perform services for the Fund in the ordinary course of business.

In order to facilitate the Offering of Common Shares, any underwriters may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of Common Shares or any other Common Shares the prices of which may be used to determine payments on the Common Shares. Specifically, any underwriters may over-allot in connection with the Offering, creating a short position for their own accounts. In addition, to cover over-allotments or to stabilize the price of Common Shares or of any such other Common Shares, the underwriters may bid for, and purchase, Common Shares or any such other Common Shares in the open market. Finally, in any Offering of Common Shares through a syndicate of underwriters, the underwriting syndicate may reclaim selling concessions allowed to an underwriter or a dealer for distributing Common Shares in the Offering if the syndicate repurchases previously distributed Common Shares in transactions to cover syndicate short positions, in stabilization transactions or otherwise. Any of these activities may stabilize or maintain the market price of Common Shares above independent market levels. Any such underwriters are not required to engage in these activities and may end any of these activities at any time.

The Fund may enter into derivative transactions with third parties, or sell Common Shares not covered by this Prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. If the applicable Prospectus Supplement indicates, in connection with those derivatives, the third parties may sell Common Shares covered by this Prospectus and the applicable Prospectus Supplement or other offering materials, including in short sale transactions. If so, the third parties may use Common Shares pledged by the Fund or borrowed from the Fund or others to settle those sales or to close out any related open borrowings of securities, and may use Common Shares received from the Fund in settlement of those derivatives to close out any related open borrowings of securities. The third parties in such sale transactions will be underwriters and, if not identified in this Prospectus, will be identified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement or other offering materials (or a post-effective amendment).

The maximum amount of compensation to be received by any member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. will not exceed 8% of the initial gross proceeds from the sale of any security being sold with respect to each particular Offering of Common Shares made under a single Prospectus Supplement.

Any underwriter, agent or dealer utilized in the Offering of Common Shares will not confirm sales to accounts over which it exercises discretionary authority without the prior specific written approval of its customer.

## **DISTRIBUTIONS**

Pursuant to an exemptive order issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Order"), the Fund is authorized to distribute long-term capital gains to shareholders more frequently than once per year. Pursuant to the Order, the Fund's Board of Trustees approved a Managed Distribution Plan ("MDP") pursuant to which the Fund makes monthly cash distributions to Common Shareholders, stated in terms of a fixed amount per common share. Shareholders should not draw any conclusions about the Fund's investment performance from the amount of these distributions or from the terms of the MDP. The MDP is subject to regular periodic review by the Fund's Board of Trustees and the Board may amend or terminate the MDP at any time without prior notice to Fund shareholders. However, at this time there are no reasonably foreseeable circumstances that might cause the termination of the MDP. The Fund may distribute more than its net investment income and net realized capital gains and, therefore, a distribution may include a return of capital. A return of capital is treated as a non-dividend distribution for tax purposes and is not subject to current tax. A return of capital reduces a shareholder's tax cost basis in fund shares. A return of capital distribution does not necessarily reflect the Fund's investment performance and should not be confused with "yield" or "income." With each distribution, the Fund will issue a notice to shareholders and a press release containing information about the amount and sources of the distribution and other related information. The amounts and sources of distributions contained in the notice and press release are only estimates and are not provided for tax purposes. The amounts and sources of the Fund's distributions for tax purposes are reported to shareholders on Form 1099-DIV for each calendar year.

Subject to its MDP, the Fund makes monthly distributions to Common Shareholders sourced from the Fund's cash available for distribution. "Cash available for distribution" consists of the Fund's dividends and interest income after payment of Fund expenses, net option premiums and net realized and unrealized gains on stock investments. The Fund intends to distribute all or substantially all of its net realized capital gains. Distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Distributions to shareholders are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. GAAP. As required by U.S. GAAP, only distributions in excess of tax basis earnings and profits are reported in the financial statements as a return of capital. Permanent differences between book and tax accounting relating to distributions are reclassified to paid-in capital. For tax purposes,

distributions from short-term capital gains are taxable to shareholders as ordinary income. Distributions in any year may include a substantial return of capital component. The Fund's distribution rate may be adjusted from time-to-time. The Board may modify this distribution policy at any time without obtaining the approval of Common Shareholders.

Common Shareholders will automatically have distributions reinvested in additional Common Shares under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan unless they elect otherwise through their investment dealer. See "Distributions" and "Dividend Reinvestment Plan."

## **DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN**

The Fund has established a dividend reinvestment plan (the "Plan"). Under the Plan, unless a Common Shareholder elects to receive distributions in cash, all distributions will be automatically reinvested in additional Common Shares. American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC ("AST" or the "Plan Agent") serves as agent for the Common Shareholders in administering the Plan. Common Shareholders who elect not to participate in the Plan will receive all Fund distributions in cash paid by check mailed directly to the Common Shareholder of record (or, if the Common Shares are held in street or other nominee name, then to the nominee) by AST, as disbursing agent. Participation in the Plan is completely voluntary and may be terminated or resumed at any time without penalty by written notice if received by the Plan Agent prior to any distribution record date. See "Dividend Reinvestment Plan."

## **CLOSED-END STRUCTURE**

Closed-end funds differ from open-end management investment companies (commonly referred to as mutual funds) in that closed-end funds generally list their shares for trading on a securities exchange and do not redeem their shares at the option of the shareholder. By comparison, mutual funds issue securities redeemable at NAV at the option of the shareholder and typically engage in a continuous offering of their shares. Mutual funds are subject to continuous asset in-flows and out-flows that can complicate portfolio management, whereas closed-end funds generally can stay more fully invested in securities consistent with the closed-end fund's investment objectives and policies. In addition, in comparison to open-end funds, closed-end funds have greater flexibility in the employment of financial leverage and in the ability to make certain types of investments, including investments in illiquid securities.

However, common shares of closed-end funds frequently trade at a discount from their NAV. Since inception, the market price of the Common Shares has fluctuated and at times traded below the Fund's NAV, and at times has traded above NAV. In recognition of this possibility that the Common Shares might trade at a discount to NAV and that any such discount may not be in the interest of Common Shareholders, the Fund's Board, in consultation with Eaton Vance, from time to time may review possible actions to reduce any such discount. The Board might consider open market repurchases or tender offers for Common Shares at NAV. There can be no assurance that the Board will decide to undertake any of these actions or that, if undertaken, such actions would result in the Common Shares trading at a price equal to or close to NAV per Common Share. The Board might also consider the conversion of the Fund to an open-end mutual fund. The Board believes, however, that the closed-end structure is desirable, given the Fund's investment objectives and policies. Investors should assume, therefore, that it is highly unlikely that the Board would vote to convert the Fund to an open-end investment company.

## **SPECIAL RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

Risk is inherent in all investing. Investing in any investment company security involves risk, including the risk that you may receive little or no return on your investment or you may lose part or all of your investment.

**Discount From or Premium to NAV.** The Offering is conducted only when Common Shares of the Fund are trading at a price equal to or above the Fund's NAV per Common Share plus the per Common Share amount of commissions. As with any security, the market value of the Common Shares may increase or decrease from the amount initially paid for the Common Shares. The Fund's Common Shares have traded both at a premium and at a discount relative to NAV. The shares of closed-end management investment companies frequently trade at a discount from their NAV. This is a risk separate and distinct from the risk that the Fund's NAV may decrease.

**Secondary Market for the Common Shares.** The issuance of Common Shares through the Offering may have an adverse effect on the secondary market for the Common Shares. The increase in the amount of the Fund's outstanding Common Shares resulting from the Offering may put downward pressure on the market price for the Common Shares of the Fund. Common Shares will not be issued pursuant to the Offering at any time when Common Shares are trading at a price lower than a price equal to the Fund's NAV per Common Share plus the per Common Share amount of commissions.

The Fund also issues Common Shares of the Fund through its dividend reinvestment plan. See "Dividend Reinvestment Plan." Common Shares may be issued under the plan at a discount to the market price for such Common Shares, which may put downward pressure on the market price for Common Shares of the Fund.

When the Common Shares are trading at a premium, the Fund may also issue Common Shares of the Fund that are sold through transactions effected on the NYSE. The increase in the amount of the Fund's outstanding Common Shares resulting from that offering may also put downward pressure on the market price for the Common Shares of the Fund.

The voting power of current shareholders is diluted to the extent that such shareholders do not purchase shares in any future Common Share offerings or do not purchase sufficient shares to maintain their percentage interest. In addition, if the Adviser is unable to invest the proceeds of such offering as intended, the Fund's per share distribution may decrease (or may consist of return of capital) and the Fund may not participate in market advances to the same extent as if such proceeds were fully invested as planned.

**Market Discount Risk.** As with any security, the market value of the Common Shares may increase or decrease from the amount initially paid for the Common Shares. The Fund's Common Shares have traded both at a premium and at a discount relative to NAV. The shares of closed-end management investment companies frequently trade at a discount from their NAV. This is a risk separate and distinct from the risk that the Fund's NAV may decrease.

**Investment and Market Risk.** An investment in Common Shares is subject to investment risk, including the possible loss of the entire principal amount invested. An investment in Common Shares represents an indirect investment in the securities owned by the Fund, which are generally traded on a securities exchange or in the over-the-counter markets. The value of these securities, like other market investments, may move up or down, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Because the Fund may sell stock index call options on a portion of its common stock portfolio value, the Fund's appreciation potential from equity market performance may be more limited than if the Fund did not engage in selling stock index call options. Because the Fund may sell put options on individual stocks, the Fund's exposure to loss from a decline in the value of such stocks may increase. To the extent that the individual stocks held by the Fund and/or the stocks subject to written put options decrease in value more than the index or indices on which the Fund has purchased put options, the strategy of purchasing index put options will provide only limited protection with respect to the value of the Fund's assets and may result in worse performance for the Fund than if it did not buy index put options. The Common Shares at any point in time may be worth less than the original investment, even after taking into account any reinvestment of distributions.

**Market Risk.** The value of investments held by the Fund may increase or decrease in response to economic, political, financial, public health crises (such as epidemics or pandemics) or other disruptive events (whether real, expected or perceived) in the U.S. and global markets. These events may negatively impact broad segments of businesses and populations and may exacerbate pre-existing risks to the Fund. The frequency and magnitude of resulting changes in the value of the Fund's investments cannot be predicted. Certain securities and other investments held by the Fund may experience increased volatility, illiquidity, or other potentially adverse effects in reaction to changing market conditions. Monetary and/or fiscal actions taken by U.S. or foreign governments to stimulate or stabilize the global economy may not be effective and could lead to high market volatility.

**Issuer Risk.** The value of securities held by the Fund may decline for a number of reasons that directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's goods and services.

**Equity Risk.** Equity risk is the risk that the value of equity securities and related instruments may decline in response to adverse changes in the economy or the economic outlook; deterioration in investor sentiment; interest rate, currency, and commodity price fluctuations; adverse geopolitical, social or environmental developments; issuer- and sector-specific considerations; unexpected trading activity among retail investors; and other factors. Market conditions may affect certain types of stocks to a greater extent than other types of stocks. If the stock market declines, the value of Fund shares will also likely decline. Although stock prices can rebound, there is no assurance that values will return to previous levels. An adverse event, such as an unfavorable earnings report, may depress the value of equity securities of an issuer held by the Fund; the price of common stock of an issuer may be particularly sensitive to general movements in the stock market; or a drop in the stock market may depress the price of most or all of the common stocks held by the Fund. In addition, common stock of an issuer in the Fund's portfolio may decline in price if the issuer reduces or eliminates its dividend or fails to make anticipated dividend increases. Common stocks in which the Fund invests are structurally subordinated to preferred stocks, bonds and other debt instruments in a company's capital structure, in terms of priority to corporate income, and therefore will be subject to greater dividend risk than preferred stocks or debt instruments of such issuers. Finally, common stock prices may be sensitive to rising interest rates, as the costs of capital rise and borrowing costs increase.

**Limitations on Equity Market Risk Management Strategy.** To manage the risk of a decline in the value of the general equity market, the Fund purchases index put options on a substantial portion of the value of its common stock holdings. As the purchaser of an index put option, the Fund would pay to the writer (seller) of the option cash (the premium), and the Fund has the right to receive from the seller the amount by which the cash value of the index is below the exercise price as of the valuation date of the option. If the Fund exercises the index put option, the seller would pay the Fund the difference between the exercise

price and the value of the index. There are a number of limitations on the extent to which Common Shareholders of the Fund may benefit from this risk management strategy.

First, holding an index put option generally provides a hedge against a decline in the applicable index to levels below the exercise price on the option. A decline in the index to a level above the exercise price would result in the option expiring worthless if held until expiration. Generally, the Fund intends to buy index put options that are “out-of-the-money” (i.e., the exercise price generally is below the current level of the applicable index when the option is purchased). Options that are more “out-of-the-money” provide the Fund with less protection against a decline in the applicable index.

Second, there is a risk that the value of the stock indices subject to purchased put options will not correlate with the value of the Fund's portfolio holdings. The Fund intends to buy put options on one or more broad-based stock indices that the Adviser believes collectively approximate the characteristics of the Fund's common stock portfolio (or that portion of its portfolio against which put options are acquired). The Fund will not, however, hold stocks that fully replicate the indices on which it buys put options. Due to tax considerations, the Fund intends to generally limit the overlap between its stock holdings (and any subset thereof) and each index on which it has outstanding options positions to less than 70% on an ongoing basis. The Fund's stock holdings will normally include stocks not included in the indices on which it buys put options. Accordingly, the value of the indices may remain flat or increase in value at times when the Fund's portfolio holdings are decreasing in value. Similarly, the indices may decrease in value but to a lesser extent than the Fund's portfolio holdings. In such cases, the index put options would provide only a limited hedge against a decline in the value of the Fund's portfolio holdings and may result in worse performance for the Fund than if it did not buy index put options. The use of index put options cannot serve as a complete hedge since the price movement of the indices underlying the options will not necessarily follow the price movements of the Fund's portfolio holdings. Correlation risks are also presented in connection with the Fund's selling of put options on individual stocks and purchasing index puts to hedge the associated increase in market risk. Purchasing index put options with respect to single stock put options written does not protect the Fund against the risk that the stocks against which put options are written decrease in value relative to the index on which put options are purchased and may result in greater costs and losses to the Fund than a strategy that does not involve such hedging.

Third, the Fund may in certain circumstances hold stock index put options with respect to only a portion of the value of its common stock holdings, subject to the condition that, under normal market conditions, the Fund will hold index put options with respect to at least 80% of the value of its investments in common stocks. The portion of the Fund's portfolio value against which index put options are not acquired will not benefit from this risk management strategy.

Index put options can be highly volatile instruments. This may cause options positions held to react to market changes differently than the Fund's portfolio securities and stocks subject to written put options. A put option acquired by the Fund and not sold prior to expiration will expire worthless if the price of the index at expiration exceeds the exercise price of the option, thereby causing the Fund to lose its entire investment in the option. If restrictions on exercise were imposed, the Fund might be unable to exercise an option it had purchased. If the Fund were unable to close out an option that it had purchased, it would have to exercise the option in order to realize any profit or the option may expire worthless.

**Risk of Selling Index Call Options.** Under normal market conditions, a portion of the Fund's common stock portfolio value will be subject to written index call options. The purchaser of an index call option has the right to any appreciation in the value of the index over the exercise price of the call option as of the valuation date of the option. Because their exercise is settled in cash, sellers of index call options such as the Fund cannot provide in advance for their potential settlement obligations by acquiring and holding the underlying securities. The Fund intends to mitigate the risks of its options activities by writing options on one or more broad-based stock indices that the Adviser believes collectively approximate the characteristics of the Fund's common stock portfolio (or that portion of its portfolio against which options are written). The Fund will not, however, hold stocks that fully replicate the indices on which it writes call options. Due to tax considerations, the Fund intends to generally limit the overlap between its stock holdings (and any subset thereof) and each index on which it has outstanding options positions to less than 70% on an ongoing basis. The Fund's stock holdings will normally include stocks not included in the indices on which it writes call options. Consequently, the Fund bears the risk that the performance of its stock portfolio will vary from the performance of the indices on which it writes call options. As the writer of index call options, the Fund will forgo, during the option's life, the opportunity to profit from increases in the value of the applicable index above the sum of the option premium received and the exercise price of the call option, but retains the risk of loss, minus the option premium received, should the value of the applicable index decline. When a call option is exercised, the Fund will be required to deliver an amount of cash determined by the excess of the value of the applicable index at contract termination over the exercise price of the option. Thus, the exercise of index call options sold by the Fund may require the Fund to sell portfolio securities to generate cash at inopportune times or for unattractive prices.

**Risks of Selling Put Options on Individual Stocks.** The Fund may write put options on individual stocks that the Adviser believes are attractive for purchase at prices at or above the exercise price of the put options written. The purchaser of a put option assumes the right to sell (put) the stock to the seller of the option at a specified price (the exercise price) on or before the expiration date of the option. If the value of the stock on the option expiration date is at or below the exercise price of the option, the Fund may be obligated to purchase the stock at the exercise price. In the event of a substantial depreciation in the value of the underlying stock, the Fund may incur a substantial loss.

**Options Risks Generally.** A decision as to whether, when and how to use options involves the exercise of skill and judgment, and even a well-conceived and well-executed options program may be adversely affected by market behavior or unexpected events. Successful options strategies may require the anticipation of future movements in securities prices, interest rates and other economic factors. No assurances can be given that the Adviser's judgments in this respect will be correct.

The trading price of options may be adversely affected if the market for such options becomes less liquid or smaller. The Fund may close out a written option position by buying the option instead of letting it expire or be exercised. Similarly, the Fund may close out a purchased option position by selling the option instead of holding until exercise. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist when the Fund seeks to close out an option position by buying or selling the option. Reasons for the absence of a liquid secondary market on an exchange include the following: (i) there may be insufficient trading interest in certain options; (ii) restrictions may be imposed by an exchange on opening transactions or closing transactions or both; (iii) trading halts, suspensions or other restrictions may be imposed with respect to particular classes or series of options; (iv) unusual or unforeseen circumstances may interrupt normal operations on an exchange; (v) the facilities of an exchange or the Options Clearing Corporation (the "OCC") may not at all times be adequate to handle current trading volume; or (vi) one or more exchanges could, for economic or other reasons, decide or be compelled to discontinue the trading of options (or a particular class or series of options) at some future date. If trading were discontinued, the secondary market on that exchange (or in that class or series of options) would cease to exist. However, outstanding options on that exchange that had been issued by the OCC as a result of trades on that exchange would continue to be exercisable in accordance with their terms.

The Fund's options positions will be marked to market daily. The hours of trading for options may not conform to the hours during which common stocks held by the Fund are traded. To the extent that the options markets close before the markets for securities, significant price and rate movements can take place in the securities markets that would not be reflected concurrently in the options markets. The value of index options is affected by changes in the value and dividend rates of the securities represented in the underlying index, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived volatility of the associated index and the remaining time to the options' expiration, as well as trading conditions in the options market. Similarly, the value of single stock options is affected by changes in the value and dividend rate of the underlying stock, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived volatility of the associated stock and the remaining time to the options' expiration, as well as options market trading conditions.

The Fund's options transactions will be subject to limitations established by each of the exchanges, boards of trade or other trading facilities on which such options are traded. These limitations govern the maximum number of options in each class which may be written or purchased by a single investor or group of investors acting in concert, regardless of whether the options are written or purchased on the same or different exchanges, boards of trade or other trading facilities or are held or written in one or more accounts or through one or more brokers. Thus, the number of options which the Fund may write or purchase may be affected by options written or purchased by other investment advisory clients of the Adviser or. An exchange, board of trade or other trading facility may order the liquidation of positions found to be in excess of these limits, and may impose certain other sanctions. The Fund will not write "naked" or uncovered call options.

To the extent that the Fund buys or writes options on indices based upon foreign stocks, the Fund generally intends to buy or sell options on broad-based foreign country and/or regional stock indices that are listed for trading in the United States or which otherwise qualify as "section 1256 contracts" under the Code. Options on foreign indices that are listed for trading in the United States or which otherwise qualify as "section 1256 contracts" under the Code may trade in substantially lower volumes and with substantially wider bid-ask spreads than other options contracts on the same or similar indices that trade on other markets outside the United States. To implement its options program most effectively, the Fund may buy or sell index options that do not qualify as "section 1256 contracts" under the Code. Gain or loss on index options not qualifying as "section 1256 contracts" under the Code would be realized upon disposition, lapse or settlement of the positions and, generally, would be treated as short-term gain or loss.

**OTC Options Risks.** OTC options involve risk that the issuer or counterparty will fail to perform its contractual obligations. Participants in these markets are typically not subject to credit evaluation and regulatory oversight as are members of "exchange based" markets. Options traded in OTC markets will not be issued, guaranteed or cleared by the OCC. By engaging in option transactions in these markets, the Fund may take a credit risk with regard to parties with which it trades and also may bear the

risk of settlement default. These risks may differ materially from those involved in exchange-traded transactions, which generally are characterized by clearing organization guarantees, daily marking-to-market and settlement, and segregation and minimum capital requirements applicable to intermediaries. Transactions entered into directly between two counterparties generally do not benefit from these protections, which in turn may subject the Fund to the risk that a counter-party will not settle a transaction in accordance with agreed terms and conditions because of a dispute over the terms of the contract or because of a credit or liquidity problem. Such “counterparty risk” is increased for contracts with longer maturities when events may intervene to prevent settlement. The ability of the Fund to transact business with any one or any number of counterparties, the lack of any independent evaluation of the counterparties or their financial capabilities, and the absence of a regulated market to facilitate a settlement may increase the potential for losses to the Fund.

**Tax Risk.** Reference is made to “Federal Income Tax Matters” for an explanation of the federal income tax consequences and attendant risks of investing in the Fund. Although the Fund seeks to minimize and defer the federal income taxes incurred by Common Shareholders in connection with their investment in the Fund, there can be no assurance that it will be successful in this regard. The tax treatment and characterization of the Fund’s distributions may change over time due to changes in the Fund’s mix of investment returns and changes in the federal tax laws, regulations and administrative and judicial interpretations, potentially with retroactive effect. The Fund’s investment program and the tax treatment of Fund distributions may be affected by IRS interpretations of the Code and future changes in tax laws and regulations. As described more fully under “Federal Income Tax Matters”, while the Fund generally intends to use a variety of techniques and strategies designed to minimize and defer the federal income taxes incurred by Common Shareholders in connection with their investment in the Fund, certain of the Fund’s investment practices are subject to complex federal income tax provisions that may, among other things, cause Common Shareholders to pay more tax than they otherwise would have, or to accelerate Common Shareholders’ recognition of taxable income or gains.

**Risks of Investing in Smaller and Mid-Sized Companies.** The Fund may make investments in stocks of companies whose market capitalization is considered middle sized or “mid-cap.” Smaller and mid-sized companies are generally subject to greater price fluctuations, limited liquidity, higher transaction costs and higher investment risk than the stocks of larger, more established companies. Such companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may be dependent on a limited management group, and may lack substantial capital reserves or an established performance record. There may be generally less publicly available information about such companies than for larger, more established companies. Stocks of these companies frequently have lower trading volumes making them more volatile and potentially more difficult to value.

**Foreign Security Risk.** The Fund may invest up to 40% of its total assets in securities of foreign issuers. The value of foreign securities is affected by changes in currency rates, foreign tax laws (including withholding tax), government policies (in this country or abroad), relations between nations and trading, settlement, custodial and other operational risks. In addition, the costs of investing abroad (such as foreign brokerage costs, custodial expenses and other fees) are generally higher than in the United States, and foreign securities markets may be less liquid, more volatile and less subject to governmental supervision than markets in the United States. Foreign investments also could be affected by other factors not present in the United States, including expropriation of assets, armed conflict, confiscatory taxation, lack of uniform accounting and auditing standards, less publicly available financial and other information and potential difficulties in enforcing contractual obligations or repatriating capital invested in foreign countries, and the imposition of economic sanctions. Settlements of securities transactions in foreign countries are subject to risk of loss, may be delayed and are generally less frequent than in the United States, which could affect the liquidity of the Fund’s assets. As an alternative to holding foreign-traded securities, the Fund may invest in dollar-denominated securities of foreign companies that trade on United States exchanges or in the United States over-the-counter market (including depositary receipts, which evidence ownership in underlying foreign securities). Since the Fund may invest in securities denominated or quoted in currencies other than the United States dollar, the Fund may be affected by changes in foreign currency exchange rates (and exchange control regulations) which affect the value of investments held by the Fund and the accrued income and appreciation or depreciation of the investments in United States dollars. Changes in foreign currency exchange rates relative to the United States dollar will affect the United States dollar value of the Fund’s assets denominated in that currency and the Fund’s return on such assets as well as any temporary uninvested reserves in bank deposits in foreign currencies. In addition, the Fund will incur costs in connection with conversions between various currencies. Foreign securities may not be eligible for the reduced rate of taxation applicable to qualified dividend income.

Because foreign companies may not be subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, practices and requirements comparable to those applicable to United States companies, there may be less or less reliable publicly available information about a foreign company than about a domestic company. There is generally less government supervision and regulation of securities exchanges, broker-dealers and listed companies than in the United States. Mail service between the United States and foreign countries may be slower or less reliable than within the United States, thus increasing the risk of delayed settlements of portfolio transactions for, or loss of certificates of, portfolio securities. Payment for securities before delivery

may be required. In addition, with respect to certain foreign countries, there is the possibility of expropriation or confiscatory taxation, political or social instability, or diplomatic developments that could adversely affect investments in those countries. Moreover, individual foreign economies may differ favorably or unfavorably from the United States economy in such respects as growth of gross national product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments position. Foreign securities markets, while growing in volume and sophistication, are generally not as developed as those in the United States, and securities of some foreign issuers (particularly those located in developing countries) may be less liquid and more volatile than securities of comparable United States companies. The risks of foreign investments described above apply to an even greater extent to investments in emerging markets.

Political events in foreign countries may cause market disruptions. In June 2016, the United Kingdom ("UK") voted in a referendum to leave the European Union ("EU") ("Brexit"). Effective January 31, 2020, the UK ceased to be a member of the EU and, following a transition period during which the EU and the UK Government engaged in a series of negotiations regarding the terms of the UK's future relationship with the EU, the EU and the UK Government signed an agreement on December 30, 2020 regarding the economic relationship between the UK and the EU. This agreement became effective on a provisional basis on January 1, 2021 and entered into full force on May 1, 2021. There remains significant market uncertainty regarding Brexit's ramifications, and the range and potential implications of the possible political, regulatory, economic, and market outcomes in the UK, EU and beyond are difficult to predict. The end of the Brexit transition period may cause greater market volatility and illiquidity, currency fluctuations, deterioration in economic activity, a decrease in business confidence, and an increased likelihood of a recession in the UK. If one or more additional countries leave the EU or the EU dissolves, the world's securities markets likely will be significantly disrupted.

**Emerging Market Security Risk.** The risks of foreign investments can be more significant in emerging markets. Emerging markets may offer higher potential for gains and losses than investments in the developed markets of the world. Political and economic structures in emerging market countries generally lack the social, political and economic stability of developed countries, which may affect the value of the Fund's investments in these countries and also the ability of the Fund to access markets in such countries. Securities markets within emerging market countries may experience low or non-existent trading volume, resulting in a lack of liquidity and increased volatility in prices for such securities, as compared to securities of comparable issuers in more developed capital markets. Governmental actions can have a significant effect on the economic conditions in emerging market countries, which also may adversely affect the value and liquidity of the Fund's investments. In particular, trade disputes may result in governmental actions that could have an adverse effect on investments in emerging market countries, including but not limited to restrictions on investments in, or required divestment of, particular issuers or industries. Such actions may effectively restrict or eliminate the Fund's ability to purchase or sell investments in emerging market countries, and thus may make them less liquid or more difficult to value, or may force the Fund to sell or otherwise dispose of such investments at inopportune times or prices. There may be less publicly available information about issuers in emerging markets than would be available about issuers in more developed capital markets, and such issuers may not be subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and requirements comparable to those to which U.S. companies are subject. The laws of emerging market countries relating to the limited liability of corporate shareholders, fiduciary duties of officers and directors, and bankruptcy of state enterprises are generally less developed than or different from such laws in the United States. It may be more difficult to make a claim or obtain a judgment in the courts of these countries than it is in the United States. In addition, due to jurisdictional limitations, U.S. authorities (e.g., SEC and the U.S. Department of Justice) may be limited in their ability to enforce regulatory or legal obligations in emerging market countries. The possibility of fraud, negligence, undue influence being exerted by an issuer or refusal to recognize ownership exists in some emerging markets. The prices at which investments may be acquired may be affected by trading by persons with information that is not publicly available and by securities transactions by brokers in anticipation of transactions in particular securities. Disruptions due to work stoppages and trading improprieties in foreign securities markets have caused such markets to close. Emerging market securities are also subject to speculative trading, which contributes to their volatility.

**Currency Risk.** Exchange rates for currencies fluctuate daily. The value of foreign investments may be affected favorably or unfavorably by changes in currency exchange rates in relation to the U.S. dollar. Currency markets generally are not as regulated as securities markets and currency transactions are subject to settlement, custodial and other operational risks.

**Interest Rate Risk.** The premiums from writing options and amounts available for distribution from the Fund's options activities may decrease in declining interest rate environments. The value of the Fund's common stock investments may also be influenced by changes in interest rates. Higher yielding stocks and stocks of issuers whose businesses are substantially affected by changes in interest rates may be particularly sensitive to interest rate risk.

**Derivatives Risk.** Derivative transactions including options on securities and securities indices and other transactions in which the Fund may engage (such as futures contracts and options thereon, swaps and short sales) may subject the Fund to increased risk of principal loss due to unexpected movements in stock prices, changes in stock volatility levels and interest rates, and

imperfect correlations between the Fund's securities holdings and indices upon which derivative transactions are based. Derivatives can be illiquid, may disproportionately increase losses, and may have a potentially large impact on the Fund's performance. The loss on derivative instruments (other than purchased options) may substantially exceed an investment in these instruments. The Fund also will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties to any over-the-counter derivatives contracts entered into by the Fund. If a counterparty becomes bankrupt or otherwise fails to perform its obligations under a derivative contract due to financial difficulties, the Fund may experience significant delays in obtaining any recovery under the derivative contract in a bankruptcy or other reorganization proceeding. The Fund may obtain only a limited recovery or no recovery in such circumstances. Derivatives may disproportionately increase losses and have a potentially large negative impact on the Fund's performance, including offsetting gains realized in the Fund's common stock holdings.

The U.S. and non-U.S. derivatives markets have undergone substantial changes in recent years as a result of changes under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act") in the United States and regulatory changes in Europe, Asia and other non-U.S. jurisdictions. In particular, the Dodd-Frank Act and related regulations require many derivatives to be cleared and traded on an exchange, expand entity registration requirements, impose business conduct requirements on counterparties, and impose other regulatory requirements that will continue to change derivatives markets as regulations are implemented. As of October 28, 2020, the SEC has adopted new regulations that may significantly alter a Fund's regulatory obligations with regard to its derivatives usage. In particular, the new regulations will, upon implementation, eliminate the current asset segregation framework for covering derivatives and certain other financial instruments, impose new responsibilities on the Board and establish new reporting and recordkeeping requirements for a Fund and may, depending on the extent to which a Fund uses derivatives, impose value at risk limitations on a Fund's use of derivatives, and require the Fund's Board to adopt a derivative risk management program. The implementation of these requirements may limit the ability of a Fund to use derivative instruments as part of its investment strategy, increase the costs of using these instruments or make them less effective. Additional future regulation of the derivatives markets may make the use of derivatives more costly, may limit the availability or reduce the liquidity of derivatives, and may impose limits or restrictions on the counterparties with which the Fund engages in derivative transactions. Fund management cannot predict the effects of any new governmental regulation that may be implemented, and there can be no assurance that any new government regulation will not adversely affect the Fund's performance or ability to achieve its investment objectives.

**Liquidity Risk.** The Fund may invest up to 15% of its total assets in other securities for which there is no readily available trading market or which are otherwise illiquid. The Fund may not be able readily to dispose of such securities at prices that approximate those at which the Fund could sell such securities if they were more widely traded and, as a result of such illiquidity, the Fund may have to sell other investments or engage in borrowing transactions if necessary to raise cash to meet its obligations. In addition, the limited liquidity could affect the market price of the securities, thereby adversely affecting the Fund's net asset value, and at times may make the disposition of securities impracticable. The Fund may invest without limitation in OTC options that may be deemed to be illiquid.

**Inflation Risk.** Inflation risk is the risk that the purchasing power of assets or income from investments is worth less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the real value of the Common Shares and distributions thereon can decline.

**Counterparty Risk.** A financial institution or other counterparty with whom the Fund does business (such as trading or as a derivatives counterparty), or that underwrites, distributes or guarantees any instruments that the Fund owns or is otherwise exposed to, may decline in financial condition and become unable to honor its commitments. This could cause the value of Fund shares to decline or could delay the return or delivery of collateral or other assets to the Fund. Counterparty risk is increased for contracts with longer maturities.

**Portfolio Turnover Risk.** The Fund buys and sells securities to seek to accomplish its investment objectives. Portfolio turnover generally involves expense to the Fund, including brokerage commissions and other transaction costs on the sale of securities and reinvestment in other securities. A high turnover rate (100% or more) necessarily involves greater trading costs to the Fund. The portfolio turnover rate for the Fund for the six months ended June 30, 2021 was 17% and for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 were 52% and 57%, respectively.

**Market Price of Common Shares.** The Fund's share price will fluctuate and, at the time of sale, shares may be worth more or less than the original investment or the Fund's then current net asset value. The Fund cannot predict whether its shares will trade at a price at, above or below its net asset value. Shares of closed-end funds frequently trade at a discount to net asset value.

**Financial Leverage Risk.** Although the Fund has no current intention to do so, the Fund is authorized and reserves the flexibility to utilize leverage through the issuance of preferred shares and/or borrowings, including the issuance of debt securities. In the event that the Fund utilizes investment leverage, there can be no assurance that such a leveraging strategy will be successful

during any period in which it is employed. Leverage creates risks for Common Shareholders, including the likelihood of greater volatility of net asset value and market price of the Common Shares and the risk that fluctuations in distribution rates on any preferred shares or fluctuations in borrowing costs may affect the return to Common Shareholders. To the extent the returns derived from securities purchased with proceeds received from leverage exceeds the cost of leverage, the Fund's distributions may be greater than if leverage had not been used. Conversely, if the returns from the securities purchased with such proceeds are not sufficient to cover the cost of leverage, the amount available for distribution to Common Shareholders will be less than if leverage had not been used. In the latter case, Eaton Vance, in its best judgment, may nevertheless determine to maintain the Fund's leveraged position if it deems such action to be appropriate. The costs of an offering of preferred shares and/or a borrowing program would be borne by Common Shareholders and consequently would result in a reduction of the net asset value of Common Shares. In addition, the fee paid to Eaton Vance will be calculated on the basis of the Fund's average daily gross assets, including proceeds from the issuance of preferred shares and/or borrowings, so the fee will be higher when leverage is utilized, which may create an incentive for the Adviser to employ financial leverage. In this regard, holders of preferred shares do not bear the investment advisory fee. Rather, Common Shareholders bear the portion of the investment advisory fee attributable to the assets purchased with the proceeds of the preferred shares offering.

**Management Risk.** The Fund is subject to management risk because it is actively managed. Eaton Vance and the portfolio manager invest the assets of the Fund as they deem appropriate in implementing the Fund's investment strategy. Accordingly, the success of the Fund depends upon the investment skills and analytical abilities of Eaton Vance and the portfolio manager to develop and effectively implement strategies that achieve the Fund's investment objectives. There is no assurance that Eaton Vance and the portfolio manager will be successful in developing and implementing the Fund's investment strategy. Subjective decisions made by Eaton Vance and the portfolio manager may cause the Fund to incur losses or to miss profit opportunities.

**Cybersecurity Risk.** With the increased use of technologies by Fund service providers to conduct business, such as the Internet, the Fund is susceptible to operational, information security and related risks. The Fund relies on communications technology, systems, and networks to engage with clients, employees, accounts, shareholders, and service providers, and a cyber incident may inhibit the Fund's ability to use these technologies. In general, cyber incidents can result from deliberate attacks or unintentional events. Cyber attacks include, but are not limited to, 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. Cyber attacks may also be carried out in a manner that does not require gaining unauthorized access, such as causing denial-of-service attacks on websites. A denial-of-service attack is an effort to make network services unavailable to intended users, which could cause shareholders to lose access to their electronic accounts, potentially indefinitely. Employees and service providers also may not be able to access electronic systems to perform critical duties for the Fund, such as trading and NAV calculation, during a denial-of-service attack. There is also the possibility for systems failures due to malfunctions, user error and misconduct by employees and agents, natural disasters, or other foreseeable and unforeseeable events.

Because technology is consistently changing, new ways to carry out cyber attacks are always developing. Therefore, there is a chance that some risks have not been identified or prepared for, or that an attack may not be detected, which puts limitations on the Fund's ability to plan for or respond to a cyber attack. Like other Funds and business enterprises, the Fund and its service providers have experienced, and will continue to experience, cyber incidents consistently. In addition to deliberate cyber attacks, unintentional cyber incidents can occur, such as the inadvertent release of confidential information by the Fund or its service providers.

The Fund uses third party service providers who are also heavily dependent on computers and technology for their operations. Cybersecurity failures or breaches by the Fund's investment adviser or administrator and other service providers (including, but not limited to, the custodian or transfer agent), and the issuers of securities in which the Fund invests, may disrupt and otherwise adversely affect their business operations. This may result in financial losses to the Fund, impede Fund trading, interfere with the Fund's ability to calculate its NAV, or cause violations of applicable privacy and other laws, regulatory fines, penalties, reputational damage, reimbursement or other compensation costs, litigation costs, or additional compliance costs. While many of the Fund service providers have established business continuity plans and risk management systems intended to identify and mitigate cyber attacks, there are inherent limitations in such plans and systems including the possibility that certain risks have not been identified. The Fund cannot control the cybersecurity plans and systems put in place by service providers to the Fund and issuers in which the Fund invests. The Fund and its shareholders could be negatively impacted as a result.

**Recent Market Conditions.** An outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus was first detected in China in late 2019 and subsequently spread internationally. This coronavirus has resulted in closing borders, enhanced health screenings, changes to healthcare service preparation and delivery, quarantines, cancellations, disruptions to supply chains and customer activity, as well as general concern and uncertainty. The impact of this coronavirus may last for an extended period of time and result in a substantial economic downturn. Health crises caused by outbreaks of disease, such as the coronavirus outbreak, may exacerbate other pre-existing political, social and economic risks and disrupt normal market conditions and operations. The impact of this outbreak has negatively affected the worldwide economy, as well as the economies of individual countries and industries, and could continue to affect the market in significant and unforeseen ways. Other epidemics and pandemics that may arise in the future may have similar effects. For example, a global pandemic or other widespread health crisis could cause substantial market volatility and exchange trading suspensions and closures. In addition, the increasing interconnectedness of markets around the world may result in many markets being affected by events or conditions in a single country or region or events affecting a single or small number of issuers. The coronavirus outbreak and public and private sector responses thereto have led to large portions of the populations of many countries working from home for indefinite periods of time, temporary or permanent layoffs, disruptions in supply chains, and lack of availability of certain goods. The impact of such responses could adversely affect the information technology and operational systems upon which the Fund and the Fund's service providers rely, and could otherwise disrupt the ability of the employees of the Fund's service providers to perform critical tasks relating to the Fund. Any such impact could adversely affect the Fund's performance, or the performance of the securities in which the Fund invests and may lead to losses on your investment in the Fund.

**Market Disruption.** Global instability, war, geopolitical tensions and terrorist attacks in the United States and around the world have previously resulted, and may continue to result in market volatility and may have long-term effects on the United States and worldwide financial markets and may cause further economic uncertainties in the United States and worldwide. The Fund cannot predict the effects of significant future events on the global economy and securities markets. A similar disruption of the financial markets could impact interest rates, auctions, secondary trading, ratings, credit risk, inflation and other factors relating to the Common Shares.

**Anti-Takeover Provisions.** The Fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust (the "Declaration of Trust") and Amended and Restated By-Laws (the "By-Laws" and together with the Declaration of Trust, the "Organizational Documents") include provisions that could have the effect of limiting the ability of other persons or entities to acquire control of the Fund or to change the composition of its Board. For example, pursuant to the Fund's Declaration of Trust, the Fund Board is divided into three classes of Trustees with each class serving for a three-year term and certain types of transactions require the favorable vote of holders of at least 75% of the outstanding shares of the Fund. See "Description of Capital Structure - Certain Provisions of the Organizational Documents - Anti-Takeover Provisions in the Organizational Documents."

## Summary of Fund Expenses

The purpose of the table below is to help you understand all fees and expenses that you, as a Common Shareholder, would bear directly or indirectly. The table shows Fund expenses stated as a percentage of net assets attributable to Common Shares, and not as a percentage of total assets.

Common Shareholder Transaction Expenses	
Sales Load Paid By You (as a percentage of offering price)	— <sup>(1)</sup>
Offering Expenses (as a percentage of offering price)	None <sup>(2)</sup>
Dividend Reinvestment Plan Fees	\$5.00 <sup>(3)</sup>
Annual Expenses	Percentage of Net Assets Attributable to Common Shares <sup>(4)</sup>
Investment Adviser Fee	1.00% <sup>(5)</sup>
Other Expenses	0.11%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	1.11%

### EXAMPLE

The following Example illustrates the expenses that Common Shareholders would pay on a \$1,000 investment in Common Shares, assuming (i) total annual expenses of 1.11% of net assets attributable to Common Shares in years 1 through 10; (ii) a 5% annual return; and (iii) all distributions are reinvested at NAV:

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$11	\$35	\$61	\$135

The above table and example and the assumption in the example of a 5% annual return are required by regulations of the SEC that are applicable to all investment companies; the assumed 5% annual return is not a prediction of, and does not represent, the projected or actual performance of the Fund's Common Shares. For more complete descriptions of certain of the Fund's costs and expenses, see "Management of the Fund." In addition, while the example assumes reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at NAV, participants in the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan may receive Common Shares purchased or issued at a price or value different from NAV. See "Distributions" and "Dividend Reinvestment Plan." The example does not include sales load or estimated offering costs, which would cause the expenses shown in the example to increase.

**The example should not be considered a representation of past or future expenses, and the Fund's actual expenses may be greater or less than those shown. Moreover, the Fund's actual rate of return may be greater or less than the hypothetical 5% return shown in the example.**

<sup>(1)</sup> If Common Shares are sold to or through underwriters, the Prospectus Supplement will set forth any applicable sales load.

<sup>(2)</sup> The Adviser will pay the expenses of the Offering (other than the applicable commissions); therefore, Offering expenses are not included in the Summary of Fund Expenses. Offering expenses generally include, but are not limited to, the preparation, review and filing with the SEC of the Fund's registration statement (including this Prospectus and the SAI), the preparation, review and filing of any associated marketing or similar materials, costs associated with the printing, mailing or other distribution of the Prospectus, SAI and/or marketing materials, associated filing fees, NYSE listing fees, and legal and auditing fees associated with the Offering.

<sup>(3)</sup> You will be charged a \$5.00 service charge and pay brokerage charges if you direct the plan agent to sell your Common Shares held in a dividend reinvestment account.

<sup>(4)</sup> Stated as a percentage of average net assets attributable to Common Shares for the semi-annual period ended June 30, 2021.

<sup>(5)</sup> The adviser fee paid by the Fund to the Adviser is based on the average daily gross assets of the Fund, including all assets attributable to any form of investment leverage that the Fund may utilize. Accordingly, if the Fund were to increase investment leverage in the future, the adviser fee will increase as a percentage of net assets.

## Financial Highlights and Investment Performance

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

This table details the financial performance of the Common Shares, including total return information showing how much an investment in the Fund has increased or decreased each period. This information (except for the six months ended June 30, 2021) has been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm. The report of Deloitte & Touche LLP and the Fund's financial statements are incorporated by reference and included in the Fund's annual report, which is available upon request.

Selected data for a Common Share outstanding during the periods stated.

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)	Year Ended December 31,				
		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
<b>Net asset value — Beginning of period</b>	\$ 10.080	\$ 9.340	\$ 8.950	\$ 10.080	\$ 9.980	\$ 11.150
Income (Loss) From Operations						
Net investment income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0.024	\$ 0.067	\$ 0.066	\$ 0.059	\$ 0.078	\$ 0.108
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.762	1.585	1.236	(0.277)	0.968	(0.162)
<b>Total income (loss) from operations</b>	<b>\$ 0.786</b>	<b>\$ 1.652</b>	<b>\$ 1.302</b>	<b>\$ (0.218)</b>	<b>\$ 1.046</b>	<b>\$ (0.054)</b>
Less Distributions						
From net investment income	\$ (0.456)*	\$ (0.080)	\$ (0.066)	\$ (0.486)	\$ (0.946)	\$ (0.093)
From net realized gain	—	(0.194)	—	—	—	—
Tax return of capital	—	(0.638)	(0.846)	(0.426)	—	(1.023)
<b>Total distributions</b>	<b>\$ (0.456)</b>	<b>\$ (0.912)</b>	<b>\$ (0.912)</b>	<b>\$ (0.912)</b>	<b>\$ (0.946)</b>	<b>\$ (1.116)</b>
<b>Net asset value — End of period</b>	<b>\$ 10.410</b>	<b>\$ 10.080</b>	<b>\$ 9.340</b>	<b>\$ 8.950</b>	<b>\$ 10.080</b>	<b>\$ 9.980</b>
<b>Market value — End of period</b>	<b>\$ 11.520</b>	<b>\$ 10.370</b>	<b>\$ 9.330</b>	<b>\$ 8.120</b>	<b>\$ 9.630</b>	<b>\$ 8.960</b>
<b>Total Investment Return on Net Asset Value<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>7.90%<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>18.78%</b>	<b>15.18%</b>	<b>(2.13)%</b>	<b>11.66%</b>	<b>0.60%</b>
<b>Total Investment Return on Market Value<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>16.07%<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>22.33%</b>	<b>26.82%</b>	<b>(7.06)%</b>	<b>18.82%</b>	<b>(0.88)%</b>
Ratios/Supplemental Data						
Net assets, end of period (000's omitted)	\$ 665,923	\$ 643,771	\$ 595,471	\$ 570,021	\$ 641,923	\$ 635,595
Ratios (as a percentage of average daily net assets):						
Expenses	1.11% <sup>(4)</sup>	1.11%	1.11%	1.10%	1.10%	1.11%
Net investment income	0.47% <sup>(4)</sup>	0.70%	0.71%	0.60%	0.78%	1.05%
Portfolio Turnover	17% <sup>(3)</sup>	52%	57%	53%	87%	79%

(See related footnotes.)

## Financial Highlights (continued)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>Net asset value — Beginning of year</b>	\$ 12.060	\$ 12.720	\$ 11.950	\$ 12.640	\$ 14.470
Income (Loss) From Operations					
Net investment income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0.197	\$ 0.065	\$ 0.088	\$ 0.131	\$ 0.077
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.007	0.335	1.734	0.281	(0.629)
<b>Total income (loss) from operations</b>	\$ 0.204	\$ 0.400	\$ 1.822	\$ 0.412	\$ (0.552)
Less Distributions					
From net investment income	\$ (1.116)	\$ (1.116)	\$ (0.098)	\$ (0.129)	\$ (0.076)
Tax return of capital	—	—	(1.018)	(1.028)	(1.202)
<b>Total distributions</b>	\$ (1.116)	\$ (1.116)	\$ (1.116)	\$ (1.157)	\$ (1.278)
<b>Anti-dilutive effect of share repurchase program<sup>(1)</sup></b>	\$ 0.002	\$ 0.056	\$ 0.064	\$ 0.055	\$ —
<b>Net asset value — End of year</b>	\$ 11.150	\$ 12.060	\$ 12.720	\$ 11.950	\$ 12.640
<b>Market value — End of year</b>	\$ 10.160	\$ 10.660	\$ 11.270	\$ 10.430	\$ 10.450
<b>Total Investment Return on Net Asset Value<sup>(2)</sup></b>	2.76%	4.49%	17.59%	5.42%	(2.79)%
<b>Total Investment Return on Market Value<sup>(2)</sup></b>	5.93%	4.25%	19.47%	11.20%	(12.43)%
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Net assets, end of year (000's omitted)	\$ 710,166	\$ 769,202	\$ 851,013	\$ 839,703	\$ 922,226
Ratios (as a percentage of average daily net assets):					
Expenses <sup>(5)</sup>	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%	1.09%	1.09%
Net investment income	1.68%	0.52%	0.71%	1.07%	0.57%
Portfolio Turnover	77%	66%	42%	48%	103%

<sup>(1)</sup> Computed using average shares outstanding.

<sup>(2)</sup> Returns are historical and are calculated by determining the percentage change in net asset value or market value with all distributions reinvested. Distributions are assumed to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.

<sup>(3)</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>(4)</sup> Annualized.

<sup>(5)</sup> Excludes the effect of custody fee credits, if any, of less than 0.005%.

\* A portion of the distributions may be deemed from net realized gain or a tax return of capital at year-end.

## TRADING AND NAV INFORMATION

The Fund's Common Shares have traded both at a premium and a discount to NAV. The Fund cannot predict whether its shares will trade in the future at a premium or discount to NAV. The provisions of the 1940 Act generally require that the public offering price of Common Shares (less any underwriting commissions and discounts) must equal or exceed the NAV per share of a company's common stock. The issuance of Common Shares may have an adverse effect on prices in the secondary market for the Fund's Common Shares by increasing the number of Common Shares available, which may put downward pressure on the market price for the Fund's Common Shares. Shares of common stock of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a discount from their NAV. See "Risk Considerations - Discount From or Premium to NAV".

In addition, the Fund's Board of Trustees has authorized the Fund to repurchase up to 10% of its outstanding common shares as of the day of the prior calendar year-end at market prices when shares are trading at a discount to net asset value. The share repurchase program does not obligate the Fund to purchase a specific amount of shares. The results of the share repurchase program are disclosed in the Fund's annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders. See "Description of Capital Structure—Repurchase of Common Shares and Other Discount Measures."

The following table sets forth for each of the periods indicated the high and low closing market prices for Common Shares on the NYSE, and the corresponding NAV per share and the premium or discount to NAV per share at which the Fund's Common Shares were trading as of such date.

Fiscal Quarter Ended	Market Price		NAV per Share on Date of Market Price		NAV Premium/(Discount) on Date of Market Price	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
9/30/2021	\$11.68	\$10.69	\$10.48	\$10.07	11.45%	6.16%
6/30/2021	\$11.63	\$10.65	\$10.27	\$10.20	13.24%	4.41%
3/31/2021	\$10.92	\$10.07	\$10.26	\$10.06	6.43%	0.10%
12/31/2020	\$10.50	\$9.37	\$10.06	\$9.55	4.37%	(1.88)%
9/30/2020	\$10.34	\$9.48	\$10.16	\$9.57	1.77%	(0.94)%
6/30/2020	\$9.66	\$7.98	\$9.62	\$8.58	0.42%	(6.99)%
3/31/2020	\$9.84	\$6.56	\$9.51	\$8.62	3.47%	(23.90)%
12/31/2019	\$9.40	\$9.13	\$9.40	\$8.94	0.00%	2.13%
9/30/2019	\$9.64	\$9.19	\$9.49	\$9.17	1.58%	0.22%
6/30/2019	\$9.57	\$9.08	\$9.62	\$9.07	(0.52)%	0.11%
3/31/2019	\$9.24	\$7.92	\$9.48	\$8.81	(2.53)%	(10.10)%

On November 8, 2021, the last reported sale price, NAV per Common Share and percentage premium/(discount) to NAV per Common Share, were \$11.55, \$10.45 and 10.53%, respectively. As of November 8, 2021, the Fund had 64,071,157 Common Shares outstanding and net asset of \$669,322,617.

The following table provides information about our outstanding Common Shares as of November 8, 2021:

Title of Class	Amount Authorized	Amount Held by the Fund for its Account	Amount Outstanding
Common Shares	Unlimited	0	64,071,157

## The Fund

The Fund is a diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the 1940 Act. The Fund was organized as a Massachusetts business trust on April 4, 2007 pursuant to an Agreement and Declaration of Trust, as amended, governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Fund's principal office is located at Two International Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, and its telephone number is 1-800-262-1122.

## Use of Proceeds

Subject to the remainder of this section, and unless otherwise specified in a Prospectus Supplement, the Fund intends to invest substantially all of the net proceeds of any sales of Common Shares pursuant to this Prospectus in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies. The Fund anticipates that it will be possible to invest the proceeds of the Offering consistent with the Fund's investment objective and policies as soon as practicable, but in no event, assuming normal market conditions, later than three months after the receipt thereof. Pending such investment, the proceeds may be invested in short-term money market instruments, securities with remaining maturities of less than one year, cash and/or cash equivalents. A delay in the anticipated use of proceeds could lower returns and reduce the Fund's distribution to Common Shareholders or result in a distribution consisting principally of a return of capital.

## Investment Objectives, Policies and Risks

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

The Fund's primary investment objective is to provide current income and gains, with a secondary objective of capital appreciation. Relative to other equity income funds, the Fund seeks to provide less volatile returns and reduced exposure to loss of value during stock market declines. In pursuing its investment objectives, the Fund evaluates returns on an after-tax basis, seeking to minimize and defer shareholder federal income taxes. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives. The Fund's investment objectives are considered non-fundamental policies that may be changed by the Fund's Board of Trustees (the "Board") without approval of the Fund's shareholders.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund's investment program consists primarily of owning a diversified portfolio of common stocks and employing a variety of options strategies. The Fund seeks to earn high levels of tax-advantaged income and gains by (1) investing in stocks that pay dividends that qualify for favorable federal income tax treatment, (2) writing (selling) put options on individual stocks deemed attractive for purchase, and/or (3) writing (selling) stock index call options with respect to a portion of its common stock portfolio value. To reduce the Fund's risk of loss due to a decline in the value of the general equity market, the Fund intends to purchase index put options with respect to a substantial portion of the value of its common stock holdings and stocks subject to written put options.

### PRIMARY INVESTMENT POLICIES

**General Composition of the Fund.** Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its total assets in a combination of (1) dividend-paying common stocks, (2) common stocks the value of which is subject to written put options on individual stocks, and (3) common stocks the value of which is subject to written index call options. In addition, under normal market conditions, the Fund will purchase index put options with respect to at least 80% of the value of its investments in common stocks. The Fund may consider investments in stocks that pay dividends that qualify for federal income taxation at rates applicable to long-term capital gains. However, the Fund is unable to predict what percentage of its overall income will consist of such qualifying dividends. The Fund may consider writing put options on individual stocks that the Adviser believes are attractive for purchase at prices at or above the exercise price of the put options written.

The Fund invests primarily in common stocks of United States issuers. The Fund may invest up to 40% of its total assets in securities of foreign issuers, including securities evidenced by American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs"), Global Depositary Receipts ("GDRs") and European Depositary Receipts ("EDRs"). The Fund may invest up to 5% of its total assets in securities of emerging market issuers. The Fund expects that its assets will normally be invested across a broad range of industries and market sectors. The Fund may not invest 25% or more of its total assets in the securities of issuers in any single industry. The Fund may invest a portion of its assets in stocks of mid-capitalization companies. Eaton Vance generally considers mid-capitalization companies to be those companies having market capitalizations within the range of capitalizations for the S&P MidCap 400® Index (the "S&P MidCap 400®"). As of October 31, 2021, the median market capitalization of companies in the S&P MidCap 400® was approximately \$5.6 billion. Market capitalizations of companies within the S&P MidCap 400® are subject to change.

The Fund generally intends to buy put options and write call options on one or more broad-based stock indices that the Adviser believes collectively approximate the characteristics of its common stock portfolio (or that portion of its portfolio against which options are purchased and written). The Fund intends to buy put options and write call options primarily on the S&P 500® Composite Stock Price Index ("S&P 500®"), and may also buy put options and write call options on other domestic and foreign stock indices. The Fund's current options strategy consists of purchasing out-of-the-money S&P 500 Index put options and selling out-of-the-money S&P 500 Index call options on all or substantially all of the value of the Fund's common stock portfolio. Purchasing index put options provides protection against loss of principal value during periods of market weakness and selling index call options generates premium income. The Fund generally intends to purchase short-dated (generally 28-day) index put options and sell index call options of the same term, staggering roll dates across the options portfolio. The indices on which the

Fund buys put options and writes call options may vary as a result of changes in the availability and liquidity of various listed index options, changes in stock portfolio holdings, the Adviser's evaluation of equity market conditions and other factors. The buying of index put options will reduce the Fund's cash available for distribution from other sources, including from selling put options on individual stocks and index call options.

Writing index call options involves a tradeoff between the option premiums received and reduced participation in potential stock market appreciation. Purchasing index put options is a risk management technique that involves a tradeoff between the options premiums paid and a potential increase in value of the options positions in a stock market decline. Writing put options on individual stocks involves a tradeoff between the options premiums received and exposure to declines in value of the stocks against which put options are written. To the extent that the individual stocks held by the Fund and/or the stocks subject to written put options decrease in value more than the index or indices on which the Fund has purchased put options, the strategy of purchasing index put options will provide only limited protection with respect to the value of the Fund's assets and may result in worse performance for the Fund than if it did not buy index put options.

The Fund's policies that, under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its total assets in a combination of (1) dividend-paying common stocks, (2) common stocks the value of which is subject to written put options on individual stocks, and (3) common stocks the value of which is subject to written index call options and that the Fund will purchase index put options with respect to at least 80% of the value of its investments in common stocks are non-fundamental policies that may be changed by the Board without Common Shareholder approval following the provision of 60 days' prior written notice to Common Shareholders.

There can be no assurance that the Fund's investment program as a whole or its options strategy will be successful or that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives. In implementing the Fund's investment strategy, the Adviser intends to employ a variety of techniques and strategies designed to minimize and defer the federal income taxes incurred by Common Shareholders in connection with their investment in the Fund as described below. In implementing the Fund's option strategy, the Adviser, depending on market conditions, may employ any combination of the above discussed option strategies. An investment in the Fund may not be appropriate for all investors.

Investments are based on Eaton Vance Management's ("Eaton Vance" or the "Adviser") internal research and management. In implementing the Fund's investment strategy, the Adviser intends to employ a variety of techniques and strategies designed to minimize and defer the federal income taxes incurred by Common Shareholders in connection with their investment in the Fund as described below.

The S&P 500® Index is an unmanaged index of large-cap stock commonly used as a measure of U.S. stock market performance. S&P 500® is an unmanaged index of 500 stocks maintained and published by Standard & Poor's that is market-capitalization weighted and generally representative of the performance of larger stocks traded in the United States.

During unusual market circumstances, the Fund may invest up to 100% of assets in cash or cash equivalents temporarily, which may be inconsistent with the Fund's investment objective and other policies.

**Investment Strategies.** Eaton Vance will be responsible for the Fund's overall investment program, structuring and managing the Fund's common stock portfolio and developing and monitoring the Fund's options strategies. The Fund's investments will be actively managed, and securities may be bought or sold on a daily basis.

Eaton Vance is responsible for the overall management of the Fund's investments, including decisions about asset allocation, securities selection and which options strategies to be employed. The portfolio manager utilizes information provided by, and the expertise of, the Adviser's research staff in making investment decisions. Investment decisions are made primarily on the basis of fundamental research, which involves consideration of the various company-specific and general business, economic and market factors that may influence the future performance of individual companies and equity investments therein. The Adviser will also consider a variety of other factors in constructing and maintaining the Fund's stock portfolio, including, but not limited to, stock dividend yields and payment schedules, overlap between the Fund's stock holdings and the indices on which it has outstanding options positions, realization of tax loss harvesting opportunities and other tax management considerations.

The Fund does not intend to sell index call options or put options on individual stocks collectively representing amounts greater than the value of the Fund's common stocks and other liquid assets (i.e., take a "naked" position).

The Fund's options strategies are designed to produce current cash flow from options premiums, to moderate the volatility of the Fund's returns and to reduce the Fund's exposure to loss of value during stock market declines. These options strategies are generally of a hedging nature, and are not designed to speculate on equity market performance. The Fund's current options strategy consists of purchasing out-of-the-money S&P 500 Index put options and selling out-of-the-money S&P 500 Index call options on all or substantially all of the value of the Fund's common stock portfolio. Purchasing index put options provides

protection against loss of principal value during periods of market weakness and selling index call options generates premium income. The Fund generally intends to purchase short-dated (generally 28-day) index put options and sell index call options of the same term, staggering roll dates across the options portfolio. Options that are more “out-of-the-money” provide the Fund with less protection against a decline in the applicable index, but generally would be less expensive than put options that are slightly “out-of-the-money.”

Compared to buying put options and selling call options on individual stocks, the Adviser believes that buying and selling index options can achieve better tax and transactional efficiency because listed options on broad-based securities indices generally qualify as “section 1256 contracts” under the Code which are subject to specialized tax treatment and because the markets for index options are generally deeper and more liquid than options on individual stocks. The Fund may in certain circumstances hold stock index put options with respect to only a portion of such amount, subject to the condition that, under normal market conditions, the Fund will hold index put options with respect to at least 80% of the value of its investments in common stocks. The Fund may in market circumstances deemed appropriate by the Adviser write index call options on up to 100% of its assets. In certain market circumstances, the Fund may forego writing index call options or selling put options on individual stocks. In implementing the Fund’s option strategy, the Adviser, depending on market conditions, may employ any combination of the above discussed option strategies.

To avoid being subject to the “straddle rules” under federal income tax law, the Fund intends to generally limit the overlap between its stock holdings (and any subset thereof) and each index on which it has outstanding options positions to less than 70% on an ongoing basis. Under the “straddle rules,” “offsetting positions with respect to personal property” generally are considered to be straddles. In general, investment positions will be offsetting if there is a substantial diminution in the risk of loss from holding one position by reason of holding one or more other positions. The Fund expects that neither the index call options it writes nor the index put options it buys will, together with the Fund’s portfolio of common stocks, be considered straddles because its stock holdings will be sufficiently dissimilar from the components of each index on which it has open options positions under applicable guidance established by the Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”). Under certain circumstances, however, the Fund may enter into options transactions or certain other investments that may constitute positions in a straddle. In addition, in keeping with the Fund’s strategy, described below, of selling index call options and purchasing index put options that qualify for treatment as “section 1256 contracts” under the Code on which capital gains and losses are generally treated as 60% long-term and 40% short-term, regardless of holding period, the Fund may be limited in the manner in which it writes options on indices based upon foreign stocks. Because many foreign-traded stock index options do not currently qualify for treatment as “section 1256 contracts” under the Code, the Fund generally intends to sell options on broad-based foreign country and/or regional stock indices that are listed for trading in the United States or which otherwise qualify as “section 1256 contracts” under the Code. Options on foreign indices that are listed for trading in the United States or which otherwise qualify as “section 1256 contracts” under the Code may trade in substantially lower volumes and with substantially wider bid-ask spreads than other options contracts on the same or similar indices that trade on other markets outside the United States. To implement its options program most effectively, the Fund may buy and sell index options that do not qualify as “section 1256 contracts” under the Code.

The foregoing policies relating to investments in common stocks and options are the Fund’s primary investment policies. In addition to its primary investment policies, the Fund may invest to a limited extent in other types of securities and engage in certain other investment practices. In addition to buying index put options and writing index call options, the Fund may buy put options and/or write call options on up to 20% of the value of its total assets on futures contracts based upon broad-based securities indices. The Fund’s use of such options on index futures would be substantially similar to its use of options directly on indices. In addition to the Fund’s primary options strategies as described herein, the Fund may also invest up to 20% of its total assets in other derivative instruments acquired for hedging, risk management and investment purposes (to gain exposure to securities, securities markets, market indices and/or currencies consistent with its investment objectives and policies). However, excluding the Fund’s primary options strategies, no more than 10% of the Fund’s total assets may be invested in such other derivative instruments for speculative purposes. The loss on derivative instruments (other than purchased options) may substantially exceed an investment in these instruments. To seek to protect against price declines in securities holdings with large accumulated gains, the Fund may use various hedging techniques (such as the purchase and sale of futures contracts on stocks and stock indices and options thereon, equity swaps, covered short sales, forward sales of stocks and the purchase and sale of forward currency exchange contracts and currency futures).

**Tax-Managed Investing.** Taxes are a major influence on the net after-tax returns that investors receive on their taxable investments. In implementing the Fund’s investment strategy, the Adviser employs a variety of techniques and strategies designed to minimize and defer the federal income taxes incurred by Common Shareholders in connection with their investment in the Fund. These currently include, without limitation: (1) investing in stocks that pay dividends that qualify for federal income taxation at rates applicable to long-term capital gains and complying with the holding period and other requirements for favorable

tax treatment; (2) selling index call options and purchasing index put options that qualify for treatment as Section 1256 contracts under the Code, on which capital gains and losses are generally treated as 60% long-term and 40% short-term, regardless of holding period; (3) limiting the overlap between the Fund's stock holdings (and any subset thereof) and each index on which it has outstanding options positions to less than 70% on an ongoing basis so that the Fund's stock holdings and index call options are not subject to the "straddle rules;" (4) engaging in a systematic program of tax-loss harvesting in the Fund's stock portfolio, periodically selling stock positions that have depreciated in value to realize capital losses that can be used to offset capital gains realized by the Fund; and (5) managing the sale of appreciated stock positions so as to minimize the Fund's net realized short-term capital gains in excess of net realized long-term capital losses. When an appreciated security is sold, the Fund intends to select for sale the share lots resulting in the most favorable tax treatment, generally those with holding periods sufficient to qualify for long-term capital gains treatment that have the highest cost basis. The Fund may also seek to offset short-term gains and non-qualified dividend investment income with Fund expenses and/or realized losses allocated against short-term gains. However, the tax treatment of its investments is complex, and prospective investors should review "Federal Income Tax Matters" and consult with their advisors regarding the tax consequences of an investment in the Fund. In addition, the Fund's investment program and the tax treatment of Fund distributions may be affected by IRS interpretations of the Code and future changes in tax laws and regulations. For example, the Fund intends to emphasize investments in stocks that pay dividends that qualify for U.S. federal income taxation at rates applicable to long-term capital gains, and to sell index call options and purchase index put options that qualify for treatment as Section 1256 contracts under the Code. The implementation of each of these objectives be affected by changes in applicable tax law, and may result in the Fund's making different investments than it would have otherwise made if it had not pursued such objectives.

**Common Stocks.** Under normal market conditions, the Fund's investment program consists of owning a diversified portfolio of common stocks and employing a variety of options strategies as described herein. Common stock represents an equity ownership interest in the issuing corporation. Holders of common stock generally have voting rights in the issuer and are entitled to receive common stock dividends when, as and if declared by the corporation's board of directors. Common stock normally occupies the most subordinated position in an issuer's capital structure. Returns on common stock investments consist of any dividends received plus the amount of appreciation or depreciation in the value of the stock.

Although common stocks have historically generated higher average returns than fixed-income securities over the long term and particularly during periods of high or rising concerns about inflation, common stocks also have experienced significantly more volatility in returns and may not maintain their real value during inflationary periods. An adverse event, such as an unfavorable earnings report, may depress the value of a particular common stock held by the Fund. Also, the prices of common stocks are sensitive to general movements in the stock market and a drop in the stock market may depress the price of common stocks to which the Fund has exposure. Common stock prices fluctuate for many reasons, including changes in investors' perceptions of the financial condition of an issuer or the general condition of the relevant stock market, or when political or economic events affecting the issuer occur. In addition, common stock prices may be sensitive to rising interest rates as the costs of capital rise and borrowing costs increase.

**Foreign Investments.** Investments in foreign issuers could be affected by factors not present in the United States, including expropriation, armed conflict, confiscatory taxation, lack of uniform accounting and auditing standards, less publicly available financial and other information, and potential difficulties in enforcing contractual obligations. Because foreign issuers may not be subject to uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standard practices and requirements and regulatory measures comparable to those in the United States, there may be less publicly available information about such foreign issuers. Settlements of securities transactions in foreign countries are subject to risk of loss, may be delayed and are generally less frequent than in the United States, which could affect the liquidity of the Fund's assets. Evidence of ownership of certain foreign investments may be held outside the United States, and the Fund may be subject to the risks associated with the holding of such property overseas. Trading in certain foreign markets is also subject to liquidity risk.

Foreign investment in the securities markets of certain foreign countries is restricted or controlled to varying degrees. Foreign issuers may become subject to sanctions imposed by the United States or another country, which could result in the immediate freeze of the foreign issuers' assets or securities. The imposition of such sanctions could impair the market value of the securities of such foreign issuers and limit the Fund's ability to buy, sell, receive or deliver the securities. In addition, as a result of economic sanctions, the Fund may be forced to sell or otherwise dispose of investments at inopportune times or prices, which could result in losses to the Fund and increased transaction costs. If a deterioration occurs in a country's balance of payments, the country could impose temporary restrictions on foreign capital remittances. The Fund could also be adversely affected by delays in, or a refusal to grant, any required governmental approval for repatriation, as well as by other restrictions on investment. The risks posed by such actions with respect to a particular foreign country, its nationals or industries or businesses within the country may be heightened to the extent the Fund invests significantly in the affected country or region or in issuers from the affected country that depend on global markets.

Political events in foreign countries may cause market disruptions. In June 2016, the United Kingdom (“UK”) voted in a referendum to leave the European Union (“EU”) (“Brexit”). Effective January 31, 2020, the UK ceased to be a member of the EU and, following a transition period during which the EU and the UK Government engaged in a series of negotiations regarding the terms of the UK’s future relationship with the EU, the EU and the UK Government signed an agreement on December 30, 2020 regarding the economic relationship between the UK and the EU. This agreement became effective on a provisional basis on January 1, 2021 and entered into full force on May 1, 2021. There remains significant market uncertainty regarding Brexit’s ramifications, and the range and potential implications of the possible political, regulatory, economic, and market outcomes in the UK, EU and beyond are difficult to predict. The end of the Brexit transition period may cause greater market volatility and illiquidity, currency fluctuations, deterioration in economic activity, a decrease in business confidence, and an increased likelihood of a recession in the UK. If one or more additional countries leave the EU or the EU dissolves, the world’s securities markets likely will be significantly disrupted.

The Fund may invest in ADRs, EDRs and GDRs, which are certificates evidencing ownership of shares of foreign issuers and are alternatives to purchasing directly the underlying foreign securities in their national markets and currencies. However, they continue to be subject to many of the risks associated with investing directly in foreign securities. These risks include foreign exchange risk as well as the political and economic risks of the underlying issuer’s country. ADRs, EDRs and GDRs may be sponsored or unsponsored. Unsponsored receipts are established without the participation of the issuer. Unsponsored receipts may involve higher expenses, and may not pass through voting or other shareholder rights, and may be less liquid than sponsored receipts.

**Emerging Markets Investments.** The risks of foreign investments can be more significant in emerging markets. Emerging markets may offer higher potential for gains and losses than investments in the developed markets of the world. Political and economic structures in emerging market countries generally lack the social, political and economic stability of developed countries, which may affect the value of the Fund’s investments in these countries and also the ability of the Fund to access markets in such countries. Securities markets within emerging market countries may experience low or non-existent trading volume, resulting in a lack of liquidity and increased volatility in prices for such securities, as compared to securities of comparable issuers in more developed capital markets. Governmental actions can have a significant effect on the economic conditions in emerging market countries, which also may adversely affect the value and liquidity of the Fund’s investments. In particular, trade disputes may result in governmental actions that could have an adverse effect on investments in emerging market countries, including but not limited to restrictions on investments in, or required divestment of, particular issuers or industries. Such actions may effectively restrict or eliminate the Fund’s ability to purchase or sell investments in emerging market countries, and thus may make them less liquid or more difficult to value, or may force the Fund to sell or otherwise dispose of such investments at inopportune times or prices. There may be less publicly available information about issuers in emerging markets than would be available about issuers in more developed capital markets, and such issuers may not be subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and requirements comparable to those to which U.S. companies are subject. The laws of emerging market countries relating to the limited liability of corporate shareholders, fiduciary duties of officers and directors, and bankruptcy of state enterprises are generally less developed than or different from such laws in the United States. It may be more difficult to make a claim or obtain a judgment in the courts of these countries than it is in the United States. In addition, due to jurisdictional limitations, U.S. authorities (e.g., SEC and the U.S. Department of Justice) may be limited in their ability to enforce regulatory or legal obligations in emerging market countries. The possibility of fraud, negligence, undue influence being exerted by an issuer or refusal to recognize ownership exists in some emerging markets. The prices at which investments may be acquired may be affected by trading by persons with information that is not publicly available and by securities transactions by brokers in anticipation of transactions in particular securities. Disruptions due to work stoppages and trading improprieties in foreign securities markets have caused such markets to close. Emerging market securities are also subject to speculative trading, which contributes to their volatility.

**Foreign Currencies.** The value of foreign assets and currencies as measured in U.S. dollars may be affected favorably or unfavorably by changes in foreign currency rates and exchange control regulations, application of foreign tax laws (including withholding tax), governmental administration of economic or monetary policies (in this country or abroad), and relations between nations and trading. Foreign currencies also are subject to settlement, custodial and other operational risks. Currency exchange rates can be affected unpredictably by intervention, or the failure to intervene, by U.S. or foreign governments or central banks or by currency controls or political developments in the United States or abroad. If the U.S. dollar rises in value relative to a foreign currency, a security denominated in that foreign currency will be worth less in U.S. dollars. If the U.S. dollar decreases in value relative to a foreign currency, a security denominated in that foreign currency will be worth more in U.S. dollars. A devaluation of a currency by a country’s government or banking authority will have a significant impact on the value of any investments denominated in that currency. Costs are incurred in connection with conversions between currencies.

**Stock and Equity Index Options.** Writing index call options involves a tradeoff between the option premiums received and reduced participation in potential stock market appreciation. Purchasing index put options is a risk management technique that involves a tradeoff between the options premiums paid and a potential increase in value of the options positions in a stock market decline. Writing put options on individual stocks involves a tradeoff between the options premiums received and exposure to declines in value of the stocks against which put options are written.

As the seller of index call options, the Fund will receive cash (the premiums) from option purchasers. The purchaser of an index call option has the right to any appreciation in the value of the applicable index over a fixed price (the exercise price) as of a specified date in the future (the option valuation date). In writing index call options, the Fund will, in effect, sell the potential appreciation in the value of the applicable index above the exercise price in exchange for the option premium received. If, at expiration, an index call option sold by the Fund is exercised, the Fund will pay the purchaser the difference between the cash value of the applicable index and the exercise price of the option. The premium received, the exercise price and the market value of the applicable index will determine the gain or loss realized by the Fund as the seller of the index call option.

As the purchaser of index put options, the Fund will seek to benefit from a decline in the market prices of the underlying index, thereby hedging the Fund's exposure to market risk. The Fund will pay a premium to the seller of the option for the right to receive payments of cash to the extent that the value of the applicable index declines below a fixed price (the exercise price) as of a specified date in the future (the option valuation date). If the index price is above the exercise price of the option as of the option valuation date, the option expires worthless and the Fund will not be able to recover the option premium paid. In buying index put options, the Fund will, in effect, acquire protection against a decline in the value of the applicable index below the exercise price in exchange for the option premium paid. If, at expiration, an index put option purchased by the Fund is exercised, the Fund will receive from the option seller the difference between the cash value of the applicable index and the exercise price of the option. The premium paid, the exercise price and the market value of the applicable index will determine the gain or loss realized by the Fund as the buyer of the index put option.

As the seller of put options on individual stocks, the Fund will receive cash (the premiums) from option purchasers. The purchaser of a put option assumes the right to sell (put) the stock to the seller of the option at a specified price (the exercise price) on or before the expiration date of the option. If the value of the stock on the option expiration date is above the exercise price, the option will generally expire worthless and the Fund, as option seller, will have no obligation to the option holders. If the value of the stock on the option expiration date is at or below the exercise price of the option, the Fund may be obligated to purchase the stock at the exercise price.

The Fund will sell only "covered" options. Options may be "covered," meaning that the party required to deliver the reference instrument if the option is exercised owns that instrument (or has set aside sufficient assets to meet its obligation to deliver the instrument).

The Adviser generally intends to buy index put options and sell index call options that are exchange-listed and "European style," meaning that the options may only be exercised on the expiration date of the option. Index options differ from options on individual stocks in that index options (i) typically are settled in cash rather than by delivery of securities (meaning the exercise of an index option does not involve the actual purchase or sale of securities) and (ii) reflect price fluctuations in a group of securities or segments of the securities market rather than price fluctuations in a single security. Exchange-traded index options are typically settled in cash and provide, in the case of a call option, that the holder of the option has the right to receive an amount of cash determined by the excess of the exercise-settlement value of the index over the exercise price of the option. In the case of a put option, the holder of the option has the right to receive an amount of cash determined by the excess of the exercise price of the option over the exercise-settlement value of the index. United States listed options contracts are originated and standardized by the Options Clearing Corporation (the "OCC"). In the United States, the Fund generally intends to buy and sell index options that are issued, guaranteed and cleared by the OCC. The Fund may also buy and sell index options in the United States and outside the United States that are not issued, guaranteed or cleared by the OCC.

Options on individual stocks sold by the Fund may be either "European style" or "American style," meaning the options may be exercised at any time during the option period. The Fund may sell both exchange-traded and OTC put options on individual stocks. Put options on individual stocks written by the Fund may be physically settled, requiring the underlying stock to be delivered upon exercise of the option or, alternatively, may have cash settlement provisions.

OTC options are purchased from or sold to securities dealers, financial institutions or other parties (each, a "Counterparty" and, together, the "Counterparties") through direct bilateral agreement with the Counterparty. In contrast to exchange listed options, which generally have standardized terms and performance mechanics, all the terms of an OTC option, including such terms as method of settlement, term, exercise price, premium, guarantees and security, are set by negotiation of the parties. Unless the parties provide for it, there is no central clearing or guaranty function in an OTC option. As a result, if the Counterparty fails to make or take delivery of the security, or other instrument underlying an OTC option it has entered into with the Fund or fails to

make a cash settlement payment due in accordance with the terms of that option, the Fund will lose any anticipated benefit of the transaction.

The principal factors affecting the market value of an option include supply and demand, interest rates, the current market price of the underlying security or index in relation to the exercise price of the option, the actual or perceived volatility of the underlying security or index, and the time remaining until the expiration date. A purchased option is an asset of the Fund and an option written by the Fund is a Fund liability. The value of an option purchased or written is marked to market daily and is valued at the closing price on the exchange on which it is traded or, if not traded on an exchange or no closing price is available, at the mean between the last bid and asked prices or otherwise at fair value as determined by the Board of the Fund. The transaction costs of buying and selling options consist primarily of commissions (which are imposed in opening, closing, exercise and assignment transactions), but may also include margin and interest costs in particular transactions. The impact of transaction costs on the profitability of a transaction may often be greater for options transactions than for transactions in the underlying securities because these costs are often greater in relation to options premiums than in relation to the prices of underlying securities. Transaction costs may be especially significant in option strategies calling for multiple purchases and sales of options, such as spreads or straddles. Transaction costs may be different for transactions effected in foreign markets than for transactions effected in U.S. markets.

## ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT PRACTICES

In addition to its primary investment strategies as described above, the Fund may engage in the following investment practices.

**Temporary Investments.** During unusual market conditions, the Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash or cash equivalents temporarily, which may be inconsistent with its investment objectives, principal strategies and other policies. Cash equivalents are highly liquid, short-term securities such as commercial paper, time deposits, certificates of deposit, short-term notes and short-term United States government obligations. In moving to a substantial temporary investments position and in transitioning from such a position back into conformity with the Fund's normal investment policies, the Fund may incur transaction costs that would not be incurred if the Fund had remained fully invested in accordance with such normal policies. The transition to and from a substantial temporary investments position may also result in the Fund having to sell common stocks and/or close out options positions and then later purchase common stocks and open new options positions in circumstances that might not otherwise be optimal. The Fund's investment in such temporary investments under unusual market circumstances may not be in furtherance of the Fund's investment objectives.

**Dividend Capture Trading.** The Fund may seek to enhance the level of tax-advantaged dividend income it receives by engaging in dividend capture trading. In a typical dividend capture trade, the Fund would buy a stock prior to its ex-dividend date and sell the stock at a point either on or after the ex-dividend date. The use of a dividend capture trading strategy exposes the Fund to higher portfolio turnover, increased trading costs and potential for capital loss or gain, particularly in the event of significant short-term price movements of stocks subject to dividend capture trading.

**Writing Call Options on Individual Stocks.** The Fund may write (sell) covered call options on individual common stocks held. A call option on a security is a contract that gives the holder of the option, in return for paying a premium, the right to buy from the writer of the option the security underlying the option at a specified exercise price. The writer of a call option on a security has the obligation upon exercise of the option to deliver the underlying security upon payment of the exercise price. "American style" options may be exercised at any time during the term of the option, whereas "European style" options may be exercised only on the expiration date of the option. The Fund may not sell "naked" call options, i.e., options representing more shares of the stock than are held in the portfolio.

**When-Issued Securities and Forward Commitments.** Securities may be purchased on a "forward commitment" or "when-issued" basis (meaning securities are purchased or sold with payment and delivery taking place in the future) in order to secure what is considered to be an advantageous price and yield at the time of entering into the transaction. When the Fund agrees to purchase such securities, it assumes the risk of any decline in value of the security from the date of the agreement to purchase. The Fund does not earn interest on the securities it has committed to purchase until they are paid for and delivered on the settlement date. From the time of entering into the transaction until delivery and payment is made at a later date, the transacted securities are subject to market fluctuations. In forward commitment or when-issued transactions, if the seller or buyer, as the case may be, fails to consummate the transaction, the counterparty may miss the opportunity of obtaining a price or yield considered to be advantageous. However, no payment or delivery is made until payment is received or delivery is made from the other party to the transaction. The Fund does not intend to enter into forward commitment or when-issued transactions for the purpose of investment leverage.

**Real Estate Investments.** Companies primarily engaged in the real estate industry and other real estate-related investments may include publicly traded real estate investment trusts (“REITs”) or real estate operating companies that either own properties or make construction or mortgage loans, real estate developers, companies with substantial real estate holdings and other companies whose products and services are related to the real estate industry, such as lodging operators, brokers, property management companies, building supply manufacturers, mortgage lenders, or mortgage servicing companies. REITs tend to be small to medium-sized companies, and may include equity REITs and mortgage REITs. The value of a REIT can depend on the structure of and cash flow generated by the REIT. REITs are pooled investment vehicles that have expenses of their own, so the Fund will indirectly bear its proportionate share of those expenses. The Fund will not own real estate directly.

Real estate investments are subject to special risks including changes in real estate values, property taxes, interest rates, cash flow of underlying real estate assets, occupancy rates, government regulations affecting zoning, land use, and rents, and the management skill and creditworthiness of the issuer. Companies in the real estate industry may also be subject to liabilities under environmental and hazardous waste laws, among others. Changes in underlying real estate values may have an exaggerated effect to the extent that investments concentrate in particular geographic regions or property types.

Equity REITs may be affected by changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the REIT, while mortgage REITs may be affected by the quality of any credit extended. Further, equity and mortgage REITs are dependent upon management skills and generally may not be diversified. Equity and mortgage REITs are also subject to heavy cash flow dependency, defaults by borrowers, and self-liquidations. In addition, equity and mortgage REITs could possibly fail to qualify for tax-free pass-through of income or to maintain their exemptions from registration under the 1940 Act. The above factors may also adversely affect a borrower's or a lessee's ability to meet its obligations to a REIT. In the event of a default by a borrower or lessee, a REIT may experience delays in enforcing its rights as a mortgagee or lessor and may incur substantial costs associated with protecting its investments.

Shares of REITs may trade less frequently and, therefore, are subject to more erratic price movements than securities of larger issuers. REITs are also subject to credit, market, liquidity and interest rate risks. REITs may issue debt securities to fund their activities. The value of these debt securities may be affected by changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the REIT, the creditworthiness of the REIT, interest rates, and tax and regulatory requirements, among other things.

**Illiquid Investments.** The Fund may invest up to 15% of its total assets in investments for which there is no readily available trading market or are otherwise illiquid. It may be difficult to sell illiquid investments at a price representing their fair value until such time as such investments may be sold publicly. Where registration is required, a considerable period may elapse between a decision by the Fund to sell such investments and the time when it would be permitted to sell. Thus, the Fund may not be able to obtain as favorable a price as that prevailing at the time of the decision to sell. The Fund may also acquire investments through private placements under which it may agree to contractual restrictions on the resale of such investments. Such restrictions might prevent their sale at a time when such sale would otherwise be desirable. The Fund may invest without limitation in OTC options that may be deemed to be illiquid.

At times, a portion of the Fund's assets may be invested in investments as to which the Fund, by itself or together with other accounts managed by the Adviser and its affiliates, holds a major portion or all of such investments. Under adverse market or economic conditions or in the event of adverse changes in the financial condition of the issuer, the Fund could find it more difficult to sell such investments when the Adviser believes it advisable to do so or may be able to sell such investments only at prices lower than if such investments were more widely held. It may also be more difficult to determine the fair value of such investments for purposes of computing the Fund's net asset value.

**Other Derivative Instruments.** In addition to the Fund's primary options strategies as described herein, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in other derivative instruments (which are instruments that derive their value from another instrument, security or index) acquired for hedging, risk management and investment purposes (to gain exposure to securities, securities markets, markets indices and/or currencies consistent with its investment objectives and policies). However, excluding the Fund's primary options strategies, no more than 10% of the Fund's total assets may be invested in such other derivative instruments for speculative purposes. As a result of the Fund's primary options strategies and the ability to invest in other derivative instruments as described herein, 100% of the Fund's total assets may be subject to derivative instruments. These strategies may be executed through the use of derivative contracts in the United States or abroad. In the course of pursuing these investment strategies, the Fund may purchase and sell derivative contracts based on equity and fixed-income indices and other instruments, purchase and sell futures contracts and options thereon, and enter into various transactions such as swaps, caps, floors or collars. In addition, derivatives may also include new techniques, instruments or strategies that are not currently available. Derivative instruments may be used by the Fund to enhance returns or as a substitute for the purchase or sale of securities. The loss on derivative instruments (other than purchased options) may substantially exceed an investment in these instruments.

**Swaps.** Swap contracts may be purchased or sold to hedge against fluctuations in securities prices, interest rates or market conditions, to mitigate non-payment or default risk or to gain exposure to particular securities, baskets of securities, indices or currencies. In a standard “swap” transaction, two parties agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) on different currencies, securities, baskets of currencies or securities, indices or other instruments, which returns are calculated with respect to a “notional amount,” i.e., the designated referenced amount of exposure to the underlying instruments. The Fund will enter into swaps only on a net basis, i.e., the two payment streams are netted out, with the Fund receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments. If the other party to a swap defaults, the Fund’s risk of loss consists of the net amount of payments that the Fund is contractually entitled to receive. The net amount of the excess, if any, of the Fund’s obligations over its entitlements are maintained in a segregated account by the Fund’s custodian. The Fund will not enter into any swap unless the claims-paying ability of the other party thereto is considered to be investment grade by the Adviser. If there is a default by the other party to such a transaction, the Fund will have contractual remedies pursuant to the agreements related to the transaction. Swaps are traded in the over-the-counter market. The use of swaps is a highly specialized activity, which involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. If the Adviser is incorrect in its forecasts of market values, interest rates and other applicable factors, the total return performance of the Fund would be unfavorably affected.

**Equity Swaps.** Equity swaps involve the exchange by the Fund with another party of their respective returns as calculated on a notional amount of an equity index (such as the S&P 500 Index), basket of equity securities, or individual equity security.

**Total Return Swaps.** Total return swaps are contracts in which one party agrees to make payments of the total return from the designated underlying asset(s), which may include securities, baskets of securities, or securities indices during the specified period, in return for payments equal to a fixed or floating rate of interest or the total return from other designated underlying asset(s).

**Interest Rate Swaps.** Interest rate swaps involve the exchange by the Fund with another party of their respective commitments to pay or receive interest (e.g., an exchange of fixed rate payments for floating rate payments).

**Futures and Options on Futures.** The Fund may purchase and sell various kinds of financial futures contracts and options thereon to seek to hedge against changes in stock prices or interest rates, for other risk management purposes or to gain exposure to certain securities, indices and currencies. Futures contracts may be based on various securities indices and securities. Such transactions involve a risk of loss or depreciation due to adverse changes in securities prices, which may exceed the Fund’s initial investment in these contracts. The Fund will only purchase or sell futures contracts or related options in compliance with the rules of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. These transactions involve transaction costs. Sales of futures contracts and related options generally result in realization of short-term or long-term capital gain depending on the period for which the investment is held. To the extent that any futures contract or options on futures contract held by the Fund is a Section 1256 contract under the Code, the contract will be marked-to-market annually and any gain or loss will be treated as 60% long-term and 40% short-term, regardless of the holding period for such contract.

**Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts.** A forward foreign currency exchange contract (“currency forward”) involves an obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency at a future date, which may be any fixed number of days from the date of the contract agreed upon by the parties, at a price set at the time of the contract. These contracts may be bought or sold to protect against an adverse change in the relationship between currencies or to increase exposure to a particular foreign currency.

Certain currency forwards may be individually negotiated and privately traded, exposing them to credit and counterparty risks. The precise matching of the currency forward amounts and the value of the instruments denominated in the corresponding currencies will not generally be possible because the future value of such securities in foreign currencies will change as a consequence of market movements in the value of those securities between the date on which the contract is entered into and the date it matures. There is additional risk that the use of currency forwards may reduce or preclude the opportunity for gain if the value of the currency should move in the direction opposite to the position taken and that currency forwards may create exposure to currencies in which the Fund’s securities are not denominated. In addition, it may not be possible to hedge against long-term currency changes. Currency forwards are subject to the risk of political and economic factors applicable to the countries issuing the underlying currencies. Furthermore, unlike trading in most other types of instruments, there is no systematic reporting of last sale information with respect to the foreign currencies underlying currency forwards. As a result, available information may not be complete.

**Short Sales.** The Fund may engage in short sales on securities or a basket or index of securities. A short sale on an individual security typically involves the sale of a security that is borrowed from a broker or other institution to complete the sale. When making a short sale, the Fund must segregate liquid assets with a broker or the custodian equal to (or otherwise cover) its obligations under the short sale. Generally, securities held in a segregated account cannot be sold unless they are replaced with other liquid assets. This may limit the Fund’s investment flexibility, as well as its ability to meet current obligations. The seller of

a short position generally realizes a profit from the transaction if the proceeds it receives on the short sale exceed the cost of purchasing the securities sold short in the market, but will generally realize a loss if the cost of closing the short position exceeds the proceeds from the short sale. The Fund pays interest or dividend expense with respect to securities sold short. If the Fund does not own the securities sold short, the short sale exposes the Fund to the risk that it will be required to purchase securities to replace the borrowed securities (also known as "covering" the short position) at a time when the securities sold have appreciated in value, thus resulting in a loss. There is no assurance that a security sold short will decline in value or make a profit for the Fund. In addition, there is no guarantee that any security needed to cover the short position will be available for purchase. Short selling carries a risk that the counterparty to the short sale may fail to honor its contract terms, causing a loss to the Fund. If the Fund invests the proceeds received for selling securities short in other investments, the Fund is employing a form of leverage. Although the Fund reserves the right to utilize short sales, the Adviser is under no obligation to utilize short-sales at all.

**Securities Lending.** The Fund may seek to earn income by lending portfolio securities to broker-dealers and other institutional borrowers. During the existence of a loan, the Fund will continue to receive the equivalent of the interest paid by the issuer on the securities loaned, or all or a portion of the interest on investment of the collateral, if any. The Fund may pay lending fees to such borrowers. Loans will only be made to firms that have been approved by the investment adviser, and the investment adviser or the securities lending agent will periodically monitor the financial condition of such firms while such loans are outstanding. Securities loans will only be made when the investment adviser believes that the expected returns, net of expenses, justify the attendant risks. Securities loans currently are required to be secured continuously by collateral in cash, cash equivalents (such as money market instruments) or other liquid securities held by the custodian and maintained in an amount at least equal to the market value of the securities loaned. The Fund may engage in securities lending to generate income. Upon return of the loaned securities, the Fund would be required to return the related collateral to the borrower and may be required to liquidate portfolio securities in order to do so. The Fund may lend up to one-third of the value of its total assets or such other amount as may be permitted by law.

As with other extensions of credit, there are risks of delay in recovery or even loss of rights in the securities loaned if the borrower of the securities fails financially. To the extent that the portfolio securities acquired with such collateral have decreased in value, it may result in the Fund realizing a loss at a time when it would not otherwise do so. As such, securities lending may introduce leverage into the Fund. The Fund also may incur losses if the returns on securities that it acquires with cash collateral are less than the applicable rebate rates paid to borrowers and related administrative costs.

**Borrowings.** The Fund may borrow money to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act as interpreted, modified or otherwise permitted by the regulatory authority having jurisdiction. Although it does not currently intend to do so, the Fund may in the future from time to time borrow money to add leverage to the portfolio. The Fund may also borrow money for temporary administrative purposes or to meet temporary cash needs.

**Reverse Repurchase Agreements.** The Fund may enter into reverse repurchase agreements. Under a reverse repurchase agreement, the Fund temporarily transfers possession of a portfolio instrument to another party, such as a bank or broker-dealer, in return for cash. At the same time, the Fund agrees to repurchase the instrument at an agreed upon time and price, which reflects an interest payment. The Fund may enter into such agreements for various purposes, including, but not limited to, when it is able to invest the cash acquired at a rate higher than the cost of the agreement.

When the Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, any fluctuations in the market value of either the securities transferred to another party or the securities in which the proceeds may be invested would affect the market value of the Fund's assets. As a result, such transactions may increase fluctuations in the market value of the Fund's assets. There is a risk that large fluctuations in the market value of the Fund's assets could affect NAV and the market price of Common Shares. Because reverse repurchase agreements may be considered to be the practical equivalent of borrowing funds, they constitute a form of leverage and may be subject to leverage risks. Such agreements are treated as subject to investment restrictions as mentioned above under "Borrowings." If the Fund reinvests the proceeds of a reverse repurchase agreement at a rate lower than the cost of the agreement, entering into the agreement will lower the Fund's cash available for distribution.

**Research Process.** The Fund's portfolio management utilizes the information provided by, and the expertise of, the research staff of the investment adviser and its affiliates in making investment decisions. As part of the research process, portfolio management may consider financially material environmental, social and governance ("ESG") factors. Such factors, alongside other relevant factors, may be taken into account in the Fund's securities selection process.

**Portfolio Turnover.** The Fund will buy and sell securities to seek to accomplish its investment objectives. Portfolio turnover generally involves expense to the Fund, including brokerage commissions and other transaction costs on the sale of securities and reinvestment in other securities. The portfolio turnover rate for the Fund for the six months ended June 30, 2021 was 17% and for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 were 52% and 57%, respectively.

## RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Risk is inherent in all investing. Investing in any investment company security involves risk, including the risk that you may receive little or no return on your investment or even that you may lose part or all of your investment.

**Discount From or Premium to NAV.** The Offering is conducted only when Common Shares of the Fund are trading at a price equal to or above the Fund's NAV per Common Share plus the per Common Share amount of commissions. As with any security, the market value of the Common Shares may increase or decrease from the amount initially paid for the Common Shares. The Fund's Common Shares have traded both at a premium and at a discount relative to NAV. The shares of closed-end management investment companies frequently trade at a discount from their NAV. This is a risk separate and distinct from the risk that the Fund's NAV may decrease.

**Secondary Market for the Common Shares.** The issuance of Common Shares through the Offering may have an adverse effect on the secondary market for the Common Shares. The increase in the amount of the Fund's outstanding Common Shares resulting from the Offering may put downward pressure on the market price for the Common Shares of the Fund. Common Shares will not be issued pursuant to the Offering at any time when Common Shares are trading at a price lower than a price equal to the Fund's NAV per Common Share plus the per Common Share amount of commissions.

The Fund also issues Common Shares of the Fund through its dividend reinvestment plan. See "Dividend Reinvestment Plan." Common Shares may be issued under the plan at a discount to the market price for such Common Shares, which may put downward pressure on the market price for Common Shares of the Fund.

When the Common Shares are trading at a premium, the Fund may also issue Common Shares of the Fund that are sold through transactions effected on the NYSE. The increase in the amount of the Fund's outstanding Common Shares resulting from that offering may also put downward pressure on the market price for the Common Shares of the Fund.

The voting power of current shareholders is diluted to the extent that such shareholders do not purchase shares in any future Common Share offerings or do not purchase sufficient shares to maintain their percentage interest. In addition, if the Adviser is unable to invest the proceeds of such offering as intended, the Fund's per share distribution may decrease (or may consist of return of capital) and the Fund may not participate in market advances to the same extent as if such proceeds were fully invested as planned.

**Market Discount Risk.** As with any security, the market value of the Common Shares may increase or decrease from the amount initially paid for the Common Shares. The Fund's Common Shares have traded both at a premium and at a discount relative to NAV. The shares of closed-end management investment companies frequently trade at a discount from their NAV. This is a risk separate and distinct from the risk that the Fund's NAV may decrease.

**Investment and Market Risk.** An investment in Common Shares is subject to investment risk, including the possible loss of the entire principal amount invested. An investment in Common Shares represents an indirect investment in the securities owned by the Fund, which are generally traded on a securities exchange or in the over-the-counter markets. The value of these securities, like other market investments, may move up or down, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Because the Fund may sell stock index call options on a portion of its common stock portfolio value, the Fund's appreciation potential from equity market performance may be more limited than if the Fund did not engage in selling stock index call options. Because the Fund may sell put options on individual stocks, the Fund's exposure to loss from a decline in the value of such stocks may increase. To the extent that the individual stocks held by the Fund and/or the stocks subject to written put options decrease in value more than the index or indices on which the Fund has purchased put options, the strategy of purchasing index put options will provide only limited protection with respect to the value of the Fund's assets and may result in worse performance for the Fund than if it did not buy index put options. The Common Shares at any point in time may be worth less than the original investment, even after taking into account any reinvestment of distributions.

**Market Risk.** The value of investments held by the Fund may increase or decrease in response to economic, political, financial, public health crises (such as epidemics or pandemics) or other disruptive events (whether real, expected or perceived) in the U.S. and global markets. These events may negatively impact broad segments of businesses and populations and may exacerbate pre-existing risks to the Fund. The frequency and magnitude of resulting changes in the value of the Fund's investments cannot be predicted. Certain securities and other investments held by the Fund may experience increased volatility, illiquidity, or other potentially adverse effects in reaction to changing market conditions. Monetary and/or fiscal actions taken by U.S. or foreign governments to stimulate or stabilize the global economy may not be effective and could lead to high market volatility.

**Issuer Risk.** The value of securities held by the Fund may decline for a number of reasons that directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's goods and services.

**Equity Risk.** Equity risk is the risk that the value of equity securities and related instruments may decline in response to adverse changes in the economy or the economic outlook; deterioration in investor sentiment; interest rate, currency, and commodity price fluctuations; adverse geopolitical, social or environmental developments; issuer- and sector-specific considerations; unexpected trading activity among retail investors; and other factors. Market conditions may affect certain types of stocks to a greater extent than other types of stocks. If the stock market declines, the value of Fund shares will also likely decline. Although stock prices can rebound, there is no assurance that values will return to previous levels. An adverse event, such as an unfavorable earnings report, may depress the value of equity securities of an issuer held by the Fund; the price of common stock of an issuer may be particularly sensitive to general movements in the stock market; or a drop in the stock market may depress the price of most or all of the common stocks held by the Fund. In addition, common stock of an issuer in the Fund's portfolio may decline in price if the issuer reduces or eliminates its dividend or fails to make anticipated dividend increases. Common stocks in which the Fund invests are structurally subordinated to preferred stocks, bonds and other debt instruments in a company's capital structure, in terms of priority to corporate income, and therefore will be subject to greater dividend risk than preferred stocks or debt instruments of such issuers. Finally, common stock prices may be sensitive to rising interest rates, as the costs of capital rise and borrowing costs increase.

**Limitations on Equity Market Risk Management Strategy.** To manage the risk of a decline in the value of the general equity market, the Fund purchases index put options on a substantial portion of the value of its common stock holdings. As the purchaser of an index put option, the Fund would pay to the writer (seller) of the option cash (the premium), and the Fund has the right to receive from the seller the amount by which the cash value of the index is below the exercise price as of the valuation date of the option. If the Fund exercises the index put option, the seller would pay the Fund the difference between the exercise price and the value of the index. There are a number of limitations on the extent to which Common Shareholders of the Fund may benefit from this risk management strategy.

First, holding an index put option generally provides a hedge against a decline in the applicable index to levels below the exercise price on the option. A decline in the index to a level above the exercise price would result in the option expiring worthless if held until expiration. Generally, the Fund intends to buy index put options that are "out-of-the-money" (i.e., the exercise price generally is below the current level of the applicable index when the option is purchased). Options that are more "out-of-the-money" provide the Fund with less protection against a decline in the applicable index.

Second, there is a risk that the value of the stock indices subject to purchased put options will not correlate with the value of the Fund's portfolio holdings. The Fund intends to buy put options on one or more broad-based stock indices that the Adviser believes collectively approximate the characteristics of the Fund's common stock portfolio (or that portion of its portfolio against which put options are acquired). The Fund will not, however, hold stocks that fully replicate the indices on which it buys put options. Due to tax considerations, the Fund intends to generally limit the overlap between its stock holdings (and any subset thereof) and each index on which it has outstanding options positions to less than 70% on an ongoing basis. The Fund's stock holdings will normally include stocks not included in the indices on which it buys put options. Accordingly, the value of the indices may remain flat or increase in value at times when the Fund's portfolio holdings are decreasing in value. Similarly, the indices may decrease in value but to a lesser extent than the Fund's portfolio holdings. In such cases, the index put options would provide only a limited hedge against a decline in the value of the Fund's portfolio holdings and may result in worse performance for the Fund than if it did not buy index put options. The use of index put options cannot serve as a complete hedge since the price movement of the indices underlying the options will not necessarily follow the price movements of the Fund's portfolio holdings. Correlation risks are also presented in connection with the Fund's selling of put options on individual stocks and purchasing index puts to hedge the associated increase in market risk. Purchasing index put options with respect to single stock put options written does not protect the Fund against the risk that the stocks against which put options are written decrease in value relative to the index on which put options are purchased and may result in greater costs and losses to the Fund than a strategy that does not involve such hedging.

Third, the Fund may in certain circumstances hold stock index put options with respect to only a portion of the value of its common stock holdings, subject to the condition that, under normal market conditions, the Fund will hold index put options with respect to at least 80% of the value of its investments in common stocks. The portion of the Fund's portfolio value against which index put options are not acquired will not benefit from this risk management strategy.

Index put options can be highly volatile instruments. This may cause options positions held to react to market changes differently than the Fund's portfolio securities and stocks subject to written put options. A put option acquired by the Fund and not sold prior to expiration will expire worthless if the price of the index at expiration exceeds the exercise price of the option, thereby causing the Fund to lose its entire investment in the option. If restrictions on exercise were imposed, the Fund might be unable to exercise an option it had purchased. If the Fund were unable to close out an option that it had purchased, it would have to exercise the option in order to realize any profit or the option may expire worthless.

**Risk of Selling Index Call Options.** Under normal market conditions, a portion of the Fund's common stock portfolio value will be subject to written index call options. The purchaser of an index call option has the right to any appreciation in the value of the index over the exercise price of the call option as of the valuation date of the option. Because their exercise is settled in cash, sellers of index call options such as the Fund cannot provide in advance for their potential settlement obligations by acquiring and holding the underlying securities. The Fund intends to mitigate the risks of its options activities by writing options on one or more broad-based stock indices that the Adviser believes collectively approximate the characteristics of the Fund's common stock portfolio (or that portion of its portfolio against which options are written). The Fund will not, however, hold stocks that fully replicate the indices on which it writes call options. Due to tax considerations, the Fund intends to generally limit the overlap between its stock holdings (and any subset thereof) and each index on which it has outstanding options positions to less than 70% on an ongoing basis. The Fund's stock holdings will normally include stocks not included in the indices on which it writes call options. Consequently, the Fund bears the risk that the performance of its stock portfolio will vary from the performance of the indices on which it writes call options. As the writer of index call options, the Fund will forgo, during the option's life, the opportunity to profit from increases in the value of the applicable index above the sum of the option premium received and the exercise price of the call option, but retains the risk of loss, minus the option premium received, should the value of the applicable index decline. When a call option is exercised, the Fund will be required to deliver an amount of cash determined by the excess of the value of the applicable index at contract termination over the exercise price of the option. Thus, the exercise of index call options sold by the Fund may require the Fund to sell portfolio securities to generate cash at inopportune times or for unattractive prices.

**Risks of Selling Put Options on Individual Stocks.** The Fund may write put options on individual stocks that the Adviser believes are attractive for purchase at prices at or above the exercise price of the put options written. The purchaser of a put option assumes the right to sell (put) the stock to the seller of the option at a specified price (the exercise price) on or before the expiration date of the option. If the value of the stock on the option expiration date is at or below the exercise price of the option, the Fund may be obligated to purchase the stock at the exercise price. In the event of a substantial depreciation in the value of the underlying stock, the Fund may incur a substantial loss.

**Options Risks Generally.** A decision as to whether, when and how to use options involves the exercise of skill and judgment, and even a well-conceived and well-executed options program may be adversely affected by market behavior or unexpected events. Successful options strategies may require the anticipation of future movements in securities prices, interest rates and other economic factors. No assurances can be given that the Adviser's judgments in this respect will be correct.

The trading price of options may be adversely affected if the market for such options becomes less liquid or smaller. The Fund may close out a written option position by buying the option instead of letting it expire or be exercised. Similarly, the Fund may close out a purchased option position by selling the option instead of holding until exercise. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist when the Fund seeks to close out an option position by buying or selling the option. Reasons for the absence of a liquid secondary market on an exchange include the following: (i) there may be insufficient trading interest in certain options; (ii) restrictions may be imposed by an exchange on opening transactions or closing transactions or both; (iii) trading halts, suspensions or other restrictions may be imposed with respect to particular classes or series of options; (iv) unusual or unforeseen circumstances may interrupt normal operations on an exchange; (v) the facilities of an exchange or the Options Clearing Corporation (the "OCC") may not at all times be adequate to handle current trading volume; or (vi) one or more exchanges could, for economic or other reasons, decide or be compelled to discontinue the trading of options (or a particular class or series of options) at some future date. If trading were discontinued, the secondary market on that exchange (or in that class or series of options) would cease to exist. However, outstanding options on that exchange that had been issued by the OCC as a result of trades on that exchange would continue to be exercisable in accordance with their terms.

The Fund's options positions will be marked to market daily. The hours of trading for options may not conform to the hours during which common stocks held by the Fund are traded. To the extent that the options markets close before the markets for securities, significant price and rate movements can take place in the securities markets that would not be reflected concurrently in the options markets. The value of index options is affected by changes in the value and dividend rates of the securities represented in the underlying index, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived volatility of the associated index and the remaining time to the options' expiration, as well as trading conditions in the options market. Similarly, the value of single stock options is affected by changes in the value and dividend rate of the underlying stock, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived volatility of the associated stock and the remaining time to the options' expiration, as well as options market trading conditions.

The Fund's options transactions will be subject to limitations established by each of the exchanges, boards of trade or other trading facilities on which such options are traded. These limitations govern the maximum number of options in each class which may be written or purchased by a single investor or group of investors acting in concert, regardless of whether the options are written or purchased on the same or different exchanges, boards of trade or other trading facilities or are held or written in

one or more accounts or through one or more brokers. Thus, the number of options which the Fund may write or purchase may be affected by options written or purchased by other investment advisory clients of the Adviser or. An exchange, board of trade or other trading facility may order the liquidation of positions found to be in excess of these limits, and may impose certain other sanctions. The Fund will not write “naked” or uncovered call options.

To the extent that the Fund buys or writes options on indices based upon foreign stocks, the Fund generally intends to buy or sell options on broad-based foreign country and/or regional stock indices that are listed for trading in the United States or which otherwise qualify as “section 1256 contracts” under the Code. Options on foreign indices that are listed for trading in the United States or which otherwise qualify as “section 1256 contracts” under the Code may trade in substantially lower volumes and with substantially wider bid-ask spreads than other options contracts on the same or similar indices that trade on other markets outside the United States. To implement its options program most effectively, the Fund may buy or sell index options that do not qualify as “section 1256 contracts” under the Code. Gain or loss on index options not qualifying as “section 1256 contracts” under the Code would be realized upon disposition, lapse or settlement of the positions and, generally, would be treated as short-term gain or loss.

**OTC Options Risks.** OTC options involve risk that the issuer or counterparty will fail to perform its contractual obligations. Participants in these markets are typically not subject to credit evaluation and regulatory oversight as are members of “exchange based” markets. Options traded in OTC markets will not be issued, guaranteed or cleared by the OCC. By engaging in option transactions in these markets, the Fund may take a credit risk with regard to parties with which it trades and also may bear the risk of settlement default. These risks may differ materially from those involved in exchange-traded transactions, which generally are characterized by clearing organization guarantees, daily marking-to-market and settlement, and segregation and minimum capital requirements applicable to intermediaries. Transactions entered into directly between two counterparties generally do not benefit from these protections, which in turn may subject the Fund to the risk that a counter-party will not settle a transaction in accordance with agreed terms and conditions because of a dispute over the terms of the contract or because of a credit or liquidity problem. Such “counterparty risk” is increased for contracts with longer maturities when events may intervene to prevent settlement. The ability of the Fund to transact business with any one or any number of counterparties, the lack of any independent evaluation of the counterparties or their financial capabilities, and the absence of a regulated market to facilitate a settlement may increase the potential for losses to the Fund.

**Tax Risk.** Reference is made to “Federal Income Tax Matters” for an explanation of the federal income tax consequences and attendant risks of investing in the Fund. Although the Fund seeks to minimize and defer the federal income taxes incurred by Common Shareholders in connection with their investment in the Fund, there can be no assurance that it will be successful in this regard. The tax treatment and characterization of the Fund’s distributions may change over time due to changes in the Fund’s mix of investment returns and changes in the federal tax laws, regulations and administrative and judicial interpretations, potentially with retroactive effect. The Fund’s investment program and the tax treatment of Fund distributions may be affected by IRS interpretations of the Code and future changes in tax laws and regulations. As described under “Federal Income Tax Matters”, while the Fund generally intends to use a variety of techniques and strategies designed to minimize and defer the federal income taxes incurred by Common Shareholders in connection with their investment in the Fund, certain of the Fund’s investment practices are subject to complex federal income tax provisions that may, among other things, cause Common Shareholders to pay more tax than they otherwise would have, or to accelerate Common Shareholders’ recognition of taxable income or gains.

**Risks of Investing in Smaller and Mid-Sized Companies.** The Fund may make investments in stocks of companies whose market capitalization is considered middle sized or “mid-cap.” Smaller and mid-sized companies are generally subject to greater price fluctuations, limited liquidity, higher transaction costs and higher investment risk than the stocks of larger, more established companies. Such companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may be dependent on a limited management group, and may lack substantial capital reserves or an established performance record. There may be generally less publicly available information about such companies than for larger, more established companies. Stocks of these companies frequently have lower trading volumes making them more volatile and potentially more difficult to value.

**Foreign Security Risk.** The Fund may invest up to 40% of its total assets in securities of foreign issuers. The value of foreign securities is affected by changes in currency rates, foreign tax laws (including withholding tax), government policies (in this country or abroad), relations between nations and trading, settlement, custodial and other operational risks. In addition, the costs of investing abroad (such as foreign brokerage costs, custodial expenses and other fees) are generally higher than in the United States, and foreign securities markets may be less liquid, more volatile and less subject to governmental supervision than markets in the United States. Foreign investments also could be affected by other factors not present in the United States, including expropriation of assets, armed conflict, confiscatory taxation, lack of uniform accounting and auditing standards, less publicly available financial and other information and potential difficulties in enforcing contractual obligations or repatriating capital invested in foreign countries, and the imposition of economic sanctions. Settlements of securities transactions in foreign

countries are subject to risk of loss, may be delayed and are generally less frequent than in the United States, which could affect the liquidity of the Fund's assets. As an alternative to holding foreign-traded securities, the Fund may invest in dollar-denominated securities of foreign companies that trade on United States exchanges or in the United States over-the-counter market (including depositary receipts, which evidence ownership in underlying foreign securities). Since the Fund may invest in securities denominated or quoted in currencies other than the United States dollar, the Fund may be affected by changes in foreign currency exchange rates (and exchange control regulations) which affect the value of investments held by the Fund and the accrued income and appreciation or depreciation of the investments in United States dollars. Changes in foreign currency exchange rates relative to the United States dollar will affect the United States dollar value of the Fund's assets denominated in that currency and the Fund's return on such assets as well as any temporary uninvested reserves in bank deposits in foreign currencies. In addition, the Fund will incur costs in connection with conversions between various currencies. Foreign securities may not be eligible for the reduced rate of taxation applicable to qualified dividend income.

Because foreign companies may not be subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, practices and requirements comparable to those applicable to United States companies, there may be less or less reliable publicly available information about a foreign company than about a domestic company. There is generally less government supervision and regulation of securities exchanges, broker-dealers and listed companies than in the United States. Mail service between the United States and foreign countries may be slower or less reliable than within the United States, thus increasing the risk of delayed settlements of portfolio transactions for, or loss of certificates of, portfolio securities. Payment for securities before delivery may be required. In addition, with respect to certain foreign countries, there is the possibility of expropriation or confiscatory taxation, political or social instability, or diplomatic developments that could adversely affect investments in those countries. Moreover, individual foreign economies may differ favorably or unfavorably from the United States economy in such respects as growth of gross national product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments position. Foreign securities markets, while growing in volume and sophistication, are generally not as developed as those in the United States, and securities of some foreign issuers (particularly those located in developing countries) may be less liquid and more volatile than securities of comparable United States companies. The risks of foreign investments described above apply to an even greater extent to investments in emerging markets.

Political events in foreign countries may cause market disruptions. In June 2016, the United Kingdom ("UK") voted in a referendum to leave the European Union ("EU") ("Brexit"). Effective January 31, 2020, the UK ceased to be a member of the EU and, following a transition period during which the EU and the UK Government engaged in a series of negotiations regarding the terms of the UK's future relationship with the EU, the EU and the UK Government signed an agreement on December 30, 2020 regarding the economic relationship between the UK and the EU. This agreement became effective on a provisional basis on January 1, 2021 and entered into full force on May 1, 2021. There remains significant market uncertainty regarding Brexit's ramifications, and the range and potential implications of the possible political, regulatory, economic, and market outcomes in the UK, EU and beyond are difficult to predict. The end of the Brexit transition period may cause greater market volatility and illiquidity, currency fluctuations, deterioration in economic activity, a decrease in business confidence, and an increased likelihood of a recession in the UK. If one or more additional countries leave the EU or the EU dissolves, the world's securities markets likely will be significantly disrupted.

**Emerging Market Security Risk.** The risks of foreign investments can be more significant in emerging markets. Emerging markets may offer higher potential for gains and losses than investments in the developed markets of the world. Political and economic structures in emerging market countries generally lack the social, political and economic stability of developed countries, which may affect the value of the Fund's investments in these countries and also the ability of the Fund to access markets in such countries. Securities markets within emerging market countries may experience low or non-existent trading volume, resulting in a lack of liquidity and increased volatility in prices for such securities, as compared to securities of comparable issuers in more developed capital markets. Governmental actions can have a significant effect on the economic conditions in emerging market countries, which also may adversely affect the value and liquidity of the Fund's investments. In particular, trade disputes may result in governmental actions that could have an adverse effect on investments in emerging market countries, including but not limited to restrictions on investments in, or required divestment of, particular issuers or industries. Such actions may effectively restrict or eliminate the Fund's ability to purchase or sell investments in emerging market countries, and thus may make them less liquid or more difficult to value, or may force the Fund to sell or otherwise dispose of such investments at inopportune times or prices. There may be less publicly available information about issuers in emerging markets than would be available about issuers in more developed capital markets, and such issuers may not be subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and requirements comparable to those to which U.S. companies are subject. The laws of emerging market countries relating to the limited liability of corporate shareholders, fiduciary duties of officers and directors, and bankruptcy of state enterprises are generally less developed than or different from such laws in the United States. It may be more difficult to make a claim or obtain a judgment in the courts of these countries than it is in the United States. In addition, due to jurisdictional limitations, U.S. authorities (e.g., SEC and the U.S. Department of Justice) may be limited in their ability to enforce regulatory or

legal obligations in emerging market countries. The possibility of fraud, negligence, undue influence being exerted by an issuer or refusal to recognize ownership exists in some emerging markets. The prices at which investments may be acquired may be affected by trading by persons with information that is not publicly available and by securities transactions by brokers in anticipation of transactions in particular securities. Disruptions due to work stoppages and trading improprieties in foreign securities markets have caused such markets to close. Emerging market securities are also subject to speculative trading, which contributes to their volatility.

**Currency Risk.** Exchange rates for currencies fluctuate daily. The value of foreign investments may be affected favorably or unfavorably by changes in currency exchange rates in relation to the U.S. dollar. Currency markets generally are not as regulated as securities markets and currency transactions are subject to settlement, custodial and other operational risks.

**Interest Rate Risk.** The premiums from writing options and amounts available for distribution from the Fund's options activities may decrease in declining interest rate environments. The value of the Fund's common stock investments may also be influenced by changes in interest rates. Higher yielding stocks and stocks of issuers whose businesses are substantially affected by changes in interest rates may be particularly sensitive to interest rate risk.

**Derivatives Risk.** Derivative transactions including options on securities and securities indices and other transactions in which the Fund may engage (such as futures contracts and options thereon, swaps and short sales) may subject the Fund to increased risk of principal loss due to unexpected movements in stock prices, changes in stock volatility levels and interest rates, and imperfect correlations between the Fund's securities holdings and indices upon which derivative transactions are based. Derivatives can be illiquid, may disproportionately increase losses, and may have a potentially large impact on the Fund's performance. The loss on derivative instruments (other than purchased options) may substantially exceed an investment in these instruments. The Fund also will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties to any over-the-counter derivatives contracts entered into by the Fund. If a counterparty becomes bankrupt or otherwise fails to perform its obligations under a derivative contract due to financial difficulties, the Fund may experience significant delays in obtaining any recovery under the derivative contract in a bankruptcy or other reorganization proceeding. The Fund may obtain only a limited recovery or no recovery in such circumstances. Derivatives may disproportionately increase losses and have a potentially large negative impact on the Fund's performance, including offsetting gains realized in the Fund's common stock holdings.

The U.S. and non-U.S. derivatives markets have undergone substantial changes in recent years as a result of changes under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act") in the United States and regulatory changes in Europe, Asia and other non-U.S. jurisdictions. In particular, the Dodd-Frank Act and related regulations require many derivatives to be cleared and traded on an exchange, expand entity registration requirements, impose business conduct requirements on counterparties, and impose other regulatory requirements that will continue to change derivatives markets as regulations are implemented. As of October 28, 2020, the SEC has adopted new regulations that may significantly alter a Fund's regulatory obligations with regard to its derivatives usage. In particular, the new regulations will, upon implementation, eliminate the current asset segregation framework for covering derivatives and certain other financial instruments, impose new responsibilities on the Board and establish new reporting and recordkeeping requirements for a Fund and may, depending on the extent to which a Fund uses derivatives, impose value at risk limitations on a Fund's use of derivatives, and require the Fund's Board to adopt a derivative risk management program. The implementation of these requirements may limit the ability of a Fund to use derivative instruments as part of its investment strategy, increase the costs of using these instruments or make them less effective. Additional future regulation of the derivatives markets may make the use of derivatives more costly, may limit the availability or reduce the liquidity of derivatives, and may impose limits or restrictions on the counterparties with which the Fund engages in derivative transactions. Fund management cannot predict the effects of any new governmental regulation that may be implemented, and there can be no assurance that any new government regulation will not adversely affect the Fund's performance or ability to achieve its investment objectives.

**Liquidity Risk.** The Fund may invest up to 15% of its total assets in other securities for which there is no readily available trading market or which are otherwise illiquid. The Fund may not be able readily to dispose of such securities at prices that approximate those at which the Fund could sell such securities if they were more widely traded and, as a result of such illiquidity, the Fund may have to sell other investments or engage in borrowing transactions if necessary to raise cash to meet its obligations. In addition, the limited liquidity could affect the market price of the securities, thereby adversely affecting the Fund's net asset value, and at times may make the disposition of securities impracticable. The Fund may invest without limitation in OTC options that may be deemed to be illiquid.

**Inflation Risk.** Inflation risk is the risk that the purchasing power of assets or income from investments is worth less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the real value of the Common Shares and distributions thereon can decline.

**Counterparty Risk.** A financial institution or other counterparty with whom the Fund does business (such as trading or as a derivatives counterparty), or that underwrites, distributes or guarantees any instruments that the Fund owns or is otherwise exposed to, may decline in financial condition and become unable to honor its commitments. This could cause the value of Fund shares to decline or could delay the return or delivery of collateral or other assets to the Fund. Counterparty risk is increased for contracts with longer maturities.

**Portfolio Turnover Risk.** The Fund buys and sells securities to seek to accomplish its investment objectives. Portfolio turnover generally involves expense to the Fund, including brokerage commissions and other transaction costs on the sale of securities and reinvestment in other securities. A high turnover rate (100% or more) necessarily involves greater trading costs to the Fund. The portfolio turnover rate(s) for the Fund for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 were 52% and 57%, respectively.

**Market Price of Common Shares.** The Fund's share price will fluctuate and, at the time of sale, shares may be worth more or less than the original investment or the Fund's then current net asset value. The Fund cannot predict whether its shares will trade at a price at, above or below its net asset value. Shares of closed-end funds frequently trade at a discount to net asset value.

**Financial Leverage Risk.** Although the Fund has no current intention to do so, the Fund is authorized and reserves the flexibility to utilize leverage through the issuance of preferred shares and/or borrowings, including the issuance of debt securities. In the event that the Fund utilizes investment leverage, there can be no assurance that such a leveraging strategy will be successful during any period in which it is employed. Leverage creates risks for Common Shareholders, including the likelihood of greater volatility of net asset value and market price of the Common Shares and the risk that fluctuations in distribution rates on any preferred shares or fluctuations in borrowing costs may affect the return to Common Shareholders. To the extent the returns derived from securities purchased with proceeds received from leverage exceeds the cost of leverage, the Fund's distributions may be greater than if leverage had not been used. Conversely, if the returns from the securities purchased with such proceeds are not sufficient to cover the cost of leverage, the amount available for distribution to Common Shareholders will be less than if leverage had not been used. In the latter case, Eaton Vance, in its best judgment, may nevertheless determine to maintain the Fund's leveraged position if it deems such action to be appropriate. The costs of an offering of preferred shares and/or a borrowing program would be borne by Common Shareholders and consequently would result in a reduction of the net asset value of Common Shares. In addition, the fee paid to Eaton Vance will be calculated on the basis of the Fund's average daily gross assets, including proceeds from the issuance of preferred shares and/or borrowings, so the fee will be higher when leverage is utilized, which may create an incentive for the Adviser to employ financial leverage. In this regard, holders of preferred shares do not bear the investment advisory fee. Rather, Common Shareholders bear the portion of the investment advisory fee attributable to the assets purchased with the proceeds of the preferred shares offering.

**Management Risk.** The Fund is subject to management risk because it is actively managed. Eaton Vance and the portfolio manager invest the assets of the Fund as they deem appropriate in implementing the Fund's investment strategy. Accordingly, the success of the Fund depends upon the investment skills and analytical abilities of Eaton Vance and the portfolio manager to develop and effectively implement strategies that achieve the Fund's investment objectives. There is no assurance that Eaton Vance and the portfolio manager will be successful in developing and implementing the Fund's investment strategy. Subjective decisions made by Eaton Vance and the portfolio manager may cause the Fund to incur losses or to miss profit opportunities.

**Cybersecurity Risk.** With the increased use of technologies by Fund service providers to conduct business, such as the Internet, the Fund is susceptible to operational, information security and related risks. The Fund relies on communications technology, systems, and networks to engage with clients, employees, accounts, shareholders, and service providers, and a cyber incident may inhibit the Fund's ability to use these technologies. In general, cyber incidents can result from deliberate attacks or unintentional events. Cyber attacks include, but are not limited to, 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. Cyber attacks may also be carried out in a manner that does not require gaining unauthorized access, such as causing denial-of-service attacks on websites. A denial-of-service attack is an effort to make network services unavailable to intended users, which could cause shareholders to lose access to their electronic accounts, potentially indefinitely. Employees and service providers also may not be able to access electronic systems to perform critical duties for the Fund, such as trading and NAV calculation, during a denial-of-service attack. There is also the possibility for systems failures due to malfunctions, user error and misconduct by employees and agents, natural disasters, or other foreseeable and unforeseeable events.

Because technology is consistently changing, new ways to carry out cyber attacks are always developing. Therefore, there is a chance that some risks have not been identified or prepared for, or that an attack may not be detected, which puts limitations on the Fund's ability to plan for or respond to a cyber attack. Like other Funds and business enterprises, the Fund and its service

providers have experienced, and will continue to experience, cyber incidents consistently. In addition to deliberate cyber attacks, unintentional cyber incidents can occur, such as the inadvertent release of confidential information by the Fund or its service providers.

The Fund uses third party service providers who are also heavily dependent on computers and technology for their operations. Cybersecurity failures or breaches by the Fund's investment adviser or administrator and other service providers (including, but not limited to, the custodian or transfer agent), and the issuers of securities in which the Fund invests, may disrupt and otherwise adversely affect their business operations. This may result in financial losses to the Fund, impede Fund trading, interfere with the Fund's ability to calculate its NAV, or cause violations of applicable privacy and other laws, regulatory fines, penalties, reputational damage, reimbursement or other compensation costs, litigation costs, or additional compliance costs. While many of the Fund service providers have established business continuity plans and risk management systems intended to identify and mitigate cyber attacks, there are inherent limitations in such plans and systems including the possibility that certain risks have not been identified. The Fund cannot control the cybersecurity plans and systems put in place by service providers to the Fund and issuers in which the Fund invests. The Fund and its shareholders could be negatively impacted as a result.

**Recent Market Conditions.** An outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus was first detected in China in late 2019 and subsequently spread internationally. This coronavirus has resulted in closing borders, enhanced health screenings, changes to healthcare service preparation and delivery, quarantines, cancellations, disruptions to supply chains and customer activity, as well as general concern and uncertainty. The impact of this coronavirus may last for an extended period of time and result in a substantial economic downturn. Health crises caused by outbreaks of disease, such as the coronavirus outbreak, may exacerbate other pre-existing political, social and economic risks and disrupt normal market conditions and operations. The impact of this outbreak has negatively affected the worldwide economy, as well as the economies of individual countries and industries, and could continue to affect the market in significant and unforeseen ways. Other epidemics and pandemics that may arise in the future may have similar effects. For example, a global pandemic or other widespread health crisis could cause substantial market volatility and exchange trading suspensions and closures. In addition, the increasing interconnectedness of markets around the world may result in many markets being affected by events or conditions in a single country or region or events affecting a single or small number of issuers. The coronavirus outbreak and public and private sector responses thereto have led to large portions of the populations of many countries working from home for indefinite periods of time, temporary or permanent layoffs, disruptions in supply chains, and lack of availability of certain goods. The impact of such responses could adversely affect the information technology and operational systems upon which the Fund and the Fund's service providers rely, and could otherwise disrupt the ability of the employees of the Fund's service providers to perform critical tasks relating to the Fund. Any such impact could adversely affect the Fund's performance, or the performance of the securities in which the Fund invests and may lead to losses on your investment in the Fund.

**Market Disruption.** Global instability, war, geopolitical tensions and terrorist attacks in the United States and around the world have previously resulted, and may continue to result in market volatility and may have long-term effects on the United States and worldwide financial markets and may cause further economic uncertainties in the United States and worldwide. The Fund cannot predict the effects of significant future events on the global economy and securities markets. A similar disruption of the financial markets could impact interest rates, auctions, secondary trading, ratings, credit risk, inflation and other factors relating to the Common Shares.

**Anti-Takeover Provisions.** The Fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust (the "Declaration of Trust") and Amended and Restated By-Laws (the "By-Laws" and together with the Declaration of Trust, the "Organizational Documents") include provisions that could have the effect of limiting the ability of other persons or entities to acquire control of the Fund or to change the composition of its Board. For example, pursuant to the Fund's Declaration of Trust, the Fund Board is divided into three classes of Trustees with each class serving for a three-year term and certain types of transactions require the favorable vote of holders of at least 75% of the outstanding shares of the Fund. See "Description of Capital Structure - Certain Provisions of the Organizational Documents - Anti-Takeover Provisions in the Organizational Documents."

## Management of the Fund

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The management of the Fund, including general supervision of the duties performed by the Adviser under the Advisory Agreement (as defined below), is the responsibility of the Fund's Board under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the 1940 Act.

### THE ADVISER

Eaton Vance acts as the Fund's investment adviser under an Investment Advisory Agreement (the "Advisory Agreement"). Eaton Vance has offices at Two International Place, Boston, MA 02110. Eaton Vance and its predecessor organizations have been managing assets since 1924 and managing investment funds since 1931. Prior to March 1, 2021, Eaton Vance was a wholly owned subsidiary of Eaton Vance Corp. ("EVC").

On March 1, 2021, Morgan Stanley acquired EVC (the "Transaction") and Eaton Vance became an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Morgan Stanley. In connection with the Transaction, the Fund entered into a new investment advisory agreement with Eaton Vance. The agreement was approved by shareholders prior to the consummation of the Transaction and was effective upon its closing. Effective March 1, 2021, any fee reduction agreement previously applicable to the Fund was incorporated into its new investment advisory agreement with Eaton Vance.

Morgan Stanley (NYSE: MS), whose principal offices are at 1585 Broadway, New York, New York 10036, is a preeminent global financial services firm engaged in securities trading and brokerage activities, as well as providing investment banking, research and analysis, financing and financial advisory services. As of September 30, 2021, Morgan Stanley's asset management operations had aggregate assets under management of approximately \$1.5 trillion.

Under the general supervision of the Fund's Board, Eaton Vance will be responsible for the Fund's overall investment program, structuring and managing the Fund's common stock portfolio and developing and monitoring the Fund's options strategies. The Adviser will furnish to the Fund investment advice and office facilities, equipment and personnel for servicing the investments of the Fund. The Adviser will compensate all Trustees and officers of the Fund who are members of the Adviser's organization and who render investment services to the Fund, and will also compensate all other Adviser personnel who provide research and investment services to the Fund. In connection with the Transaction, the Fund entered into an investment advisory agreement (the "New Agreement") with Eaton Vance, which took effect on March 1, 2021. Pursuant to the New Agreement (and the Fund's investment advisory agreement with Eaton Vance in effect prior to March 1, 2021), the fee is computed at an annual rate of 1.00% of the Fund's average daily gross assets and is payable monthly. For purposes of this calculation, "gross assets" of the Fund shall mean total assets of the Fund, including any form of investment leverage, minus all accrued expenses incurred in the normal course of operations, but not excluding any liabilities or obligations attributable to investment leverage obtained through (i) indebtedness of any type (including, without limitation, borrowing through a credit facility or the issuance debt securities), (ii) the issuance of preferred stock or other similar preference securities, (iii) the reinvestment of collateral received for securities loaned in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies, and/or (iv) any other means. During any periods in which the Fund is using leverage, the fees paid to Eaton Vance for investment advisory services will be higher than if the Fund did not use leverage because the fees paid will be calculated on the basis of the Fund's gross assets, including amounts attributable to financial leverage. The Fund is responsible for all expenses not expressly stated by another party (such as the expenses required to be paid pursuant to an agreement with the investment adviser or administrator). The Fund may pay brokerage commissions to broker-dealers affiliated with Fund or the Adviser. For more information about affiliated brokerage commissions, see the section entitled "PORTFOLIO TRADING" in the Fund's SAI.

G.R. Nelson is responsible for the overall and day-to-day management of the Fund's investments. Mr. Nelson is a Vice President of Eaton Vance, has been an equity analyst at Eaton Vance since 2004, has been a portfolio manager of the Fund since December 2019 and manages other Eaton Vance funds.

### Additional Information Regarding Portfolio Managers

The SAI provides additional information about the portfolio managers' compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio managers, and the portfolio managers' ownership of securities in the Fund. The SAI is available free of charge by calling 1-800-262-1122 or by visiting the Fund's website at <http://www.eatonvance.com>. The information contained in, or that can be accessed through, the Fund's website is not part of this prospectus or the SAI.

The Fund and the Adviser have adopted Codes of Ethics relating to personal securities transactions. The Codes of Ethics permit Adviser personnel to invest in securities (including securities that may be purchased or held by the Fund) for their own accounts, subject to the provisions of the Codes of Ethics and certain employees are also subject to certain pre-clearance, reporting and other restrictions and procedures contained in such Codes of Ethics.

The Fund's annual shareholder report contains information regarding the basis for the Trustees' approval of the Fund's Advisory Agreement.

## THE ADMINISTRATOR

Eaton Vance serves as administrator of the Fund under an Administrative Services Agreement (the "Administration Agreement"), but currently receives no compensation for providing administrative services to the Fund. Under the Administration Agreement, Eaton Vance has been engaged to administer the Fund's affairs, subject to the supervision of the Board, and shall furnish office space and all necessary office facilities, equipment and personnel for administering the affairs of the Fund.

## Plan of Distribution

The Fund may sell the Common Shares being offered under this Prospectus in any one or more of the following ways: (i) directly to purchasers; (ii) through agents; (iii) to or through underwriters; or (iv) through dealers. The Prospectus Supplement relating to the Offering will identify any agents, underwriters or dealers involved in the offer or sale of Common Shares, and will set forth any applicable offering price, sales load, fee, commission or discount arrangement between the Fund and its agents or underwriters, or among its underwriters, or the basis upon which such amount may be calculated, net proceeds and use of proceeds, and the terms of any sale.

The Fund may distribute Common Shares from time to time in one or more transactions at: (i) a fixed price or prices that may be changed; (ii) market prices prevailing at the time of sale; (iii) prices related to prevailing market prices; or (iv) negotiated prices; provided, however, that in each case the offering price per Common Share (less any underwriting commission or discount) must equal or exceed the NAV per Common Share.

The Fund from time to time may offer its Common Shares through or to certain broker-dealers, including UBS Securities LLC, that have entered into selected dealer agreements relating to at-the-market offerings.

The Fund may directly solicit offers to purchase Common Shares, or the Fund may designate agents to solicit such offers. The Fund will, in a Prospectus Supplement relating to such Offering, name any agent that could be viewed as an underwriter under the 1933 Act, and describe any commissions the Fund must pay to such agent(s). Any such agent will be acting on a reasonable best efforts basis for the period of its appointment or, if indicated in the applicable Prospectus Supplement or other offering materials, on a firm commitment basis. Agents, dealers and underwriters may be customers of, engage in transactions with, or perform services for the Fund in the ordinary course of business.

If any underwriters or agents are used in the sale of Common Shares in respect of which this Prospectus is delivered, the Fund will enter into an underwriting agreement or other agreement with them at the time of sale to them, and the Fund will set forth in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such Offering their names and the terms of the Fund's agreement with them.

If a dealer is utilized in the sale of Common Shares in respect of which this Prospectus is delivered, the Fund will sell such Common Shares to the dealer, as principal. The dealer may then resell such Common Shares to the public at varying prices to be determined by such dealer at the time of resale.

The Fund may engage in at-the-market offerings to or through a market maker or into an existing trading market, on an exchange or otherwise, in accordance with Rule 415(a)(4) under the 1933 Act. An at-the-market offering may be through an underwriter or underwriters acting as principal or agent for the Fund.

Agents, underwriters and dealers may be entitled under agreements which they may enter into with the Fund to indemnification by the Fund against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the 1933 Act, and may be customers of, engage in transactions with or perform services for the Fund in the ordinary course of business.

In order to facilitate the Offering of Common Shares, any underwriters may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of Common Shares or any other Common Shares the prices of which may be used to determine payments on the Common Shares. Specifically, any underwriters may over-allot in connection with the Offering, creating a short position for their own accounts. In addition, to cover over-allotments or to stabilize the price of Common Shares or of any such other Common Shares, the underwriters may bid for, and purchase, Common Shares or any such other Common Shares in the open market. Finally, in any Offering of Common Shares through a syndicate of underwriters, the underwriting syndicate may reclaim selling concessions allowed to an underwriter or a dealer for distributing Common Shares in the Offering if the syndicate repurchases previously distributed Common Shares in transactions to cover syndicate short positions, in stabilization transactions or otherwise. Any of these activities may stabilize or maintain the market price of Common Shares above independent market levels. Any such underwriters are not required to engage in these activities and may end any of these activities at any time.

The Fund may enter into derivative transactions with third parties, or sell Common Shares not covered by this Prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. If the applicable Prospectus Supplement indicates, in connection with those derivatives, the third parties may sell Common Shares covered by this Prospectus and the applicable Prospectus Supplement or other offering materials, including in short sale transactions. If so, the third parties may use Common Shares pledged by the Fund or borrowed from the Fund or others to settle those sales or to close out any related open borrowings of securities, and may use Common Shares received from the Fund in settlement of those derivatives to close out any related open borrowings of securities. The third parties in such sale transactions will be underwriters and, if not identified in this Prospectus, will be identified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement or other offering materials (or a post-effective amendment).

The Fund or one of the Fund's affiliates may loan or pledge Common Shares to a financial institution or other third party that in turn may sell Common Shares using this Prospectus. Such financial institution or third party may transfer its short position to investors in Common Shares or in connection with a simultaneous Offering of other Common Shares offered by this Prospectus or otherwise.

The maximum amount of compensation to be received by any member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. will not exceed 8% of the initial gross proceeds from the sale of any security being sold with respect to each particular Offering of Common Shares made under a single Prospectus Supplement.

Any underwriter, agent or dealer utilized in the Offering of Common Shares will not confirm sales to accounts over which it exercises discretionary authority without the prior specific written approval of its customer.

## Distributions

Pursuant to an exemptive order issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Order"), the Fund is authorized to distribute long-term capital gains to shareholders more frequently than once per year. Pursuant to the Order, the Fund's Board of Trustees approved a Managed Distribution Plan ("MDP") pursuant to which the Fund makes monthly cash distributions to Common Shareholders, stated in terms of a fixed amount per common share. Shareholders should not draw any conclusions about the Fund's investment performance from the amount of these distributions or from the terms of the MDP. The MDP is subject to regular periodic review by the Fund's Board of Trustees and the Board may amend or terminate the MDP at any time without prior notice to Fund shareholders. However, at this time there are no reasonably foreseeable circumstances that might cause the termination of the MDP. The Fund may distribute more than its net investment income and net realized capital gains and, therefore, a distribution may include a return of capital. A return of capital is treated as a non-dividend distribution for tax purposes and is not subject to current tax. A return of capital reduces a shareholder's tax cost basis in fund shares. A return of capital distribution does not necessarily reflect the Fund's investment performance and should not be confused with "yield" or "income." With each distribution, the Fund will issue a notice to shareholders and a press release containing information about the amount and sources of the distribution and other related information. The amounts and sources of distributions contained in the notice and press release are only estimates and are not provided for tax purposes. The amounts and sources of the Fund's distributions for tax purposes are reported to shareholders on Form 1099-DIV for each calendar year.

Subject to its MDP, the Fund makes monthly distributions to Common Shareholders sourced from the Fund's cash available for distribution. "Cash available for distribution" consists of the Fund's dividends and interest income after payment of Fund expenses, net option premiums and net realized and unrealized gains on stock investments. The Fund intends to distribute all or substantially all of its net realized capital gains. Distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Distributions to shareholders are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. GAAP. As required by U.S. GAAP, only distributions in excess of tax basis earnings and profits are reported in the financial statements as a return of capital. Permanent differences between book and tax accounting relating to distributions are reclassified to paid-in capital. For tax purposes, distributions from short-term capital gains are taxable to shareholders as ordinary income. Distributions in any year may include a substantial return of capital component. The Fund's distribution rate may be adjusted from time-to-time. The Board may modify this distribution policy at any time without obtaining the approval of Common Shareholders.

The Fund distinguishes between distributions on a tax basis and a financial reporting basis. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that only distributions in excess of tax basis earnings and profits be reported in the financial statements as a return of capital. Permanent differences between book and tax accounting relating to distributions are reclassified to paid-in capital. For tax purposes, distributions from short-term capital gains are taxable to shareholders as ordinary income.

Common Shareholders will automatically have distributions reinvested in additional Common Shares under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan unless they elect otherwise through their investment dealer. See "Distributions" and "Dividend Reinvestment Plan."

## Federal Income Tax Matters

The Fund has elected to be treated and intends to qualify each year as a regulated investment company (a “RIC”) under the Code. Accordingly, the Fund intends to satisfy certain requirements relating to sources of its income and diversification of its assets and to distribute substantially all of its net investment income and net capital gains (after reduction by certain capital loss carryforwards) in accordance with the timing requirements imposed by the Code, so as to maintain its RIC status and to avoid paying federal income or excise tax thereon. To the extent it qualifies for treatment as a RIC and satisfies the above-mentioned distribution requirements, the Fund will not be subject to federal income tax on income paid to its shareholders in the form of dividends.

At least annually, the Fund intends to distribute any net capital gain (which is the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss) or, alternatively, to retain all or a portion of the year’s net capital gain and pay federal income tax on the retained gain. If the Fund retains all or a portion of the year’s net capital gain, it may designate the retained amounts as undistributed capital gains in a notice to Common Shareholders of record as of the end of the Fund’s taxable year, who will include their attributable share of the retained gain in their income for the year as long-term capital gain (regardless of their holding period in the Common Shares) and will be entitled to a tax credit or refund for the tax deemed paid on their behalf by the Fund on the retained gain. Common Shareholders of record for the retained capital gain will also be entitled to increase their tax basis in their Common Shares by the difference between the amount of the includable gains and the tax deemed paid by the Common Shareholder. The Fund is not required to, and there can be no assurance the Fund will, make this designation if it retains all or a portion of its net capital gain in a taxable year. Distributions of the Fund’s net capital gain (“capital gain distributions”), if any, are taxable to Common Shareholders as long-term capital gain, regardless of their holding period in the Common Shares. Distributions of the Fund’s net realized short-term gains are taxable as ordinary income.

If, for any taxable year, the Fund’s total distributions exceed the Fund’s current and accumulated earnings and profits, the excess will be treated as a tax-free return of capital to each Common Shareholder (up to the amount of the Common Shareholder’s basis in his or her Common Shares) and thereafter as gain from the sale of Common Shares (assuming the Common Shares are held as a capital asset). The amount treated as a tax-free return of capital will reduce the Common Shareholder’s adjusted basis in his or her Common Shares, thereby increasing his or her potential gain or reducing his or her potential loss on the subsequent sale or other disposition of his or her Common Shares. A corporation that owns Fund shares generally will only be entitled to the dividends-received deduction (“DRD”) to the extent of the amount of eligible dividends received by the Fund from domestic corporations for the taxable year, and only if holding period and other requirements are met at the shareholder and Fund levels.

If the Fund does not qualify as a RIC for any taxable year, the Fund’s taxable income will be subject to corporate income taxes, and all distributions from earnings and profits, including distributions of net long-term capital gain (if any), will be taxable to the shareholder as ordinary income. Such distributions may be eligible (i) to be treated as qualified dividend income in the case of individual and other noncorporate shareholders and (ii) for the DRD in the case of corporate shareholders, provided, in both cases, the shareholder meets certain holding period and other requirements in respect of the Fund’s shares. In addition, in order to requalify for taxation as a RIC, the Fund may be required to recognize unrealized gains, pay substantial taxes and interest, and make certain distributions.

Certain of the Fund’s investment practices are subject to special and complex federal income tax provisions that may, among other things, (i) convert dividends that would otherwise constitute qualified dividend income into ordinary income, (ii) treat dividends that would otherwise be eligible for the corporate DRD as ineligible for such treatment, (iii) disallow, suspend or otherwise limit the allowance of certain losses or deductions, (iv) convert long-term capital gain into short-term capital gain or ordinary income, (v) convert an ordinary loss or deduction into a capital loss (the deductibility of which is more limited), (vi) cause the Fund to recognize income or gain without a corresponding receipt of cash, (vii) adversely affect the time as to when a purchase or sale of stock or securities is deemed to occur, (viii) adversely alter the characterization of certain complex financial transactions, and (ix) produce income that will not constitute qualifying income for purposes of the 90% gross income requirement that applies to RICs. While it may not always be successful in doing so, the Fund will seek to avoid or minimize the adverse tax consequences of its investment practices.

The tax treatment of certain positions entered into by the Fund (including regulated futures contracts, certain foreign currency positions and certain listed non-equity options) will be governed by Section 1256 of the Code (“Section 1256 contracts”). Section 1256 of the Code generally requires any gain or loss arising from a Section 1256 contract to be treated as 60% long-term and 40% short-term capital gain or loss, although certain foreign currency gains and losses from such contracts may be treated as ordinary in character. In addition, the Fund generally will be required to “mark to market” (i.e., treat as sold for fair market value) each Section 1256 contract at the close of each taxable year (and, for purposes of the 4% excise tax, on certain other dates as prescribed under the Code). If a Section 1256 contract held by the Fund at the end of a taxable year is sold in the

following year, the amount of any gain or loss realized on such sale will be adjusted to reflect the gain or loss previously taken into account under the “mark to market” rules.

The taxation of equity options that the Fund expects to write that do not qualify as section 1256 contracts are governed by Code Section 1234. Pursuant to Code Section 1234, the premium received by the Fund for selling a call option is not included in income at the time of receipt. If an option written by the Fund expires unexercised, the premium is short-term capital gain to the Fund. If the Fund enters into a closing transaction, the difference between the amount paid to close out its position and the premium received for writing the option is short-term capital gain or loss. If a call option written by the Fund is exercised, thereby requiring the Fund to sell the underlying security, the premium will increase the amount realized upon the sale of the security and any resulting gain or loss will be long-term or short-term, depending upon the holding period of the security. If securities are purchased by the Fund pursuant to the exercise of a put option written by it, the Fund generally will subtract the premium received for purposes of computing its cost basis in the securities purchased. With respect to a put or call option that is purchased by the Fund, if the option is sold, any resulting gain or loss will be a capital gain or loss, and will be short-term or long-term, depending upon the holding period for the option. If the option expires, the resulting loss is a capital loss and is short-term or long-term, depending upon the holding period for the option. If the option is exercised, the cost of the option, in the case of a call option, is added to the basis of the purchased security and, in the case of a put option, reduces the amount realized on the underlying security in determining gain or loss. Because the Fund does not have control over the exercise of the call options it writes, such exercise or other required sales of the underlying securities may cause the Fund to realize capital gains or losses at inopportune times.

Section 1092 of the Code contains special rules that apply to “straddles,” defined generally as the holding of “offsetting positions with respect to personal property.” For example, the straddle rules normally apply when a taxpayer holds stock and an offsetting option with respect to such stock or substantially identical stock or securities. In general, investment positions will be offsetting if there is a substantial diminution in the risk of loss from holding one position by reason of holding one or more other positions. The Fund expects that the index call options it writes will not be considered straddles for this purpose because the Fund’s portfolio of common stocks will be sufficiently dissimilar from the components of each index on which it has outstanding options positions under applicable guidance established by the Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”). Under certain circumstances, however, the Fund may enter into options transactions or certain other investments that may constitute positions in a straddle. If two or more positions constitute a straddle, recognition of a realized loss from one position must generally be deferred to the extent of unrecognized gain in an offsetting position. In addition, long-term capital gain may be recharacterized as short-term capital gain, or short-term capital loss as long-term capital loss. Interest and other carrying charges allocable to personal property that is part of a straddle are not currently deductible but must instead be capitalized. Similarly, “wash sale” rules apply to prevent the recognition of loss by the Fund from the disposition of stock or securities at a loss in a case in which identical or substantially identical stock or securities (or an option to acquire such property) is or has been acquired within a prescribed period.

The Code allows a taxpayer to elect to offset gains and losses from positions that are part of a “mixed straddle.” Generally a “mixed straddle” is a straddle in which one or more but not all positions are Section 1256 contracts. The Fund may be eligible to elect to establish one or more mixed straddle accounts for certain of its mixed straddle trading positions. The mixed straddle account rules require a daily “marking to market” of all open positions in the account and a daily netting of gains and losses from all positions in the account. At the end of a taxable year, the annual net gains or losses from the mixed straddle account are recognized for tax purposes. The net capital gain or loss is treated as 60% long-term and 40% short-term capital gain or loss if attributable to the Section 1256 contract positions, or all short-term capital gain or loss if attributable to the non-Section 1256 contract positions.

The Fund may recognize gain (but not loss) from a constructive sale of certain “appreciated financial positions” if the Fund enters into a short sale, offsetting notional principal contract, or forward contract transaction with respect to the appreciated position or substantially identical property. Appreciated financial positions subject to this constructive sale treatment include interests (including options and forward contracts and short sales) in stock and certain other instruments. Constructive sale treatment does not apply if the transaction is closed out not later than thirty days after the end of the taxable year in which the transaction was initiated, and the underlying appreciated securities position is held unhedged for at least the next sixty days after the hedging transaction is closed.

Gain or loss from a short sale of property is generally considered as capital gain or loss to the extent the property used to close the short sale constitutes a capital asset in the Fund’s hands. Except with respect to certain situations where the property used to close a short sale has a long-term holding period on the date the short sale is entered into, gains on short sales generally are short-term capital gains. A loss on a short sale will be treated as a long-term capital loss if, on the date of the short sale, “substantially identical property” has been held by the Fund for more than one year. In addition, entering into a short sale may result in suspension of the holding period of “substantially identical property” held by the Fund.

Gain or loss on a short sale will generally not be realized until such time as the short sale is closed. However, as described above in the discussion of constructive sales, if the Fund holds a short sale position with respect to securities that has appreciated in value, and it then acquires property that is the same as or substantially identical to the property sold short, the Fund generally will recognize gain on the date it acquires such property as if the short sale were closed on such date with such property. Similarly, if the Fund holds an appreciated financial position with respect to securities and then enters into a short sale with respect to the same or substantially identical property, the Fund generally will recognize gain as if the appreciated financial position were sold at its fair market value on the date it enters into the short sale. The subsequent holding period for any appreciated financial position that is subject to these constructive sale rules will be determined as if such position were acquired on the date of the constructive sale.

“Qualified dividend income” received by an individual is generally taxed at the rates applicable to long-term capital gain. In order for a dividend received by Fund shareholders to be qualified dividend income, the Fund must meet holding period and other requirements with respect to the dividend-paying stock in its portfolio and the shareholders must meet holding period and other requirements with respect to the Fund’s shares. A dividend will not be treated as qualified dividend income (at either the Fund or shareholder level) (1) if the dividend is received with respect to any Common Share of stock held for fewer than 61 days during the 121-day period beginning at the date which is 60 days before the date on which such Common Share becomes ex-dividend with respect to such dividend (or, in the case of certain preferred stock, 91 days during the 181-day period beginning 90 days before such date), (2) to the extent that the recipient is under an obligation (whether pursuant to a short sale or otherwise) to make related payments with respect to positions in substantially similar or related property, (3) if the recipient elects to have the dividend income treated as investment income for purposes of the limitation on deductibility of investment interest, or (4) if the dividend is received from a foreign corporation that is (a) not eligible for the benefits of a comprehensive income tax treaty with the U.S. (with the exception of dividends paid on stock of such a foreign corporation readily tradable on an established securities market in the U.S.) or (b) treated as a passive foreign investment company. Payments in lieu of dividends, such as payments pursuant to securities lending arrangements, also do not qualify to be treated as qualified dividend income. In general, distributions of investment income properly reported by the Fund as derived from qualified dividend income will be treated as qualified dividend income by a shareholder taxed as an individual provided the shareholder meets the holding period and other requirements described above with respect to the Fund’s shares.

There can be no assurance as to what portion of the Fund’s dividend distributions will qualify for favorable treatment as qualified dividend income. The Fund’s investment program and the tax treatment of Fund distributions may be affected by IRS interpretations of the Code and future changes in tax laws and regulations.

Distributions are taxable as described herein whether Common Shareholders receive them in cash or reinvest them in additional shares. The Fund will inform Common Shareholders of the source and tax status of all distributions promptly after the close of each calendar year.

Selling Common Shareholders will generally recognize gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale and the Common Shareholder’s adjusted tax basis in the Common Shares sold. If the Common Shares are held as a capital asset, the gain or loss will be a capital gain or loss. Any loss on a disposition of Common Shares held for six months or less will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of any capital gain dividends received (or deemed received) with respect to those Common Shares. For purposes of determining whether Common Shares have been held for six months or less, the holding period is suspended for any periods during which the Common Shareholder’s risk of loss is diminished as a result of holding one or more other positions in substantially similar or related property, or through certain options or short sales. Any loss realized on a sale or exchange of Common Shares will be disallowed to the extent those Common Shares are replaced by other Common Shares within a period of 61 days beginning 30 days before and ending 30 days after the date of disposition of the Common Shares (whether through the reinvestment of distributions or otherwise). In that event, the basis of the replacement Common Shares will be adjusted to reflect the disallowed loss.

The net investment income of certain U.S. individuals, estates and trusts is subject to a 3.8% Medicare contribution tax. For individuals, the tax is on the lesser of the “net investment income” and the excess of modified adjusted gross income over \$200,000 (or \$250,000 if married filing jointly). Net investment income includes, among other things, interest, dividends, and gross income and capital gains derived from passive activities and trading in securities or commodities. Net investment income is reduced by deductions “properly allocable” to this income.

An investor should be aware that, if Common Shares are purchased shortly before the record date for any taxable distribution (including a capital gain distribution), the purchase price likely will reflect the value of the distribution and the investor then would receive a taxable distribution that is likely to reduce the trading value of such Common Shares, in effect resulting in a taxable return of some of the purchase price. Taxable distributions to certain individuals and certain other non-corporate Common Shareholders, including those who have not provided their correct taxpayer identification number and other required

certifications, may be subject to “backup” federal income tax withholding. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld may be credited against the Common Shareholder’s U.S. federal income tax liability, provided the appropriate information is furnished to the IRS.

An investor should also be aware that the benefits of the reduced tax rate applicable to long-term capital gains and qualified dividend income may be impacted by the application of the alternative minimum tax to individual shareholders.

Certain foreign entities including foreign entities acting as intermediaries may be subject to a 30% withholding tax on ordinary dividend income paid under the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (“FATCA”). To avoid withholding, foreign financial institutions subject to FATCA must agree to disclose to the relevant revenue authorities certain information regarding their direct and indirect U.S. owners and other foreign entities must certify certain information regarding their direct and indirect U.S. owners to the Fund. In addition, the IRS and the Department of Treasury have issued proposed regulations providing that these withholding rules will not be applicable to the gross proceeds of share redemptions or capital gain dividends the Fund pays. For more detailed information regarding FATCA withholding and compliance, please refer to the SAI.

The foregoing briefly summarizes some of the important federal income tax consequences to Common Shareholders of investing in Common Shares, reflects the U.S. federal tax law as of the date of this Prospectus, and does not address special tax rules applicable to certain types of investors, such as corporate and foreign investors. A more complete discussion of the tax rules applicable to the Fund and the Common Shareholders can be found in the SAI that is incorporated by reference into this Prospectus. Unless otherwise noted, this discussion assumes that an investor is a United States person and holds Common Shares as a capital asset. This discussion is based upon current provisions of the Code, the regulations promulgated thereunder, and judicial and administrative ruling authorities, all of which are subject to change or differing interpretations by the courts or the IRS retroactively or prospectively. Investors should consult their tax advisors regarding other federal, state, local and, where applicable, foreign tax considerations that may be applicable in their particular circumstances, as well as any proposed tax law changes.

Shareholders should consult with their tax advisors concerning the applicability of federal, state, local and other taxes to an investment.

## Dividend Reinvestment Plan

The Fund offers a dividend reinvestment plan (the “Plan”) pursuant to which Common Shareholders automatically have distributions reinvested in Common Shares of the Fund unless they elect otherwise through their investment dealer. Common Shareholders who elect not to participate in the Plan will receive all Fund distributions in cash paid by check mailed directly to the Common Shareholder of record (or, if the Common Shares are held in street or other nominee name, then to the nominee) by American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC (“AST” or the “Plan Agent”), as disbursing agent. On the distribution payment date, if the net asset value per Common Share is equal to or less than the market price per Common Share plus estimated brokerage commissions, then new Common Shares will be issued. The number of Common Shares shall be determined by the greater of the net asset value per Common Share or 95% of the market price. Otherwise, Common Shares generally will be purchased on the open market by the Plan Agent. Distributions subject to income tax (if any) are taxable whether or not shares are reinvested.

If your shares are in the name of a brokerage firm, bank, or other nominee, you can ask the firm or nominee to participate in the Plan on your behalf. If the nominee does not offer the Plan, you will need to request that your shares be re-registered in your name with the Fund’s transfer agent, AST, or you will not be able to participate.

The Plan Agent’s service fee for handling distributions will be paid by the Fund. Each participant will be charged their pro rata share of brokerage commissions on all open-market purchases.

Plan participants may withdraw from the Plan at any time by writing to the Plan Agent at the address noted on page 54. If you withdraw, you will receive shares in your name for all Common Shares credited to your account under the Plan. If a participant elects by written notice to the Plan Agent to have the Plan Agent sell part or all of his or her Common Shares and remit the proceeds, the Plan Agent is authorized to deduct a \$5.00 fee plus brokerage commissions from the proceeds.

Any inquiries regarding the Plan can be directed to the Plan Agent, AST, at 1-866-439-6787.

## Description of Capital Structure

The Fund is an unincorporated business trust established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by an Agreement and Declaration of Trust (the “Declaration of Trust”). The Declaration of Trust provides that the Board may authorize separate classes of shares of beneficial interest. The Board has authorized an unlimited number of Common Shares. The Fund intends to hold annual meetings of Common Shareholders in compliance with the requirements of the NYSE.

### COMMON SHARES

The Declaration of Trust permits the Fund to issue an unlimited number of full and fractional Common Shares. Each Common Share represents an equal proportionate interest in the assets of the Fund with each other Common Share in the Fund. Common Shareholders will be entitled to the payment of distributions when, as and if declared by the Board. The 1940 Act or the terms of any future borrowings or issuance of preferred shares may limit the payment of distributions to the Common Shareholders. Each whole Common Share shall be entitled to one vote as to matters on which it is entitled to vote pursuant to the terms of the Declaration of Trust on file with the SEC.

The Fund’s By-Laws include provisions (the “Control Share Provisions”), pursuant to which a shareholder who obtains beneficial ownership of Fund shares in a “Control Share Acquisition” may exercise voting rights with respect to such shares only to the extent the authorization of such voting rights is approved by other shareholders of the Fund. The By-Laws define a “Control Share Acquisition,” pursuant to various conditions and exceptions, to include an acquisition of Fund shares that would give the beneficial owner, upon the acquisition of such shares, the ability to exercise voting power, but for the Control Share Provisions, in the election of Fund Trustees in any of the following ranges: (i) one-tenth or more, but less than one-fifth of all voting power; (ii) one-fifth or more, but less than one-third of all voting power; (iii) one-third or more, but less than a majority of all voting power; or (iv) a majority or more of all voting power. Subject to various conditions and procedural requirements, including the delivery of a “Control Share Acquisition Statement” to the Fund’s secretary setting forth certain required information, a shareholder who obtains beneficial ownership of shares in a Control Share Acquisition generally may request a vote of Fund shareholders (excluding such acquiring shareholder and certain other interested shareholders) to approve the authorization of voting rights for such shares at the next annual meeting of Fund shareholders following the Control Share Acquisition. See “Certain Provisions of the Organizational Documents” below for more information.

The By-Laws establish qualification criteria applicable to prospective Trustees and generally require that advance notice be given to the Fund in the event a shareholder desires to nominate a person for election to the Board or to transact any other business at a meeting of shareholders. Any notice by a shareholder must be accompanied by certain information as required by the By-Laws. No shareholder proposal will be considered at any meeting of shareholders of the Fund if such proposal is submitted by a shareholder who does not satisfy all applicable requirements set forth in the By-Laws.

In the event of the liquidation of the Fund, after paying or adequately providing for the payment of all liabilities of the Fund and the liquidation preference with respect to any outstanding preferred shares, and upon receipt of such releases, indemnities and refunding agreements as they deem necessary for their protection, the Board may distribute the remaining assets of the Fund among the Common Shareholders. The Declaration of Trust provides that Common Shareholders are not liable for any liabilities of the Fund and permits inclusion of a clause to that effect in every agreement entered into by the Fund and in coordination with the Fund’s By-laws indemnifies shareholders against any such liability. Although shareholders of an unincorporated business trust established under Massachusetts law may, in certain limited circumstances, be held personally liable for the obligations of the business trust as though they were general partners, the provisions of the Fund’s Organizational Documents described in the foregoing sentence make the likelihood of such personal liability remote.

If there are any borrowings or preferred shares outstanding, the Fund may not be permitted to declare any cash distribution on its Common Shares, unless at the time of such declaration, (i) all accrued distributions on preferred shares or accrued interest on borrowings have been paid and (ii) the value of the Fund’s total assets (determined after deducting the amount of such distribution), less all liabilities and indebtedness of the Fund not represented by senior securities, is at least 300% of the aggregate amount of such securities representing indebtedness and at least 200% of the aggregate amount of securities representing indebtedness plus the aggregate liquidation value of the outstanding preferred shares. In addition to the requirements of the 1940 Act, the Fund may be required to comply with other asset coverage requirements as a condition of the Fund obtaining a rating of preferred shares from a nationally recognized statistical rating agency (a “Rating Agency”). These requirements may include an asset coverage test more stringent than under the 1940 Act. This limitation on the Fund’s ability to make distributions on its Common Shares could in certain circumstances impair the ability of the Fund to maintain its qualification for taxation as a regulated investment company for federal income tax purposes. If the Fund were in the future to issue preferred shares or borrow money, it would intend, however, to the extent possible to purchase or redeem preferred shares or reduce borrowings from time to time to maintain compliance with such asset coverage requirements and may pay special distributions to the holders of the preferred shares in certain circumstances in connection with any potential impairment of the

Fund's status as a regulated investment company. See "Federal Income Tax Matters." Depending on the timing of any such redemption or repayment, the Fund may be required to pay a premium in addition to the liquidation preference of the preferred shares to the holders thereof.

The Fund has no present intention of offering additional Common Shares, except as described herein. Other offerings of its Common Shares, if made, will require approval of the Board. Any additional offering will not be sold at a price per Common Share below the then current NAV (exclusive of underwriting discounts and commissions) except in connection with an offering to existing Common Shareholders or with the consent of a majority of the outstanding Common Shares. The Common Shares have no preemptive rights.

The Fund generally will not issue Common Share certificates. However, upon written request to the Fund's transfer agent, a share certificate will be issued for any or all of the full Common Shares credited to an investor's account. Common Share certificates that have been issued to an investor may be returned at any time.

## **REPURCHASE OF COMMON SHARES AND OTHER DISCOUNT MEASURES**

Because shares of closed-end management investment companies frequently trade at a discount to their NAVs, the Board has determined that from time-to-time it may be in the interest of Common Shareholders for the Fund to take corrective actions to reduce trading discounts in the Common Shares. The Board, in consultation with Eaton Vance, will review at least annually the possibility of open market repurchases and/or tender offers for the Common Shares and will consider such factors as the market price of the Common Shares, the NAV of the Common Shares, the liquidity of the assets of the Fund, the effect on the Fund's expenses, whether such transactions would impair the Fund's status as a regulated investment company or result in a failure to comply with applicable asset coverage requirements, general economic conditions and such other events or conditions that may have a material effect on the Fund's ability to consummate such transactions. There are no assurances that the Board will, in fact, decide to undertake either of these actions or, if undertaken, that such actions will result in the Common Shares trading at a price equal to or approximating their NAV. In recognition of the possibility that the Common Shares might trade at a discount to NAV and that any such discount may not be in the interest of shareholders, the Board, in consultation with Eaton Vance, from time to time may review possible actions to reduce any such discount.

In November 2013, the Board initially approved a share repurchase program for the Fund. Pursuant to the reauthorization of the share repurchase program by the Board in March 2019, the Fund is authorized to repurchase up to 10% of its common shares outstanding as of the last day of the prior calendar year at market prices when shares are trading at a discount to net asset value. The share repurchase program does not obligate the Fund to purchase a specific amount of shares. Results of the share repurchase program are disclosed in the Fund's annual and semiannual reports to shareholders.

## **PREFERRED SHARES**

The Fund has no current intention of issuing any shares other than the Common Shares. However, the Declaration of Trust authorizes the issuance of an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest with preference rights (the "preferred shares") in one or more series, with rights as determined by the Board, by action of the Board without the approval of the Common Shareholders.

Under the requirements of the 1940 Act, the Fund must, immediately after the issuance of any preferred shares, have an "asset coverage" of at least 200%. Asset coverage means the ratio which the value of the total assets of the Fund, less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities (as defined in the 1940 Act), bears to the aggregate amount of senior securities representing indebtedness of the Fund, if any, plus the aggregate liquidation preference of the preferred shares. If the Fund seeks a rating for preferred shares, asset coverage requirements in addition to those set forth in the 1940 Act may be imposed. The liquidation value of any preferred shares would be expected to equal their aggregate original purchase price plus redemption premium, if any, together with any accrued and unpaid distributions thereon (on a cumulative basis), whether or not earned or declared. The terms of any preferred shares, including their distribution rate, voting rights, liquidation preference and redemption provisions, will be determined by the Board (subject to applicable law and the Fund's Declaration of Trust) if and when it authorizes preferred shares. The Fund may issue preferred shares that provide for the periodic redetermination of the distribution rate at relatively short intervals through an auction or remarketing procedure, although the terms of such preferred shares may also enable the Fund to lengthen such intervals. At times, the distribution rate on any preferred shares may exceed the Fund's return after expenses on the investment of proceeds from the preferred shares and the Fund's leverage structure, resulting in a lower rate of return to Common Shareholders than if the Fund were not so structured.

In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Fund, the terms of any preferred shares may entitle the holders of preferred shares to receive a preferential liquidating distribution (expected to equal the original purchase price per share plus redemption premium, if any, together with accrued and unpaid dividends, whether or not earned or declared and on a cumulative basis) before any distribution of assets is made to Common Shareholders. After payment of the

full amount of the liquidating distribution to which they are entitled, the preferred shareholders would not be entitled to any further participation in any distribution of assets by the Fund.

Holders of preferred shares, voting as a class, would be entitled to elect two of the Fund's Trustees if any preferred shares are issued. The holders of both the Common Shares and the preferred shares (voting together as a single class with each share entitling its holder to one vote) shall be entitled to elect the remaining Trustees of the Fund. Under the 1940 Act, if at any time dividends on the preferred shares are unpaid in an amount equal to two full years' dividends thereon, the holders of all outstanding preferred shares, voting as a class, will be allowed to elect a majority of the Board until all distributions in arrears have been paid or declared and set apart for payment. In addition, if required by a Rating Agency rating the preferred shares or if the Board determines it to be in the best interests of the Common Shareholders, issuance of the preferred shares may result in more restrictive provisions than required under the 1940 Act. In this regard, holders of preferred shares may be entitled to elect a majority of the Board in other circumstances, for example, if one payment on the preferred shares is in arrears. The differing rights of the holders of preferred and Common Shares with respect to the election of Trustees do not affect the obligation of all Trustees to take actions they believe to be consistent with the best interests of the Fund. All such actions must be consistent with (i) the obligations of the Fund with respect to the holders of preferred shares (which obligations arise primarily from the contractual terms of the preferred shares, as specified in the Declaration of Trust and By-laws of the Fund) and (ii) the fiduciary duties owed to the Fund, which include the duties of loyalty and care.

In the event of any future issuance of preferred shares, the Fund likely would seek a credit rating for such preferred shares from a Rating Agency. In such event, as long as preferred shares are outstanding, the composition of its portfolio will reflect guidelines established by such Rating Agency. Based on previous guidelines established by Rating Agencies for the securities of other issuers, the Fund anticipates that the guidelines with respect to any preferred shares would establish a set of tests for portfolio composition and asset coverage that supplement (and in some cases are more restrictive than) the applicable requirements under the 1940 Act. Although no assurance can be given as to the nature or extent of the guidelines that may be imposed in connection with obtaining a rating of any preferred shares, the Fund anticipates that such guidelines would include asset coverage requirements that are more restrictive than those under the 1940 Act, restrictions on certain portfolio investments and investment practices and certain mandatory redemption requirements relating to any preferred shares. No assurance can be given that the guidelines actually imposed with respect to any preferred shares by a Rating Agency would be more or less restrictive than those described in this Prospectus.

#### **CREDIT FACILITY/COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM**

The Fund has no current intention to borrow money for the purpose of obtaining investment leverage. If, in the future, the Fund determines to engage in investment leverage using borrowings, the Fund may enter into definitive agreements with respect to a credit facility/commercial paper program or other borrowing program ("Program"), pursuant to which the Fund would expect to be entitled to borrow up to a specified amount. Any such borrowings would constitute financial leverage. Borrowings under such a Program would not be expected to be convertible into any other securities of the Fund. Outstanding amounts would be expected to be prepayable by the Fund prior to final maturity without significant penalty, and no sinking fund or mandatory retirement provisions would be expected to apply. Outstanding amounts would be payable at maturity or such earlier times as required by the agreement. The Fund may be required to prepay outstanding amounts under the Program or incur a penalty rate of interest in the event of the occurrence of certain events of default. The Fund would be expected to indemnify the lenders under the Program against liabilities they may incur in connection with the Program.

In addition, the Fund expects that any such Program would contain covenants that, among other things, likely would limit the Fund's ability to pay distributions in certain circumstances, incur additional debt, change its fundamental investment policies and engage in certain transactions, including mergers and consolidations, and may require asset coverage ratios in addition to those required by the 1940 Act. The Fund may be required to pledge its assets and to maintain a portion of its assets in cash or high-grade securities as a reserve against interest or principal payments and expenses. The Fund expects that any Program would have customary covenant, negative covenant and default provisions. There can be no assurance that the Fund will enter into an agreement for a Program on terms and conditions representative of the foregoing, or that additional material terms will not apply. In addition, if entered into, any such Program may in the future be replaced or refinanced by one or more credit facilities having substantially different terms or by the issuance of preferred shares or debt securities.

#### **EFFECTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE LEVERAGE**

As discussed above, the Fund has no current intention to issue preferred shares or to borrow money for the purpose of obtaining investment leverage. In the event that the Fund determines in the future to utilize investment leverage, there can be no assurance that such a leveraging strategy would be successful during any period in which it is employed. Leverage creates risks for Common Shareholders, including the likelihood of greater volatility of NAV and market price of the Common Shares and the risk that fluctuations in distribution rates on any preferred shares or fluctuations in borrowing costs may affect the return to Common

Shareholders. To the extent that amounts available for distribution derived from securities purchased with the proceeds of leverage exceed the cost of such leverage, the Fund's distributions would be greater than if leverage had not been used. Conversely, if the amounts available for distribution derived from securities purchased with leverage proceeds are not sufficient to cover the cost of leverage, distributions to Common Shareholders would be less than if leverage had not been used. In the latter case, Eaton Vance, in its best judgment, may nevertheless determine to maintain the Fund's leveraged position if it deems such action to be appropriate. The costs of an offering of preferred shares and/or a borrowing program would be borne by Common Shareholders and consequently would result in a reduction of the NAV of Common Shares. See "Risk Factors -- Financial Leverage Risk."

In addition, the fee paid to Eaton Vance is calculated on the basis of the Fund's average daily gross assets, including proceeds from the issuance of preferred shares and/or borrowings, so the fees would be higher if leverage is utilized. In this regard, holders of preferred shares would not bear the investment advisory fee. Rather, Common Shareholders would bear the portion of the investment advisory fee attributable to the assets purchased with the proceeds of the preferred shares offering. See "Risk Factors -- Financial Leverage Risk."

## **CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL DOCUMENTS**

### **Summary of Anti-Takeover Provisions in the Organizational Documents**

Pursuant to the Organizational Documents, the Board is divided into three classes, with the term of one class expiring at each annual meeting of holders of Common Shares and preferred shares. At each annual meeting, one class of Trustees is elected to a three-year term. This provision could delay the replacement of a majority of the Board, thereby increasing stability of the composition of the Board. In addition, in the event a Trustee is not elected at an annual meeting at which such Trustee's term expires, and a nominee presented to shareholders as such Trustee's successor is also not elected, then the incumbent Trustee shall remain a member of the relevant class of Trustees and hold office until the expiration of the term applicable to Trustees in that class. In a contested Trustee election, a nominee must receive the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares outstanding and entitled to vote in order to be elected. A Trustee may be removed from office only for cause by a written instrument signed by the remaining Trustees or by a vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the class of shares of the Fund that elects such Trustee and are entitled to vote on the matter. These provisions similarly could delay the replacement of Trustees, which similarly increases stability of the composition of the Board.

The Organizational Documents establish supermajority voting requirements with respect to certain other matters. The Declaration of Trust requires the favorable vote of the holders of at least 75% of the outstanding shares of each class of the Fund, voting as a class, then entitled to vote to approve, adopt or authorize certain transactions with 5%-or-greater holders ("Principal Shareholders") of a class of shares and their associates, unless the Board shall by resolution have approved a memorandum of understanding with such holders, in which case normal voting requirements would be in effect. For purposes of these provisions, a Principal Shareholder refers to any person who, whether directly or indirectly and whether alone or together with its affiliates and associates, beneficially owns 5% or more of the outstanding shares of any class of beneficial interest of the Fund. The transactions subject to these special approval requirements are: (i) the merger or consolidation of the Fund or any subsidiary of the Fund with or into any Principal Shareholder; (ii) the issuance of any securities of the Fund to any Principal Shareholder for cash; (iii) the sale, lease or exchange of all or any substantial part of the assets of the Fund to any Principal Shareholder (except assets having an aggregate fair market value of less than \$1,000,000, aggregating for the purpose of such computation all assets sold, leased or exchanged in any series of similar transactions within a twelve-month period); or (iv) the sale, lease or exchange to or with the Fund or any subsidiary thereof, in exchange for securities of the Fund, of any assets of any Principal Shareholder (except assets having an aggregate fair market value of less than \$1,000,000, aggregating for the purposes of such computation all assets sold, leased or exchanged in any series of similar transactions within a twelve-month period). For information on the Control Share Provisions and the qualification criteria applicable to prospective Trustees in the Fund's By-Laws, see "Description of Capital Structure – Common Shares."

The Board believes that these provisions are in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders. These provisions may provide some protection to the Fund against insurgent campaigns from "activist" investors that may, under some circumstances, impede the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective and may otherwise threaten to harm the long-term interests of the Fund and its other shareholders. These provisions promote continuity and stability and enhance the Fund's ability to pursue the Fund's investment strategies that are consistent with its stated investment objective and investment policies. Because these provisions may discourage third parties from seeking to obtain control of the Fund or from seeking to effect a tender offer or similar transaction, they may reduce opportunities for Common Shareholders to sell their Common Shares at a short-term premium over the then-current market price. However, they allow the Board to balance the interests of the entire shareholder base in evaluating these and other types of transactions rather than prioritizing the interests of certain shareholders.

The voting thresholds described above that are higher than those (if any) established under Massachusetts or federal. The Board has determined that these voting requirements are in the best interest of holders of Common Shares and preferred shares generally. Reference is made to the Organizational Documents on file with the SEC for the full text of these provisions.

## **CONVERSION TO OPEN-END FUND**

The Fund may be converted to an open-end management investment company at any time if approved by the lesser of (i) two-thirds or more of the Fund's then outstanding Common Shares and preferred shares (if any), each voting separately as a class, or (ii) more than 50% of the then outstanding Common Shares and preferred shares (if any), voting separately as a class if such conversion is recommended by at least 75% of the Trustees then in office. If approved in the foregoing manner, conversion of the Fund could not occur until 90 days after the shareholders' meeting at which such conversion was approved and would also require at least 30 days' prior notice to all shareholders. Conversion of the Fund to an open-end management investment company also would require the redemption of any outstanding preferred shares and could require the repayment of borrowings, which would eliminate any future leveraged capital structure of the Fund with respect to the Common Shares. In the event of conversion, the Common Shares would cease to be listed on the NYSE or other national securities exchange or market system.

The Board believes that the closed-end structure is desirable, given the Fund's investment objective and policies. Investors should assume, therefore, that it is unlikely that the Board would vote to convert the Fund to an open-end management investment company. Shareholders of an open-end management investment company may require the company to redeem their shares at any time (except in certain circumstances as authorized by or under the 1940 Act) at their net asset value, less such redemption charge, if any, as might be in effect at the time of a redemption. If the Fund were to convert to an open-end investment company, the Fund expects it would pay all such redemption requests in cash, but would likely reserve the right to pay redemption requests in a combination of cash or securities. If such partial payment in securities were made, investors may incur brokerage costs in converting such securities to cash. If the Fund were converted to an open-end fund, it is likely that new Common Shares would be sold at NAV plus a sales load.

## **Custodian and Transfer Agent**

State Street Bank and Trust Company ("State Street"), State Street Financial Center, One Lincoln Street, Boston, MA 02111, is the custodian of the Fund and will maintain custody of the securities and cash of the Fund. State Street maintains the Fund's general ledger and computes NAV per share at least weekly. State Street also attends to details in connection with the sale, exchange, substitution, transfer and other dealings with the Fund's investments, and receives and disburses all funds. State Street also assists in preparation of shareholder reports and the electronic filing of such reports with the SEC.

American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, 6201 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219 is the transfer agent and dividend disbursing agent of the Fund.

## **Legal Matters**

Certain legal matters in connection with the Common Shares is passed upon for the Fund by internal counsel for Eaton Vance.

## **Reports to Shareholders**

The Fund will send to Common Shareholders unaudited semi-annual and audited annual reports, including a list of investments held.

## **Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

Deloitte & Touche LLP ("Deloitte"), 200 Berkeley Street, Boston, MA 02116, independent registered public accounting firm, audits the Fund's financial statements. Deloitte and/or its affiliates provide other audit, tax and related services to the Fund.

## **Potential Conflicts of Interest**

As a diversified global financial services firm, Morgan Stanley, the parent company of the investment adviser, engages in a broad spectrum of activities, including financial advisory services, investment management activities, lending, commercial banking, sponsoring and managing private investment funds, engaging in broker-dealer transactions and principal securities, commodities and foreign exchange transactions, research publication and other activities. In the ordinary course of its business, Morgan Stanley is a full-service investment banking and financial services firm and therefore engages in activities where Morgan Stanley's interests or the interests of its clients may conflict with the interests of a Fund or Portfolio, as applicable (collectively, for purposes of this section, "Fund" or "Funds"). Morgan Stanley advises clients and sponsors, manages or advises other investment funds and investment programs, accounts and businesses (collectively, together with any new or successor Morgan Stanley funds, programs, accounts or businesses, (other than funds, programs, accounts or businesses sponsored, managed, or advised

by former direct or indirect subsidiaries of Eaton Vance Corp. (“Eaton Vance Investment Accounts”)), the “MS Investment Accounts,” and, together with the Eaton Vance Investment Accounts, the “Affiliated Investment Accounts”) with a wide variety of investment objectives that in some instances may overlap or conflict with a Fund’s investment objectives and present conflicts of interest. In addition, Morgan Stanley or the investment adviser may also from time to time create new or successor Affiliated Investment Accounts that may compete with a Fund and present similar conflicts of interest. The discussion below enumerates certain actual, apparent and potential conflicts of interest. There is no assurance that conflicts of interest will be resolved in favor of Fund shareholders and, in fact, they may not be. Conflicts of interest not described below may also exist.

The discussions below with respect to actual, apparent and potential conflicts of interest also may be applicable to or arise from the MS Investment Accounts whether or not specifically identified. For more information about conflicts of interest, see the section entitled “Potential Conflicts of Interest” in the SAI.

*Material Non-public Information.* It is expected that confidential or material non-public information regarding an investment or potential investment opportunity may become available to the investment adviser. If such information becomes available, the investment adviser may be precluded (including by applicable law or internal policies or procedures) from pursuing an investment or disposition opportunity with respect to such investment or investment opportunity. Morgan Stanley has established certain information barriers and other policies to address the sharing of information between different businesses within Morgan Stanley. In limited circumstances, however, including for purposes of managing business and reputational risk, and subject to policies and procedures and any applicable regulations, Morgan Stanley personnel, including personnel of the investment adviser, on one side of an information barrier may have access to information and personnel on the other side of the information barrier through “wall crossings.” The investment adviser faces conflicts of interest in determining whether to engage in such wall crossings. Information obtained in connection with such wall crossings may limit or restrict the ability of the investment adviser to engage in or otherwise effect transactions on behalf of the Fund(s) (including purchasing or selling securities that the investment adviser may otherwise have purchased or sold for a Fund in the absence of a wall crossing).

*Investments by Morgan Stanley and its Affiliated Investment Accounts.* In serving in multiple capacities to Affiliated Investment Accounts, Morgan Stanley, including the investment adviser and its investment teams, may have obligations to other clients or investors in Affiliated Investment Accounts, the fulfillment of which may not be in the best interests of a Fund or its shareholders. A Fund’s investment objectives may overlap with the investment objectives of certain Affiliated Investment Accounts. As a result, the members of an investment team may face conflicts in the allocation of investment opportunities among a Fund and other investment funds, programs, accounts and businesses advised by or affiliated with the investment adviser. Certain Affiliated Investment Accounts may provide for higher management or incentive fees or greater expense reimbursements or overhead allocations, all of which may contribute to this conflict of interest and create an incentive for the investment adviser to favor such other accounts. To seek to reduce potential conflicts of interest and to attempt to allocate such investment opportunities in a fair and equitable manner, the investment adviser has implemented allocation policies and procedures. These policies and procedures are intended to give all clients of the investment adviser, including the Fund(s), fair access to investment opportunities consistent with the requirements of organizational documents, investment strategies, applicable laws and regulations, and the fiduciary duties of the investment adviser.

*Investments by Separate Investment Departments.* The entities and individuals that provide investment-related services for the Fund and certain other Eaton Vance Investment Accounts (the “Eaton Vance Investment Department”) may be different from the entities and individuals that provide investment-related services to MS Investment Accounts (the “MS Investment Department” and, together with the Eaton Vance Investment Department, the “Investment Departments”). Although Morgan Stanley has implemented information barriers between the Investment Departments in accordance with internal policies and procedures, each Investment Department may engage in discussions and share information and resources with the other Investment Department on certain investment-related matters. A MS Investment Account could trade in advance of a Fund (and vice versa), might complete trades more quickly and efficiently than a Fund, and/or achieve different execution than a Fund on the same or similar investments made contemporaneously, even when the Investment Departments shared research and viewpoints that led to that investment decision. Any sharing of information or resources between the Investment Department servicing the Fund and the MS Investment Department may result, from time to time, in a Fund simultaneously or contemporaneously seeking to engage in the same or similar transactions as an account serviced by the other Investment Department and for which there are limited buyers or sellers on specific securities, which could result in less favorable execution for the Fund than such account.

*Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries.* The investment adviser and/or EVD may pay compensation, out of their own funds and not as an expense of a Fund, to certain financial intermediaries (which may include affiliates of the investment adviser and EVD), including recordkeepers and administrators of various deferred compensation plans, in connection with the sale, distribution, marketing and retention of shares of the Fund and/or shareholder servicing. The prospect of receiving, or the receipt of, additional compensation, as described above, by financial intermediaries may provide such financial intermediaries and their financial advisors and other salespersons with an incentive to favor sales of shares of a Fund over other

investment options with respect to which these financial intermediaries do not receive additional compensation (or receive lower levels of additional compensation). These payment arrangements, however, will not change the price that an investor pays for shares of a Fund or the amount that the Fund receives to invest on behalf of an investor. Investors may wish to take such payment arrangements into account when considering and evaluating any recommendations relating to Fund shares and should review carefully any disclosures provided by financial intermediaries as to their compensation. In addition, in certain circumstances, the investment adviser may restrict, limit or reduce the amount of a Fund's investment, or restrict the type of governance or voting rights it acquires or exercises, where the Fund (potentially together with Morgan Stanley) exceeds a certain ownership interest, or possesses certain degrees of voting or control or has other interests.

*Morgan Stanley Trading and Principal Investing Activities.* Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Morgan Stanley will generally conduct its sales and trading businesses, publish research and analysis, and render investment advice without regard for a Fund's holdings, although these activities could have an adverse impact on the value of one or more of the Fund's investments, or could cause Morgan Stanley to have an interest in one or more portfolio investments that is different from, and potentially adverse to, that of a Fund.

*Morgan Stanley's Investment Banking and Other Commercial Activities.* Morgan Stanley advises clients on a variety of mergers, acquisitions, restructuring, bankruptcy and financing transactions. Morgan Stanley may act as an advisor to clients, including other investment funds that may compete with a Fund and with respect to investments that a Fund may hold. Morgan Stanley may give advice and take action with respect to any of its clients or proprietary accounts that may differ from the advice given, or may involve an action of a different timing or nature than the action taken, by a Fund. Morgan Stanley may give advice and provide recommendations to persons competing with a Fund and/or any of a Fund's investments that are contrary to the Fund's best interests and/or the best interests of any of its investments. Morgan Stanley's activities on behalf of its clients (such as engagements as an underwriter or placement agent) may restrict or otherwise limit investment opportunities that may otherwise be available to a Fund.

Morgan Stanley may be engaged to act as a financial advisor to a company in connection with the sale of such company, or subsidiaries or divisions thereof, may represent potential buyers of businesses through its mergers and acquisition activities and may provide lending and other related financing services in connection with such transactions. Morgan Stanley's compensation for such activities is usually based upon realized consideration and is usually contingent, in substantial part, upon the closing of the transaction. Under these circumstances, a Fund may be precluded from participating in a transaction with or relating to the company being sold or participating in any financing activity related to merger or acquisition.

*General Process for Potential Conflicts.* All of the transactions described above involve the potential for conflicts of interest between the investment adviser, related persons of the investment adviser and/or their clients. The Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "Advisers Act") the 1940 Act and ERISA impose certain requirements designed to decrease the possibility of conflicts of interest between an investment adviser and its clients. In some cases, transactions may be permitted subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. Certain other transactions may be prohibited. In addition, the investment adviser has instituted policies and procedures designed to prevent conflicts of interest from arising and, when they do arise, to ensure that it effects transactions for clients in a manner that is consistent with its fiduciary duty to its clients and in accordance with applicable law. The investment adviser seeks to ensure that potential or actual conflicts of interest are appropriately resolved taking into consideration the overriding best interests of the client.

## Additional Information

The Prospectus and the SAI do not contain all of the information set forth in the Registration Statement that the Fund has filed with the SEC. The complete Registration Statement may be obtained from the SEC upon payment of the fee prescribed by its rules and regulations. The SAI can be obtained without charge by calling 1-800-262-1122.

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

Beginning on January 1, 2021, as permitted by regulations adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, paper copies of the Fund's annual and semi-annual shareholder reports are no longer being sent by mail unless you specifically request paper copies of the reports. Instead, the reports are being made available on the Fund's website ([funds.eatonvance.com/closed-end-fund-and-term-trust-documents.php](https://funds.eatonvance.com/closed-end-fund-and-term-trust-documents.php)), and you will be notified by mail each time a report is posted and provided with a website address to access the report. If you already elected to receive shareholder reports electronically, you will not be affected by this change and you need not take any action. If you hold shares at the Fund's transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC ("AST"), you may elect to receive shareholder reports and other communications from the Fund electronically by

contacting AST. If you own your shares through a financial intermediary (such as a broker-dealer or bank), you must contact your financial intermediary to sign up. You may elect to receive all future Fund shareholder reports in paper free of charge. If you hold shares at AST, you can inform AST that you wish to continue receiving paper copies of your shareholder reports by calling 1-866-439-6787. If you own these shares through a financial intermediary, you must contact your financial intermediary or follow instructions included with this disclosure, if applicable, to elect to continue to receive paper copies of your shareholder reports. Your election to receive reports in paper will apply to all funds held with AST or to all funds held through your financial intermediary, as applicable.

## Incorporation by Reference

This Prospectus is part of a registration statement filed with the SEC. The Fund is permitted to “incorporate by reference” the information filed with the SEC, which means that the Fund can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this Prospectus, and later information that the Fund files with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information.

The documents listed below, and any reports and other documents subsequently filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 30(b)(2) under the 1940 Act and Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the termination of the offering will be incorporated by reference into this Prospectus and deemed to be part of this Prospectus from the date of the filing of such reports and documents:

- The Fund’s SAI, dated November 10, 2021, filed with this Prospectus;
- our [annual report](#) on Form N-CSR for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020 filed with the SEC on February 25, 2021; and
- our [semiannual report](#) on Form N-CSRS for the period ended June 30, 2021 filed with the SEC on August 24, 2021; and
- the [description of the Fund’s common shares](#) contained in its Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on June 11, 2007, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description prior to the termination of the offering registered hereby.

The Fund will provide without charge to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom this Prospectus is delivered, upon written or oral request, a copy of any and all of the documents that have been or may be incorporated by reference in this the Prospectus or the accompanying prospectus supplement. You should direct requests for documents by calling (800) 262-1122.

The Fund makes available this Prospectus, SAI and the Fund’s annual and semi-annual reports, free of charge, at <http://www.eatonvance.com>. You may also obtain this Prospectus, the SAI, other documents incorporated by reference and other information the Fund files electronically, including reports and proxy statements, on the SEC website (<http://www.sec.gov>) or with the payment of a duplication fee, by electronic request at [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov). Information contained in, or that can be accessed through, the Fund’s website is not part of this Prospectus or the accompanying prospectus supplement.

## The Fund's Privacy Policy

The Eaton Vance organization is committed to ensuring your financial privacy. Each entity listed below has adopted privacy policy and procedures ("Privacy Program") Eaton Vance believes is reasonably designed to protect your personal information and to govern when and with whom Eaton Vance may share your personal information.

- At the time of opening an account, Eaton Vance generally requires you to provide us with certain information such as name, address, social security number, tax status, account numbers, and account balances. This information is necessary for us to both open an account for you and to allow us to satisfy legal requirements such as applicable anti-money laundering reviews and know-your-customer requirements.
- On an ongoing basis, in the normal course of servicing your account, Eaton Vance may share your information with unaffiliated third parties that perform various services for Eaton Vance and/or your account. These third parties include transfer agents, custodians, broker/dealers and our professional advisers, including auditors, accountants, and legal counsel. Eaton Vance may share your personal information with our affiliates. Eaton Vance may also share your information as required or permitted by applicable law.
- We believe our Privacy Program is reasonably designed to protect the confidentiality of your personal information and to prevent unauthorized access to that information.
- We reserve the right to change our Privacy Program at any time upon proper notification to you. You may want to review our Privacy Program periodically for changes by accessing the link on our homepage: [www.eatonvance.com](http://www.eatonvance.com).

Our pledge of protecting your personal information applies to the following entities within the Eaton Vance organization: the Eaton Vance Family of Funds, Eaton Vance Management, Eaton Vance WaterOak Advisors, Eaton Vance Distributors, Inc., Eaton Vance Trust Company, Eaton Vance Management (International) Limited, Eaton Vance Advisers International Ltd., Eaton Vance Global Advisors Limited, Eaton Vance Management's Real Estate Investment Group, Boston Management and Research, Calvert Research and Management, and Calvert Funds.

This notice supersedes all previously issued privacy disclosures.

For more information about Eaton Vance's Privacy Program or about how your personal information may be used, please call 1-800-262-1122.

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