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◆ Johnson Opportunity Fund	JOPPX, JOSSX
◆ Johnson International Fund	JINTX
◆ Johnson Enhanced Return Fund	JENHX
◆ Johnson Institutional Core Bond Fund	JIBFX, JIMFX, JIBSX
◆ Johnson Institutional Intermediate Bond Fund	JIBEX, JIMEX
◆ Johnson Institutional Short Duration Bond Fund	JIBDX, JIMDX
◆ Johnson Core Plus Bond Fund	JCPLX
◆ Johnson Municipal Income Fund	JMUNX

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This Statement of Additional Information (the “SAI”) is not a prospectus. It should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus of the Johnson Mutual Funds listed above dated May 1, 2024. This SAI incorporates by reference the financial statements and report of independent registered public accounting firm in the Trust’s Annual Report to Shareholders for the period ended December 31, 2023 (the “Annual Report”). A free copy of the Prospectus and Annual Report can be obtained by writing to the Trust at 3777 West Fork Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45247, by calling the Trust at 513-661-3100 or 800-541-0170, or by visiting our website at www.johnsonmutualfunds.com.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE TRUST

Johnson Mutual Funds Trust (the "Trust") is an open-end investment company established under the laws of Ohio by an Agreement and Declaration of Trust dated September 30, 1992 (the "Trust Agreement"). The Board of Trustees supervises the business activities of the Trust. The Trust Agreement permits the Trustees to issue an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest of separate series without par value. Shares of nine series are currently authorized: the Johnson Equity Income Fund (established August 24, 2005), the Johnson Opportunity Fund (established February 15, 1994), the Johnson International Fund (established August 27, 2008), the Johnson Enhanced Return Fund (established August 24, 2005), the Johnson Institutional Core Bond Fund (established August 31, 2000), the Johnson Institutional Intermediate Bond Fund (established August 31, 2000), the Johnson Institutional Short Duration Bond Fund (established August 31, 2000), the Johnson Core Plus Bond Fund (established September 7, 2021), and the Municipal Income Fund (established February 14, 1994), collectively referred to as "the Funds". The Enhanced Return, Core Bond, Intermediate Bond, Short Duration Bond, Core Plus Bond and Municipal Income Funds are collectively known as the "Bond Funds". All Funds are diversified. Johnson Investment Counsel, Inc. serves as Investment Adviser to the Funds.

Each share of a series represents an equal proportionate interest in the assets and liabilities belonging to that series with each other share of that series and is entitled to such dividends and distributions out of income belonging to the series as are declared by the officers of the Trust, subject to the review and approval of the Board of Trustees. The shares do not have cumulative voting rights or any preemptive or conversion rights, and the Trustees have the authority from time to time to divide or combine the shares of any series into a greater or lesser number of shares of that series so long as the proportionate beneficial interest in the assets belonging to that series and the rights of shares of any other series are in no way affected. In case of any liquidation of a series, the holders of shares of the series being liquidated will be entitled to receive as a class a distribution out of the assets, net of the liabilities, belonging to that series. Expenses attributable to any series are borne by that series. Any general expenses of the Trust not readily identifiable as belonging to a particular series are allocated by or under the direction of the Trustees in such manner as the Trustees determine to be fair and equitable. No shareholder is liable to further calls or to assessment by the Trust without his or her express consent.

Each of the Funds, at its discretion and with shareholder consent, may use securities from a Fund's portfolio to pay you for your shares, if Johnson Investment Counsel, Inc. (the "Adviser") deems that such a distribution of securities will not adversely affect the Fund's portfolio. Any such transfer of securities to you will be a taxable event and you may incur certain transaction costs relating to the transfer. Contact the Funds for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT FUND INVESTMENTS

This section contains a more detailed discussion of some of the investments the Funds may make and some of the techniques they may use.

A. EQUITY SECURITIES

Equity securities are common stocks, preferred stocks, convertible preferred stocks, convertible debentures, rights, REITs (real estate investment trusts), REOCs (real estate operating companies) and warrants. Convertible preferred stock is preferred stock that can be converted into common stock pursuant to its terms. Convertible debentures are debt instruments that can be converted into common stock pursuant to their terms. Warrants are options to purchase equity securities at a specified price valid for a specific time period. Rights are similar to warrants, but normally have shorter durations. A Fund may not invest more than 5% of its net assets at the time of purchase in rights and warrants.

B. INVESTMENT COMPANY SECURITIES

A Fund may invest in investment companies such as open-end funds (mutual funds), closed-end funds, and exchange traded funds (also referred to as “Underlying Funds”). The 1940 Act provides that mutual funds may not: (1) purchase more than 3% of an investment company’s outstanding shares; (2) invest more than 5% of its assets in any single such investment company (the “5% Limitation”), and (3) invest more than 10% of its assets in investment companies overall (the “10% Limitation”), unless: (i) the underlying investment company and/or the funds have received an order for exemptive relief from such limitations from the SEC; and (ii) the underlying investment company and the fund take appropriate steps to comply with any conditions in such order.

The Funds may exceed these statutory limits when permitted by SEC order or other applicable law or regulatory guidance, such as is the case with many ETFs. The SEC recently adopted certain regulatory changes and took other actions related to the ability of an investment company to invest in the securities of another investment company. These changes include, among other things, the rescission of certain SEC exemptive orders permitting investments in excess of the statutory limits and the withdrawal of certain related SEC staff no-action letters, and the adoption of Rule 12d1-4 under the 1940 Act. Rule 12d1-4 permits a fund to invest in other investment companies beyond the statutory limits, subject to certain conditions. The rescission of the applicable exemptive orders and the withdrawal of the applicable no-action letters was effective on January 19, 2022. After such time, an investment company will no longer be able to rely on the aforementioned exemptive orders and no-action letters and will be subject instead to Rule 12d1-4 and other applicable rules under Section 12(d)(1).

In addition, Section 12(d)(1)(F) of the 1940 Act provides that the provisions of paragraph 12(d)(1) shall not apply to securities purchased or otherwise acquired by the funds if (i) immediately after such purchase or acquisition not more than 3% of the total outstanding stock of such registered investment company is owned by a fund and all affiliated persons of the fund; and (ii) the fund has not, and is not proposing to offer or sell any security issued by it through a principal underwriter or otherwise at a public or offering price which includes a sales load of more than 1 ½ percent. An investment company that issues shares to a fund pursuant to paragraph 12(d)(1)(F) shall not be required to redeem its shares in an amount exceeding 1% of such investment company’s total outstanding shares in any period of less than thirty days. A Fund (or the Adviser acting on behalf of the Fund) must comply with the following voting restrictions: when the Fund exercises voting rights, by proxy or otherwise, with respect to investment companies owned by the Fund, the Fund will either seek instruction from the Fund’s shareholders with regard to the voting of all proxies and vote in accordance with such instructions, or vote the shares held by the Fund in the same proportion as the vote of all other holders of such security.

Further, a Fund may rely on Rule 12d1-3, which allows unaffiliated mutual funds to exceed the 5% Limitation and the 10% Limitation pursuant to Section 12(d)(1)(F), provided the aggregate sales loads any investor pays (i.e., the combined distribution expenses of both the acquiring fund and the acquired funds) does not exceed the limits on sales loads established by the FINRA for funds of funds.

C. EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

Each Fund may invest in a range of exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”). The shares of an ETF may be assembled in a block (typically 50,000 shares) known as a creation unit and redeemed in-kind for a portfolio of the underlying securities (based on the ETF’s net asset value) together with a cash payment generally equal to accumulated dividends as of the date of redemption. Conversely, a creation unit may be purchased from the ETF by depositing a specified portfolio of the ETF’s underlying securities, as well as a cash payment generally equal to accumulated dividends of the securities (net of expenses) up to the time of deposit. A Fund may redeem creation units for the underlying securities (and any applicable cash) and may assemble a portfolio of the underlying securities and use it (and any required cash) to purchase creation units, if the Adviser believes it is in the Fund’s interest to do so. A Fund’s ability to redeem creation units may be limited by the 1940 Act, which provides that the ETFs will not be obligated to redeem shares held by the Fund in an amount exceeding one percent of their total outstanding securities during any period of less than 30 days.

There is a risk that the underlying ETFs in which a Fund invests may terminate due to extraordinary events that may cause any of the service providers to the ETFs, such as the trustee or sponsor, to close or otherwise fail to perform their obligations to the ETF. Also, because the ETFs in which a Fund intends to principally invest may be granted licenses by agreement to use the indices as a basis for determining their compositions and/or otherwise to use certain trade names, the ETFs may terminate if such license agreements are terminated. In addition, an ETF may terminate if its entire net asset value falls below a certain amount. Although the Funds believe that, in the event of the termination of an underlying ETF, it will be able to invest instead in shares of an alternate ETF tracking the same market index or another market index with the same general market, there is no guarantee that shares of an alternate ETF would be available for investment at that time. To the extent a Fund invests in a sector product, the Fund is subject to the risks associated with that sector.

D. FUTURES CONTRACTS AND OPTIONS ON FUTURES CONTRACTS

Futures contracts provide for the future sale by one party and purchase by another party of a specified amount of a specific security, class of securities, or an index at a specified future time and at a specified price. An option on a futures contract obligates the writer, in return for the premium paid, to assume a position in the futures contract at a specified exercise price at any time during the term of the option. Whether a party realizes a gain or loss from futures activities depends upon movements in the underlying security or index. Futures contracts may be issued with respect to fixed-income securities, foreign currencies, single stocks or financial indices, including indices of U.S. government securities, foreign government securities, and equity or fixed-income securities. U.S. futures contracts are traded on exchanges that have been designated “contract markets” by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the “CFTC”) and must be executed through a Futures Commission Merchant (“FCM”), or brokerage firm, which is a member of the relevant contract market. Through their clearing corporations, the exchanges guarantee performance of the contracts between the clearing members of the exchange. Each Fund only invests in futures contracts to the extent it could invest in the underlying instrument directly. The Funds have claimed an exclusion from the definition of the term “commodity pool operator” under the Commodity Exchange Act and, therefore, are not subject to registration or regulation as a pool operator under the Commodity Exchange Act.

Risk Factors in Futures Transactions

Liquidity Risk - Because futures contracts are generally settled within a day from the date they are closed out, compared with a settlement period of three days for some types of securities, the futures markets can provide superior liquidity to the securities markets. Nevertheless, there is no assurance that a liquid secondary market will exist for any particular futures contract at any particular time. In addition, futures exchanges may establish daily price fluctuation limits for futures contracts and may halt trading if a contract's price moves upward or downward more than the limit in a given day. On volatile trading days when the price fluctuation limit is reached, it may be impossible for the Fund to enter into new positions or close out existing positions. If the secondary market for a futures contract is not liquid because of price fluctuation limits or otherwise, the Fund may not be able to promptly liquidate unfavorable futures positions and potentially could be required to continue to hold a futures position until the delivery date, regardless of changes in its value. As a result, the Fund's access to other assets held to cover its futures positions also could be impaired.

Correlation Risk - The prices of futures contracts depend primarily on the value of their underlying instruments. As a result, futures prices can diverge from the prices of their underlying instruments. Futures prices are affected by factors such as current and anticipated short-term interest rates, changes in volatility of the underlying instruments and the time remaining until expiration of the contract. Those factors may affect securities prices differently from futures prices. Imperfect correlations between futures contracts and their underlying instruments also may result from differing levels of demand in the futures markets and the securities markets, from structural differences in how futures and securities are traded, and from imposition of daily price fluctuation limits for futures contracts.

Margin Requirements

The buyer or seller of a futures contract is not required to deliver or pay for the underlying instrument unless the contract is held until the delivery date. However, both the buyer and seller are required to deposit "initial margin" for the benefit of the FCM when the contract is entered into. Initial margin deposits:

- Are equal to a percentage of the contract's value, as set by the exchange on which the contract is traded;
- May be maintained in cash or certain other liquid assets by the Fund's custodian for the benefit of the FCM; and
- Are similar to good faith deposits or performance bonds.

Unlike margin extended by a securities broker, initial margin payments do not constitute purchasing securities on margin for purposes of the Fund's investment limitations. If the value of either party's position declines, that party will be required to make additional "variation margin" payments for the benefit of the FCM to settle the change in value on a daily basis. The party that has a gain may be entitled to receive all or a portion of this amount. In the event of the bankruptcy of the FCM that holds margin on behalf of the Fund, the Fund may be entitled to return of margin owed to the Fund only in proportion to the amount received by the FCM's other customers. The Trust will attempt to minimize this risk by careful monitoring of the creditworthiness of the FCMs with which it does business.

E. QUALITY RATINGS

The Adviser considers securities to be of investment-grade quality if they are rated BBB or higher by S&P, Baa or higher by Moody's or, if unrated, determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality. Investment-grade debt securities generally have adequate to strong protection of principal and interest payments. In the lower end of this category, credit quality may be more susceptible to potential future changes in circumstances and the securities have speculative elements. For the Bond Funds, except the Core Plus Bond Fund, if the rating of a security by S&P or Moody's drops below investment-grade, the Adviser will dispose of the security as soon as practicable (depending on market conditions) unless the Adviser determines, based on its own credit analysis, that the security provides the opportunity of meeting the Fund's objective without presenting excessive risk. No Bond Fund (except the Core Plus Bond Fund) will invest more than 5% of the value of its net assets in securities that are below investment grade. If, as a result of a downgrade, a Fund holds more than 5% of the value of its net assets in securities rated below investment-grade, the Fund will take action to reduce the value of such securities below 5%.

F. CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES

Corporate debt securities are bonds or notes issued by corporations and other business organizations, including business trusts, in order to finance their credit needs. Corporate debt securities include commercial paper that consists of short-term (usually from one to two hundred seventy days) unsecured promissory notes issued by corporations in order to finance their current operations. The Adviser considers corporate debt securities to be of investment-grade quality if they are rated BBB or higher by Standard & Poor's Corporation ("S&P"), Baa or higher by Moody's Investors Services, Inc. ("Moody's") or, if unrated, determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality. Investment-grade debt securities generally have adequate to strong protection of principal and interest payments. In the lower end of this category, credit quality may be more susceptible to potential future changes in circumstances and the securities have speculative elements. If the rating of a security by S&P or Moody's drops below investment-grade, the Adviser will dispose of the security as soon as practicable (depending on market conditions) unless the Adviser determines, based on its own credit analysis, that the security provides the opportunity of meeting the Fund's objective without presenting excessive risk. No Bond Fund (except the Core Plus Bond Fund) will invest more than 5% of the value of its net assets in securities that are below investment grade. If, as a result of a downgrade, a Fund holds more than 5% of the value of its net assets in securities rated below investment-grade, the Fund will take action to reduce the value of such securities below 5%.

G. FIXED INCOME SECURITIES

Fixed income securities include corporate debt securities, U.S. government securities, mortgage-backed securities, zero coupon bonds, asset-backed and receivable-backed securities and participation interests in such securities. Preferred stock and certain common stock equivalents may also be considered to be fixed income securities. Fixed income securities are generally considered to be interest rate sensitive, which means that their value will generally decrease when interest rates rise and increase when interest rates fall. Securities with shorter maturities, while offering lower yields, generally provide greater price stability than longer term securities and are less affected by changes in interest rates.

H. U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

U.S. government securities may be backed by the credit of the government as a whole or only by the issuing agency. U.S. Treasury bonds, notes and bills, and some agency securities, such as those issued by the Federal Housing Administration and the Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA), are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government as to payment of principal and interest and are the highest quality government securities. Other securities issued by U.S. government agencies or instrumentalities such as securities issued by the Federal Home Loan Banks, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA), are supported only by the credit of the agency that issued them and the agency's right to borrow money from the U.S. Treasury under certain circumstances but are neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. government. On September 7, 2008, the U.S. Treasury Department and the Federal Housing Finance Authority ("FHFA") announced that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac had been placed into conservatorship, a statutory process designed to stabilize a troubled institution with the objective of returning the entity to normal business operations. The U.S. Treasury Department and the FHFA at the same time established a secured lending facility and a Secured Stock Purchase Agreement with both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to ensure that each entity had the ability to fulfill its financial obligations. The FHFA announced that it does not anticipate any disruption in pattern of payments or ongoing business operations of Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac.

I. MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES

Mortgage-backed securities represent an interest in a pool of mortgages. These securities, including securities issued by FNMA and GNMA, provide investors with payments consisting of both interest and principal as the mortgages in the underlying mortgage pools are repaid. Unscheduled or early payments on the underlying mortgages may shorten the securities' effective maturities. The average life of securities representing interests in pools of mortgage loans is likely to be substantially less than the original maturity of the mortgage pools as a result of prepayments or foreclosures of such mortgages. Prepayments are passed through to the registered holder with the regular monthly payments of principal and interest and have the effect of reducing future payments. To the extent the mortgages underlying a security representing an interest in a pool of mortgages are prepaid, a Fund may experience a loss (if the price at which the respective security was acquired by the Fund was at a premium over par, which represents the price at which the security will be sold upon prepayment). In addition, prepayments of such securities held by a Fund will reduce the share price of the Fund to the extent the market value of the securities at the time of prepayment exceeds their par value. Furthermore, the prices of mortgage-backed securities can be significantly affected by changes in interest rates. Prepayments may occur with greater frequency in periods of declining mortgage rates because, among other reasons, it may be possible for mortgagors to refinance their outstanding mortgages at lower interest rates. In such periods, it is likely that any prepayment proceeds would be reinvested by a Fund at lower rates of return.

J. COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS (CMOs)

CMOs are securities collateralized by mortgages or mortgage-backed securities. CMOs are issued with a variety of classes or series, which have different maturities and are often retired in sequence. CMOs may be issued by governmental or non-governmental entities such as banks and other mortgage lenders. Non-government securities may offer a higher yield but also may be subject to greater price fluctuation than government securities. Investments in CMOs are subject to the same risks as direct investments in the underlying mortgage and mortgage-backed securities. In addition, in the event of bankruptcy or other default of an entity who issued the CMO held by a Fund, the Fund could experience both delays in liquidating its position and losses.

K. ZERO COUPON AND PAY-IN-KIND BONDS

Corporate debt securities and municipal obligations include so-called "zero coupon" bonds and "pay-in-kind" bonds. Zero coupon bonds do not make regular interest payments. Instead, they are sold at a deep discount from their face value. Each Bond Fund will accrue income on such bonds for tax and accounting purposes, in accordance with applicable law. This income will be distributed to shareholders. Because no cash is received at the time such income is accrued, the Fund may be required to liquidate other portfolio securities to satisfy its distribution obligations. Because a zero coupon bond does not pay current income, its price can be very volatile when interest rates change. In calculating its dividend, the Funds take into account as income a portion of the difference between a zero coupon bond's purchase price and its face value. Certain types of CMOs pay no interest for a period of time and, therefore, present risks similar to zero coupon bonds.

The Federal Reserve creates STRIPS (Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities) by separating the coupon payments and the principal payment from an outstanding Treasury security and selling them as individual securities. A broker-dealer creates a derivative zero by depositing a Treasury security with a custodian for safekeeping and then selling the coupon payments and principal payment that will be generated by this security separately. Examples are Certificates of Accrual on Treasury Securities (CATS), Treasury Investment Growth Receipts (TIGRs) and generic Treasury Receipts (TRs). These derivative zero coupon obligations are not considered to be government securities unless they are part of the STRIPS program. Original issue zeros are zero coupon securities issued directly by the U.S. government, a government agency or by a corporation.

Pay-in-kind bonds allow the issuer, at its option, to make current interest payments on the bonds either in cash or in additional bonds. The value of zero coupon bonds and pay-in-kind bonds is subject to greater fluctuation in response to changes in market interest rates than bonds that make regular payments of interest. Both of these types of bonds allow an issuer to avoid the need to generate cash to meet current interest payments. Accordingly, such bonds may involve greater credit risks than bonds that make regular payment of interest. Even though zero coupon bonds and pay-in-kind bonds do not pay current interest in cash, the applicable Fund is required to accrue interest income on such investments and to distribute such amounts at least annually to shareholders. Thus, a Fund could at times be required to liquidate other investments in order to satisfy its dividend requirements. No Fund will invest more than 5% of its net assets in pay-in-kind bonds.

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L. FINANCIAL SERVICE INDUSTRY OBLIGATIONS

Financial service industry obligations include among others, the following:

1. Certificates of Deposit - Certificates of deposit are negotiable certificates evidencing the indebtedness of a commercial bank or a savings and loan association to repay funds deposited with it for a definite period of time (usually from fourteen days to one year) at a stated or variable interest rate.
2. Time Deposits - Time deposits are non-negotiable deposits maintained in a banking institution or a savings and loan association for a specified period of time at a stated interest rate. Time deposits are considered to be illiquid prior to their maturity.
3. Bankers' Acceptances - Bankers' acceptances are credit instruments evidencing the obligation of a bank to pay a draft that has been drawn on it by a customer, which instruments reflect the obligation both of the bank and of the drawer to pay the face amount of the instrument upon maturity.

M. ASSET-BACKED AND RECEIVABLE-BACKED SECURITIES

Asset-backed and receivable-backed securities are undivided fractional interests in pools of consumer loans (unrelated to mortgage loans) held in a trust. Payments of principal and interest are passed through to certificate holders and are typically supported by some form of credit enhancement, such as a letter of credit, surety bond, limited guaranty or senior/subordination. The degree of credit enhancement varies, but generally amounts to only a fraction of the asset-backed or receivable-backed security's par value until exhausted. If the credit enhancement is exhausted, certificate holders may experience losses or delays in payment if the required payments of principal and interest are not made to the trust with respect to the underlying loans. The value of these securities also may change because of changes in the market's perception of the creditworthiness of the servicing agent for the loan pool, the originator of the loans or the financial institution providing the credit enhancement. Asset-backed and receivable-backed securities are ultimately dependent upon payment of consumer loans by individuals and the certificate holder generally has no recourse against the entity that originated the loans. The underlying loans are subject to prepayments that shorten the securities' weighted average life and may lower their return. As prepayments flow through at par, total returns would be affected by the prepayments—if a security were trading at a premium, its total return would be lowered by prepayments and if a security were trading at a discount, its total return would be increased by prepayments. No Bond Fund will invest more than 30% of its net assets in asset-backed or receivable-backed securities.

N. FORWARD COMMITMENTS AND REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

Each Fund will direct its Custodian to place cash or U.S. government obligations in a separate account of the Trust in an amount equal to the commitments of the Fund to purchase or repurchase securities as a result of its forward commitment or reverse repurchase agreement obligations. With respect to forward commitments to sell securities, the Trust will direct its Custodian to place the securities in a separate account. When a separate account is maintained in connection with forward commitment transactions to purchase securities or reverse repurchase agreements, the securities deposited in the separate account will be valued daily at market for the purpose of determining the adequacy of the securities in the account. If the market value of such securities declines, additional cash or securities will be placed in the account on a daily basis so that the market value of the account will equal the amount of the Fund's commitments to purchase or repurchase securities. To the extent funds are in a separate account, they will not be available for new investment or to meet redemptions. Reverse repurchase agreements constitute a borrowing by the Fund and will not represent more than 5% of the net assets of either Fund. No Fund will invest more than 25% of its total assets in forward commitments.

Securities purchased on a forward commitment basis, securities subject to reverse repurchase agreements and the securities held in each Fund's portfolio are subject to changes in market value based on the public's perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer and changes in the level of interest rates (which will generally result in all of those securities changing in value in the same way—i.e., all those securities experiencing appreciation when interest rates decline and depreciation when interest rates rise). Therefore, if in order to achieve a higher level of income, the Fund remains substantially fully invested at the same time that it has purchases securities on a forward commitment basis or entered into reverse repurchase transactions, there will be a possibility that the market value of the Fund's assets will have greater fluctuation.

With respect to 75% of the total assets of each Fund, the value of the Fund's commitments to purchase or repurchase the securities of any one issuer, together with the value of all securities of such issuer owned by the Fund, may not exceed 5% of the value of the Fund's total assets at the time the commitment to purchase or repurchase such securities is made; provided, however, that this restriction does not apply to U.S. government obligations or repurchase agreements with respect thereto. In addition, each Fund will maintain an asset coverage of 300% for all of its borrowings and reverse repurchase agreements. Subject to the foregoing restrictions, there is no limit on the percentage of the Fund's total assets that may be committed to such purchases or repurchases.

O. RESTRICTED SECURITIES

Restricted securities are securities of which the resale is subject to legal or contractual restrictions. Restricted securities may be sold only in privately negotiated transactions, in a public offering with respect to which a registration statement is in effect under the Securities Act of 1933 or pursuant to Rule 144 or Rule 144A promulgated under such Act. Where registration is required, the Fund may be obligated to pay all or part of the registration expense and a considerable period may elapse between the time of the decision to sell and the time such security may be sold under an effective registration statement. If during such a period adverse market conditions were to develop, the Fund might obtain a less favorable price than the price it could have obtained when it decided to sell. No Fund will invest more than 5% of its net assets in restricted securities.

P. OPTION TRANSACTIONS

Each Fund may engage in option transactions involving individual securities and market indices and engage in related closing transactions. An option involves either (1) the right or the obligation to buy or sell a specific instrument at a specific price until the expiration date of the option, or (2) the right to receive payments or the obligation to make payments representing the difference between the closing price of a market index and the exercise price of the option expressed in dollars times a specified multiple until the expiration date of the option. Options are sold (written) on securities and market indices. The purchaser of an option on a security pays the seller (the writer) a premium for the right granted but is not obligated to buy or sell the underlying security. The purchaser of an option on a market index pays the seller a premium for the right granted and, in return, the seller of such an option is obligated to make the payment. The Fund will realize a gain from a closing purchase transaction if the cost of the closing option is less than the premium received from writing the option, or, if it is more, the Fund will realize a loss. A writer of an option may terminate the obligation prior to expiration of the option by making an offsetting purchase of an identical option (a closing transaction). The principal factors affecting the market value of a put or a call option include supply and demand, interest rates, the current market price of the underlying index in relation to the exercise price of the option, the volatility of the underlying index, and the time remaining until the expiration date. Options are traded on organized exchanges and in the over-the-counter market. Options on securities that the Fund sells (writes) will be covered or secured, which means that it will own the underlying security in the case of a call option. When a Fund writes options, it may be required to maintain a margin account, to pledge the underlying securities or U.S. government obligations or to deposit assets in escrow with the Custodian. Each Fund may purchase put and call options on individual securities and on stock indices for the purpose of hedging against the risk of unfavorable price movements adversely affecting the value of the Fund's securities or securities the Fund intends to buy. Each Fund may also sell put and call options in closing transactions.

The purchase and writing of options involves certain risks. The purchase of options limits a Fund's potential loss to the amount of the premium paid and can afford the Fund the opportunity to profit from favorable movements in the price of an underlying security to a greater extent than if transactions were effected in the security directly. However, the purchase of an option could result in the fund losing a greater percentage of its investment than if the transaction was effected directly. When a Fund writes a covered call option, it will receive a premium, but it will give up the opportunity to profit from a price increase in the underlying security above the exercise price as long as its obligation as a writer continues, and it will retain the risk of loss should the price of the security decline. In addition, there can be no assurance that the Fund can effect a closing transaction on a particular option it has written.

Q. LOANS OF PORTFOLIO SECURITIES

Each Fund may make short- and long-term loans of its portfolio securities. Under the lending policy authorized by the Board of Trustees and implemented by the Adviser in response to requests of broker-dealers or institutional investors that the Adviser deems qualified, the borrower must agree to maintain collateral, in the form of cash or U.S. government obligations, with the Fund on a daily mark-to-market basis in an amount at least equal to 100% of the value of the loaned securities. The Fund will continue to receive dividends or interest on the loaned securities and may terminate such loans at any time or reacquire such securities in time to vote on any matter that the Board of Trustees determines to be serious. With respect to loans of securities, there is the risk that the borrower may fail to return the loaned securities or that the borrower may not be able to provide additional collateral. No loan of securities will be made if, as a result, the aggregate amount of such loans would exceed 5% of the value of the Fund's net assets.

R. FOREIGN SECURITIES

The Opportunity Fund, the Equity Income Fund and the International Fund, may invest in foreign equity securities through the purchase of American Depository Receipts. American Depository Receipts are certificates of ownership issued by a U.S. bank as a convenience to the investors in lieu of the underlying shares that it holds in custody. The Bond Funds, except the Municipal Income Fund, may invest in dollar denominated foreign fixed-income securities issued by foreign companies, foreign governments or international organizations and determined by the Adviser to be comparable in quality to investment-grade domestic securities. No Fund, except for the International Fund and the Core Plus Bond Fund, will invest in a foreign security if, immediately after a purchase and as a result of the purchase, the total value of foreign securities owned by the Fund would exceed 15% for the Equity Income or Opportunity Funds, or 30% of the value of the total assets of the Bond Funds. To the extent that a Fund does invest in foreign securities, such investments may be subject to special risks such as changes in restrictions on foreign currency transactions and rates of exchange, and changes in the administrations or economic and monetary policies of foreign governments.

S. REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

A repurchase agreement is a short-term investment in which the purchaser acquires ownership of a U.S. government security (which may be of any maturity) and the seller agrees to repurchase the obligation at a future time at a set price, thereby determining the yield during the purchaser's holding period (usually not more than seven days from the date of purchase). Any repurchase transaction in which a Fund engages will require full collateralization of the seller's obligation during the entire term of the repurchase agreement. In the event of bankruptcy or other default of the seller, a Fund could experience both delays in liquidating the underlying security and losses in value. However, the Funds intend to enter into repurchase agreements only with the Trust's custodian, other banks with assets of \$1 billion or more and registered securities dealers determined by the Adviser (subject to review by the Board of Trustees) to be creditworthy. The Adviser monitors the creditworthiness of the banks and securities dealers with which a Fund engages in repurchase transactions, and a Fund will not invest more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities, including repurchase agreements maturing in more than seven days.

T. WHEN ISSUED SECURITIES AND FORWARD COMMITMENTS

Each Fund may buy and sell securities on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis, with payment and delivery taking place at a future date. The price and interest rate that will be received on the securities are each fixed at the time the buyer enters into the commitment. A Fund may enter into such forward commitments if it holds and maintains until the settlement date in a separate account at the Custodian, cash or U.S. government securities in an amount sufficient to meet the purchase price. The Funds will not invest more than 25% of their respective total assets in forward commitments. Forward commitments involve a risk of loss if the value of the security to be purchased declines prior to the settlement date. Any change in value could increase fluctuations in a Fund's share price and yield. Although a Fund will generally enter into forward commitments with the intention of acquiring securities for its portfolio, a Fund may dispose of a commitment prior to the settlement if the Adviser deems it appropriate to do so.

U. SHORT SALES

Each Fund may sell a security short in anticipation of a decline in the market value of the security. When a Fund engages in a short sale, it sells a security that it does not own. To complete the transaction, the Fund must borrow the security in order to deliver it to the buyer. The Fund must replace the borrowed security by purchasing it at the market price at the time of replacement, which may be more or less than the price at which the Fund sold the security. The Fund will incur a loss as a result of the short sale if the price of the security increases between the date of the short sale and the date on which the Fund replaces the borrowed security. The Fund will realize a profit if the security declines in price between those dates. Any potential gain is limited to the price at which the Fund sold the security short, and any potential loss is unlimited in size.

The net proceeds of the short sale plus any additional cash collateral will be retained by the broker to the extent necessary to meet margin requirements and provide a collateral cushion in the event that the value of the security sold short increases. The Fund will receive the net proceeds after it closes out the short position by replacing the borrowed security. Until the Fund closes the short position, a Fund will be required to maintain a segregated account with the Fund's custodian of cash or high grade liquid assets equal to (i) the greater of the current market value of the securities sold short or the market value of such securities at the time they were sold short, less (ii) any collateral deposited with its broker (not including the proceeds from the short sales). The assets in the segregated account are marked to market daily. The collateral held by the broker and the segregated account with the custodian will not necessarily limit the Fund's potential loss on a short sale. Depending on arrangements made with the broker or custodian, the Fund may not receive any payments (including interest) on collateral deposited with the broker or custodian.

The Funds will not affect short sales of securities unless they own or have the right to obtain securities equivalent in-kind and amount to the securities sold short. A Fund may sell short a security that it owns because it does not want to close out its position in the security for tax or other reasons.

V. MUNICIPAL SECURITIES

Municipal securities are long- and short-term debt obligations issued by or on behalf of states, territories and possessions of the United States, the District of Columbia and their political subdivisions, agencies, instrumentalities and authorities, as well as other qualifying issuers (including the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Guam), the income from which is exempt from regular federal income tax and generally exempt from state tax in the state of issuance. Municipal securities are issued to obtain funds to construct, repair or improve various public facilities such as airports, bridges, highways, hospitals, housing, schools, streets and water and sewer works, to pay general operating expenses or to refinance outstanding debts. They also may be issued to finance various private activities, including the lending of funds to public or private institutions for construction of housing, educational or medical facilities, or the financing of privately owned or operated facilities. Municipal securities consist of tax-exempt bonds, tax-exempt notes and tax-exempt commercial paper. Municipal notes, which are generally used to provide short-term capital needs and have maturities of one year or less, include tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes, bond anticipation notes and construction loan notes. Tax-exempt commercial paper typically represents short-term, unsecured, negotiable promissory notes. The Funds may invest in other municipal securities such as variable rate demand instruments.

The two principal classifications of municipal securities are “general obligations” and “revenue” bonds. General obligation bonds are backed by the issuer’s full credit and to the extent of its taxing power. Revenue bonds are backed by the revenues of a specific project, facility or tax. Industrial development revenue bonds are a specific type of revenue bond backed by the credit of the private issuer of the facility and, therefore, investments in these bonds have more potential risk that the issuer will not be able to meet scheduled payments of principal and interest. As industrial development authorities may be backed only by the assets and revenues of non-governmental users, the Fund will not invest more than 5% of its assets in securities backed by non-government backed securities in the same industry.

The Adviser considers municipal securities to be of investment-grade quality if they are rated BBB or higher by S&P, Baa or higher by Moody’s or, if unrated, determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality. Investment-grade debt securities generally have adequate to strong protection of principal and interest payments. In the lower end of this category, credit quality may be more susceptible to potential future changes in circumstances and the securities have speculative elements. If the rating of a security by S&P or Moody’s drops below investment-grade, the Adviser will dispose of the security as soon as practicable (depending on market conditions) unless the Adviser determines, based on its own credit analysis, that the security provides the opportunity of meeting the Fund’s objective without presenting excessive risk. No Fund, except the Core Plus Bond Fund, will invest more than 5% of the value of its net assets in securities that are below investment grade. If, as a result of a downgrade, a Fund holds more than 5% of the value of its net assets in securities rated below investment-grade, the Fund will take action to reduce the value of such securities below 5%.

As the Municipal Income Fund concentrates its investments in the State of Ohio, it is particularly sensitive to political and economic factors affecting Ohio that could affect the creditworthiness and the value of the securities in the Fund’s portfolio. The Ohio economy, while diversifying more into the service and other non-manufacturing areas, continues to rely in part on durable goods manufacturing largely concentrated in motor vehicles and equipment, steel, rubber products and household appliances. As a result, general economic activity in Ohio, as in many other industrially-developed states, tends to be more cyclical than in some other states and in the nation as a whole. Economic problems, including high unemployment, have had and may have varying effects on the different geographic areas of the state and its political subdivisions. Future national, regional or statewide economic difficulties and the resulting impact on state or local government finances generally, could adversely affect the market value of Ohio municipal securities held in the portfolio of the Fund or the ability of particular obligors to make timely payments of debt service on those obligations.

W. CLOSED-END FUNDS

The Fund may invest its assets in “closed-end” investment companies (or “closed-end funds”), subject to the investment restrictions set forth above. Shares of closed-end funds are typically offered to the public in a one-time initial public offering by a group of underwriters who retain a spread or underwriting commission of between 4% or 6% of the initial public offering price. Such securities are then listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange, the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation System (commonly known as “NASDAQ”) or, in some cases, may be traded in other over-the-counter markets. Because the shares of closed-end funds cannot be redeemed upon demand to the issuer like the shares of an open-end investment company (such as the Fund), investors seek to buy and sell shares of closed-end funds in the secondary market.

The Fund generally will purchase shares of closed-end funds only in the secondary market. The Fund will incur normal brokerage costs on such purchases similar to the expenses the Fund would incur for the purchase of securities of any other type of issuer in the secondary market. The Fund may, however, also purchase securities of a closed-end fund in an initial public offering when, in the opinion of the Adviser, based on a consideration of the nature of the closed-end fund's proposed investments, the prevailing market conditions and the level of demand for such securities, they represent an attractive opportunity for growth of capital. The initial offering price typically will include a dealer spread, which may be higher than the applicable brokerage cost if the Fund purchased such securities in the secondary market.

The shares of many closed-end funds, after their initial public offering, frequently trade at a price per share that is less than the net asset value per share, the difference representing the "market discount" of such shares. This market discount may be due in part to the investment objective of long-term appreciation, which is sought by many closed-end funds, as well as to the fact that the shares of closed-end funds are not redeemable by the holder upon demand to the issuer at the next determined net asset value but rather are subject to the principles of supply and demand in the secondary market. A relative lack of secondary market purchasers of closed-end fund shares also may contribute to such shares trading at a discount to their net asset value.

The Funds may invest in shares of closed-end funds that are trading at a discount to net asset value or at a premium to net asset value. There can be no assurance that the market discount on shares of any closed-end fund purchased by the Fund will ever decrease. In fact, it is possible that this market discount may increase and the Fund may suffer realized or unrealized capital losses due to further decline in the market price of the securities of such closed-end funds, thereby adversely affecting the net asset value of the Fund's shares. Similarly, there can be no assurance that any shares of a closed-end fund purchased by the Fund at a premium will continue to trade at a premium or that the premium will not decrease subsequent to a purchase of such shares by the Fund.

Closed-end funds may issue senior securities (including preferred stock and debt obligations) for the purpose of leveraging the closed-end fund's common shares in an attempt to enhance the current return to such closed-end fund's common shareholders. The Fund's investment in the common shares of closed-end funds that are financially leveraged may create an opportunity for greater total return on its investment, but at the same time may be expected to exhibit more volatility in market price and net asset value than an investment in shares of investment companies without a leveraged capital structure.

INVESTMENT LIMITATIONS**A. FUNDAMENTAL**

The investment limitations described below have been adopted by the Trust with respect to each Fund and are fundamental (“Fundamental”—i.e., they may not be changed without the affirmative vote of majority of the outstanding shares of the applicable Fund. As used in the Prospectus and this Statement of Additional Information, the term “majority” of the outstanding shares of the Trust (or of any series) means the lesser of (1) 67% or more of the outstanding shares of the Trust (or the applicable series) present at a meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Trust (or applicable series) are present or represented at such meeting, or (2) more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Trust (or the applicable series). Other investment practices that may be changed by the Board of Trustees without the approval of shareholders to the extent permitted by applicable law, regulation or regulatory policy are considered non-fundamental (“Non-Fundamental”).

1. Borrowing Money - The Funds will not borrow money except (a) from a bank, provided that immediately after such borrowing there is an asset coverage of 300% for all borrowings of the Fund, or (b) from a bank or other persons for temporary purposes only, provided that such temporary borrowings are in an amount not exceeding 5% of the Fund’s total assets at the time when the borrowing is made. This limitation does not preclude a Fund from entering into reverse repurchase transactions, provided that the Fund has an asset coverage of 300% for all borrowings and repurchase commitments of the Fund pursuant to reverse repurchase transactions.
2. Senior Securities - The Funds will not issue senior securities. This limitation is not applicable to activities that may be deemed to involve the issuance or sale of a senior security by the Fund, provided that the Fund’s engagement in such activities is (a) consistent with or permitted by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder or interpretations of the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff, and (b) as described in the Prospectus and this Statement of Additional Information.
3. Underwriting - The Funds will not act as underwriter of securities issued by other persons. This limitation is not applicable to the extent that, in connection with the disposition of portfolio securities (including restricted securities), the Fund may be deemed an underwriter under certain federal securities laws.
4. Real Estate - The Funds will not purchase or sell real estate. This limitation is not applicable to investments in marketable securities that are secured by or represent interests in real estate. This limitation does not preclude the Funds from investing in mortgage-backed securities or investing in companies engaged in the real estate business.
5. Commodities - The Funds will not purchase or sell commodities unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities or other investments. This limitation does not preclude the Fund from purchasing or selling options or futures contracts or from investing in securities or other instruments backed by commodities.
6. Loans - The Funds will not make loans to other persons, except (a) by loaning portfolio securities, (b) by engaging in repurchase agreements, or (c) by purchasing non-publicly offered debt securities. For purposes of this limitation, the term “loans” shall not include the purchase of a portion of an issue of publicly distributed bonds, debentures or other securities.

7. Concentration - A Fund will not invest 25% or more of its total assets in a particular industry. This limitation is not applicable to investments in obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies and instrumentalities or repurchase agreements with respect thereto.

With respect to the percentages adopted by the Trust as maximum limitations on its investment policies and limitations, an excess above the fixed percentage will not be a violation of the policy or limitation unless the excess results immediately and directly from the acquisition of any security or the action taken. This paragraph does not apply to the borrowing policy set forth in paragraph 1 above.

Notwithstanding any of the foregoing limitations, any investment company, whether organized as a trust, association or corporation, or a personal holding company, may be merged or consolidated with or acquired by the Trust, provided that if such merger, consolidation or acquisition results in an investment in the securities of any issuer prohibited by said paragraphs, the Trust shall, within ninety days after the consummation of such merger, consolidation or acquisition, dispose of all of the securities of such issuer so acquired or such portion thereof as shall bring the total investment therein within the limitations imposed by said paragraphs above as the date of consummation.

B. NON-FUNDAMENTAL

The following limitations have been adopted by the Trust with respect to each Fund and are Non-Fundamental.

1. Pledging - The Funds will not mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or in any manner transfer, as security for indebtedness, any assets of the Fund except as may be necessary in connection with borrowings described in limitation (1) above. Margin deposits, security interests, liens, and collateral arrangement with respect to transactions involving options, futures contracts, short sales and other permitted investments and techniques are not deemed to be a mortgage, pledge, or hypothecation of assets for purposes of this limitation.
2. Borrowing - The Funds will not purchase any security while borrowings (including reverse repurchase agreements) representing more than 5% of its total assets are outstanding.
3. Margin Purchases - The Funds will not purchase securities or evidences of interest thereon on "margin". This limitation is not applicable to short-term credit obtained by the Fund for the clearance of purchase and sales or redemption of securities, or to arrangements with respect to transactions involving options, futures contracts, short sales and other permitted investments and techniques.
4. Short Sales - The Funds will not affect short sales of securities unless it owns or has the right to obtain securities equivalent in-kind and amount to the securities sold short.

5. Futures and Options - The Funds will not purchase or sell puts, calls, options or straddles except as described in the Prospectus and this Statement of Additional Information.
6. Illiquid Investments - A Fund will not invest more than 15% of its net assets in securities for which there are legal or contractual restrictions on resale and other illiquid securities.
7. Issuers – No Fund will invest more than 5% of its net assets in securities for which there are legal or contractual restrictions on resale and other illiquid securities.
8. Non-Dollar Denominated Securities - The Funds will only purchase dollar-denominated investments.
9. Eighty Percent Investment Policy - Under normal circumstances, at least 80% of the respective Fund's assets (defined as net assets plus the amount of any borrowing for investment purposes) will be invested as follows: Equity Income Fund, income-producing equity securities; International Fund, equity securities of foreign companies; the Bond Funds, fixed income securities; and Municipal Income Fund, municipal securities. None of these Funds will change this policy unless the Fund's shareholders are provided with at least sixty days prior written notice.

TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

Information pertaining to the Trustees and Officers of the Trust is provided below. Trustees who are not deemed to be interested persons of the Trust, as defined in the 1940 Act, are referred to as Independent Trustees. Trustees who are deemed to be "interested persons" of the Trust are referred to as Interested Trustees. Each Trustee serves as a Trustee until the termination of the Trust unless the Trustee dies, resigns or is removed.

NAME, ADDRESS, (YEAR OF BIRTH)	CURRENT POSITION HELD WITH TRUST	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST FIVE YEARS	OTHER DIRECTORSHIPS	
				NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS OVERSEEN	HELD DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS
Interested Trustee					
Timothy E. Johnson (1942)* 3777 West Fork Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45247	Trustee	Since 1992	Founder of Johnson Investment Counsel, Inc., the Trust's Adviser, and Professor of Finance at the University of Cincinnati	9	None
Independent Trustees					
Mr. Jonathan Adams (1977) 3777 West Fork Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45247	Trustee	Since 2023	Mr. Adams is currently President of the SALIX Data company, a data analytics company (1999 to present). He is also a board member of the following entities: City Gospel Mission (homeless shelter, 2016 to present), Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy (private school, 2016 to 2022), Risksource (insurance agency, 2018 to present) and the Goering Center (center for business, 2019 to present).	9	None
James J. Berrens (1965) 3777 West Fork Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45247	Trustee	Since 2006	Christian Community Health Services: Chief Executive Officer since May 2015	9	None
Mr. Dale Coates (1958) 3777 West Fork Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45247	Trustee	Since 2023	Mr. Coates is currently retired. He previously was Vice President and a Portfolio Manager for the Adviser, Johnson Investment Counsel, Inc. During his time with the Adviser, Mr. Coates served as Vice President to the Johnson Mutual Funds Trust from 1993 through his retirement in 2021.	9	None
John R. Green (1942) 3777 West Fork Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45247	Trustee	Since 2006	Retired from The Procter & Gamble Company, Purchases Director, Global Baby Care	9	None
Ms. Julie Murphy (1963) 3777 West Fork Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45247	Trustee	Since 2023	Ms. Murphy is vice president of Territorium, Inc., an educational technology company (2022 to present), and a consultant and owner of The Marketing Alliance, a consulting company (2005 to present). She was also the General Manager of Act, Inc., a testing company from 2019 through 2022.	9	None
Dr. Jeri B. Ricketts (1957) 3777 West Fork Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45247	Trustee	Since 2013	Retired Director of Carl H. Lindner Honors-PLUS Program, University of Cincinnati (2002-2018); Associate Professor Emeritus of Accounting, University of Cincinnati since 1986.	9	None
Mr. Gregory Simpson (1962) 3777 West Fork Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45247	Trustee	Since 2023	Mr. Simpson is currently retired but provides technical consulting as an independent consultant. Previously, he served as Chief Technology Officer and AI Leader of Synchrony Financial Services (2014-2021).	9	None
Officers					
Jason O. Jackman (1971) 3777 West Fork Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45247	President	Since 2013	President of the Adviser	N/A	N/A
Marc E. Figgins (1964) 3777 West Fork Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45247	Vice President	Since 2002	Director of Fund Services for the Trust's Adviser	N/A	N/A
Scott J. Bischoff (1966) 3777 West Fork Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45247	Chief Compliance Officer	Since 2005	Chief Compliance Officer of the Trust's Adviser	N/A	N/A
Jennifer J. Kelhoffer (1971) 3777 West Fork Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45247	Secretary/Treasurer	Since 2007	Fund Administration and Compliance Associate for the Trust's Adviser	N/A	N/A

- Mr. Johnson is an interested person of the Trust because he is the Founder of the Trust's Adviser.

Board Leadership Structure. The Trust is led by Mr. Jason Jackman, who has served as the President (principal executive officer) of the Trust, since December 2013 and Mr. Dale Coates, an independent Trustee who serves as Chairman of the Board. The Board of Trustees is comprised of one (1) Interested Trustee and seven (7) Independent Trustees (i.e. those who are not “interested persons” of the Trust, as defined under the 1940 Act). Mr. Coates serves as the Chairman, so the Trust has not otherwise designated a Lead Independent Trustee. However, governance guidelines provide that all the Independent Trustees will meet in executive session at each Board meeting and no less than quarterly. The Trust has an Audit Committee and a Nominating Committee with separate chairs. The Trust does not have any other committees. Under the Trust’s Declaration of Trust, By-Laws and governance guidelines, the Chairman of the Board is generally responsible for (a) chairing board meetings, (b) setting the agendas for these meetings and (c) providing information to board members in advance of each board meeting and between board meetings. Generally, the Trust believes it best to have the leadership roles split between Mr. Jackman and Mr. Coates who are collective seen by shareholders, business partners and other stakeholders as providing strong leadership and dual oversight of the Funds’ operations. The Trust believes that its President and Chairman, together with the Audit Committee and the full Board of Trustees, provide effective leadership that is in the best interests of the Trust, its Funds, and each shareholder.

Board Risk Oversight. The Board of Trustees is comprised of one (1) Interested Trustee and seven (7) Independent Trustees with an Audit Committee and Nominating Committee with a separate chair. The Board is responsible for overseeing risk management, and the full Board regularly engages in discussions of risk management and receives compliance reports that inform its oversight of risk management from Mr. Scott J. Bischoff in his role as Chief Compliance Officer at quarterly meetings and on an ad hoc basis, when and if necessary. The Audit Committee considers financial and reporting the risk within its area of responsibilities. Generally, the Board believes that its oversight of material risks is adequately maintained through the compliance-reporting chain where the Chief Compliance Officer is the primary recipient and communicator of such risk-related information.

Trustee Qualifications. Generally, the Trust believes that each Trustee is competent to serve because of their individual overall merits including: (i) experience, (ii) qualifications, (iii) attributes, and (iv) skills. Timothy E. Johnson, Ph.D., is the founder of the Trust’s investment adviser. Mr. Johnson is also a Professor of Finance at the University of Cincinnati. He is the author of three textbooks, has written numerous journal articles on finance and has spoken at many seminars around the country. Mr. Johnson is also an active member of numerous professional and civic organizations in the Greater Cincinnati community. Mr. Johnson holds a B.A. in Economics from North Park University, an M.B.A. in Finance from the University of Akron, and a Ph.D. in Finance from University of Illinois.

Mr. Dale Coates, who serves as a Trustee and Chairman of the Trust, retired from the Adviser in 2021. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Coates was Vice President and a Portfolio Mager for the Adviser. He also served as Vice President to the Trust from 1993 through 2021. Mr. Jonathan Adams is currently President of the SALIX Data company, a data analytics company (1999 to present). He is also a board member of the following entities: City Gospel Mission (homeless shelter, 2016 to present), Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy (private school, 2016 to 2022), Risksource (insurance agency, 2018 to present) and the Goering Center (center for business, 2019 to present). Mr. James Berrens is the Chief Executive Officer of Christian Community Health Services, a position he has held since May 2015. Mr. Berrens has many years of experience preparing and analyzing financial statements, which is beneficial to the Board during its review of the Trust's financial statements and dealing with other accounting issues. Mr. John Green is retired from The Procter & Gamble Company. Before his retirement, Mr. Green was a Director of Global Purchases at Procter & Gamble and his knowledge of the operations of large international corporations is useful to the Board during its deliberations regarding distribution strategies and practices for the Funds. Ms. Julie Murphy is vice president of Territorium, Inc., an educational technology company (2022 to present), and a consultant and owner of The Marketing Alliance, a consulting company (2005 to present). She was also the General Manager of Act, Inc., a testing company from 2019 through 2022. Dr. Jeri Ricketts is Associate Professor Emeritus of Accounting, and retired Director of the Carl H. Lindner Honors-PLUS Business Program at the University of Cincinnati. She worked as an auditor before returning in 1981 to work on her MBA at the University of Cincinnati. After completing her MBA, she entered the PhD program at UC, obtaining her PhD in accounting in 1986. Mr. Gregory Simpson is currently retired but provides technical consulting as an independent consultant. Previously, Mr. Simpson served as Chief Technology Officer and AI Leader of Synchrony Financial Services (2014-2021).

The Trust does not believe any one factor is determinative in assessing a Trustee's qualifications, but that collective experience of each Trustee makes them highly qualified.

The Board currently has an Audit Committee and a Nominating Committee. Each committee consists of all independent trustees. The Audit Committee met twice during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. The primary purpose of the Audit Committee is to oversee the Trust's accounting and financial reporting policies, practices and internal controls, as required by the statutes and regulations administered by the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the 1940 Act. The functions of the Nominating Committee are to oversee the nomination and selection of the Trustees. The Nominating Committee did not meet during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

The dollar ranges of securities beneficially owned by the Trustees in each Fund and in the Trust as of March 31, 2024, are as follows:

Name of Trustee	Equity Income	Opportunity	International	Enhanced Return	Core Bond	Municipal Income	In Aggregate
Tim Johnson	over \$100,000	none	none	over \$100,000	over \$100,000	none	over \$100,000
Jonathan Adams	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
James Berrens	over \$100,000	over \$100,000	none	none	none	none	over \$100,000
Dale Coates	over \$100,000	\$10,000-\$50,000	\$1-\$10,000	none	\$10,000-\$50,000	\$10,000-\$50,000	over \$100,000
John Green	over \$100,000	none	none	none	none	none	over \$100,000
Julie Murphy	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
Jeri Ricketts	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
Gregory Simpson	none	none	none	none	none	none	none

None of the Trustees owned shares of the Intermediate Bond, Short Duration, or Core Plus Bond Funds.

The compensation paid to the Trustees of the Trust for the year ended December 31, 2023 is set forth in the following table:

NAME OF TRUSTEE	TOTAL COMPENSATION FROM TRUST(THE TRUST IS NOT IN A FUND COMPLEX) ¹
Timothy E. Johnson	\$0
Jonathan Adams	\$12,500
James J. Berrens	\$25,000
Dale Coates	\$12,500
John R. Green	\$25,000
Julie Murphy	\$12,500
Jeri B. Ricketts	\$25,000
Gregory Simpson	\$12,500

¹ Trustee fees are Trust expenses. However, because the Management Agreement obligates the Adviser to pay all of the operating expenses of the Trust (with limited exceptions), the Adviser makes the actual payment.

As of March 31, 2024, the following persons may be deemed to beneficially own five percent (5%) or more of the outstanding shares of each of the Funds:

EQUITY INCOME FUND CLASS I

Client accounts held at Charles Schwab by Johnson Investment Counsel, Inc., with full advisory discretion:

98.96%

OPPORTUNITY FUND CLASS I

Client accounts held at Charles Schwab by Johnson Investment Counsel, Inc., with full advisory discretion: 99.40%

INTERNATIONAL FUND

Client accounts held at Charles Schwab by Johnson Investment Counsel, Inc., with full advisory discretion: 37.93%

ENHANCED RETURN FUND

Client accounts held at Charles Schwab by Johnson Investment Counsel, Inc., with full advisory discretion: 97.97%

CORE BOND FUND CLASS I

Client accounts held at Charles Schwab by Johnson Investment Counsel, Inc., with full advisory discretion: 74.01%

SEI Private Trust Company, One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456 8.61%

US Bank, 425 Walnut St, Cincinnati, OH 45202 7.66%

Covenant Trust Company, 5215 Old Orchard Rd, Suite 725, Skokie, Illinois 60077 6.18%

CORE BOND FUND CLASS F

LPL Financial FBO Customer Accounts, 4707 Executive Drive, San Diego, California 92121 98.54%

INTERMEDIATE BOND FUND

Covenant Trust Company, 5215 Old Orchard Rd, Suite 725, Skokie, Illinois 60077 37.85%

Client accounts held at Charles Schwab by Johnson Investment Counsel, Inc., with full advisory discretion: 30.93%

National Financial Services LLC, 499 Washington Blvd, Jersey City, New Jersey 07310 28.88%

SHORT DURATION BOND FUND

Covenant Trust Company, 5215 Old Orchard Rd, Suite 725, Skokie, Illinois 60077 49.75%

Client accounts held at Charles Schwab by Johnson Investment Counsel, Inc., with full advisory discretion: 25.55%

National Financial Services LLC, 499 Washington Blvd, Jersey City, New Jersey 07310 15.23%

CORE PLUS BOND FUND

Client accounts held at Charles Schwab by Johnson Investment Counsel, Inc., with full advisory discretion: 87.13%

Saxon & Co., PO Box 94597, Cleveland, Ohio 44101 12.86%

MUNICIPAL INCOME FUND

Client accounts held at Charles Schwab by Johnson Investment Counsel, Inc., with full advisory discretion: 97.70%

The officers and Trustees as a group beneficially owned as of March 31, 2023, the following percentage of the outstanding shares of the Funds (excluding discretionary advisory accounts of Johnson Investment Counsel, Inc. and shares held in the Johnson Investment Counsel Profit Sharing/401(k) Plan, except those shares directly attributable to a Trustee or Officer):

Johnson Equity Income Fund	0.91%
Johnson Opportunity Fund	0.58%
Johnson International Fund	1.53%
Johnson Enhanced Return Fund	4.03%
Johnson Institutional Core Bond Fund	0.03%
Johnson Institutional Intermediate Bond Fund	0.00%
Johnson Institutional Short Duration Bond Fund	0.00%
Johnson Core Plus Bond Fund	0.00%
Johnson Municipal Income Fund	0.02%

Shareholder Rights - Any Trustee of the Trust may be removed by vote of the shareholders holding not less than two-thirds of the outstanding shares of the Trust. The Trust does not hold an annual meeting of shareholders. When matters are submitted to shareholders for a vote, each shareholder is entitled to one vote for each whole share he/she owns and fractional votes for fractional shares he/she owns. All shares of a Fund have equal voting rights and liquidation rights.

The beneficial ownership, either directly or indirectly, of more than 25% of the voting securities of a Fund creates a presumption of control of the Fund under Section 2(a)(9) of the 1940 Act. As of March 31, 2024, Covie and Company may be deemed to own in the aggregate more than 25% of the shares of the Intermediate and Short Duration Bond Funds, and, as a result, may be deemed to control these Funds; NFS may be deemed to own in the aggregate more than 25% of the Intermediate Bond Fund, and as a result, may be deemed to control the Fund; and, discretionary advisory accounts of Johnson Investment Counsel, Inc. and other accounts that officers and/or employees may control, may be deemed to own in the aggregate more than 25% of the shares of the Funds, and, as a result, may be deemed to control this Fund.

THE INVESTMENT ADVISER

The Trust's investment adviser is Johnson Investment Counsel, Inc., 3777 West Fork Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45247. Timothy E. Johnson may be deemed to be a controlling person and an affiliate of the Adviser due to his position as the Founder of the Adviser. Mr. Johnson, because of such affiliation, may receive benefits from the management fees paid to the Adviser.

Under the terms of the Funds' management agreement with the Adviser (the "Management Agreement"), the Adviser manages the Funds' investments. As compensation for management services, the Funds are obligated to pay the Adviser fees computed and accrued daily and paid monthly at the annual rates set forth below. The investment advisory agreements provide that the Adviser will pay all of the Funds operating expenses, excluding brokerage fees and commissions, borrowing costs, taxes, acquired fund fees, and extraordinary expenses.

Fund	Percentage of Average Daily Net Assets
Equity Income Fund	0.75%
Opportunity Fund	0.90%
International Fund	1.00%
Enhanced Return Fund	0.35%
Core Bond Fund	0.30%
Intermediate Bond Fund	0.30%
Short Duration Bond Fund	0.30%
Core Plus Bond Fund	0.45%
Municipal Income Fund	0.30%

The F share classes for the Short Duration, Intermediate and Core Bond Funds also incur 12b-1 fee at the annual rate of 0.25% (before the contractual waiver described below) of the Fund's average daily net assets, which is accrued daily and paid monthly.

The S share classes for the Equity Income, Opportunity and Core Bond Funds also incur a Shareholder Servicing Fee at the annual rate of 0.25% of the Fund's average daily net assets, which is accrued daily and paid monthly.

Effective May 1, 2024, the Adviser has agreed to waive a portion of the management fee for the Core, Intermediate and Short Duration Bond Funds from a maximum of 0.30% to an effective fee ratio of 0.25%, unchanged from the prior period. In addition, the Adviser has agreed to waive a part of the 12b-1 fee for the F share classes from a maximum of 0.25% to an effective annual rate of 0.15%. The Adviser has the right to remove this fee waiver any time after April 30, 2025. These waivers are not subject to recoupment.

Effective May 1, 2024, the Core Plus Bond Fund amended its investment advisory agreement so that the Adviser will pay all of the Fund's operating expenses, excluding brokerage fees and commissions, borrowing costs, taxes, acquired fund fees, and extraordinary expenses. Prior to May 1, 2024, the Adviser had contractually agreed to reimburse expenses, other than the Management Fee, to limit Fund expenses so that the total annual operating would not exceed 0.45%.

For the fiscal periods indicated below, the following advisory fees, net of fee waivers, were paid:

Fund	2023	2022	2021
Equity Income Fund	\$5,479,874	\$5,661,595	\$5,423,657
Opportunity Fund	1,181,359	1,158,299	1,133,994
International Fund	233,349	214,381	234,907
Enhanced Return Fund	786,032	863,849	1,073,547
Core Bond Fund	2,165,890	1,439,527	1,577,562
Intermediate Bond Fund	610,278	687,014	588,020
Short Duration Bond Fund	531,170	667,062	816,924
Core Plus Bond Fund*	78,596	67,571	8,313
Municipal Income Fund	1,117,317	1,501,960	1,738,223

Fee waivers that otherwise would have been payable to the Adviser by the Funds:

Fund	2023	2022	2021
Core Bond Fund	\$428,415	\$290,825	\$323,443
Intermediate Bond Fund	122,061	135,194	117,613
Short Duration Bond Fund	106,239	133,421	163,396
Core Plus Bond Fund*	155,011	104,225	12,347

- For the Core Plus Bond Fund, the 2021 period was November 17, 2021 to December 31, 2021. The waiver for the Core Plus Bond Fund for all 3 years also included other expenses to the Fund.

The Adviser retains the right to use the name “Johnson” in connection with another investment company or business enterprise with which the Adviser is or may become associated. The Trust’s right to use the name “Johnson” automatically ceases thirty days after termination of the Management Agreement and may be withdrawn by the Adviser on thirty days written notice.

The Adviser may make payments to banks or other financial institutions that provide shareholder services and administer shareholder accounts. If a bank or other financial institution were prohibited from continuing to perform all or part of such services, the management of the Funds believes that there would be no material impact on the Funds or its shareholders. Banks and other financial institutions may charge their customers fees for offering these services to the extent permitted by applicable regulatory authorities, and the overall return to those shareholders availing themselves of the bank services will be lower than to those shareholders who do not. A Fund may from time to time purchase securities issued by banks and other financial institutions that provide such services; however, in selecting investments for a Fund, no preference will be shown for such securities.

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS AND BROKERAGE

Subject to policies established by the Board of Trustees of the Trust, the Adviser is responsible for the Trust’s portfolio decisions and the placing of the Trust’s portfolio transactions. In placing portfolio transactions, the Adviser seeks the best qualitative execution for the Trust, taking into account such factors as price (including the applicable brokerage commission or dealer spread), the execution capability, financial responsibility and responsiveness of the broker or dealer and the brokerage and research services provided by the broker or dealer. The Adviser generally seeks favorable prices and commission rates that are reasonable in relation to the benefits received.

The Adviser is specifically authorized to select brokers or dealers who also provide brokerage and research services to the Trust and/or the other accounts over which the Adviser exercises investment discretion and to pay such brokers or dealers a commission in excess of the commission another broker or dealer would charge if the Adviser determines in good faith that the commission is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services provided. The determination may be viewed in terms of a particular transaction or the Adviser’s overall responsibilities with respect to the Trust and to other accounts over which it exercises investment discretion.

Research services include supplemental research, securities and economic analyses, statistical services and information with respect to the availability of securities or purchasers or sellers of securities and analyses of reports concerning performance of accounts. The research services and other information furnished by brokers through whom the Trust effects securities transactions may also be used by the Adviser in servicing all of its accounts. Similarly, research and information provided by brokers or dealers serving other clients may be useful to the Adviser in connection with its services to the Trust. Although research services and other information are useful to the Trust and the Adviser, it is not possible to place a dollar value on the research and other information received. It is the opinion of the Board of Trustees and the Adviser that the review and study of the research and other information will not reduce the overall cost to the Adviser of performing its duties to the Trust under the Management Agreement.

Over-the-counter transactions will be placed either directly with principal market makers or with broker-dealers, if the same or a better price, including commissions and executions, is available. Fixed income securities are normally purchased directly from the issuer, an underwriter or a market maker. Purchases include a concession paid by the issuer to the underwriter and the purchase price paid to market makers may include the spread between the bid and asked prices.

To the extent that the Trust and another of the Adviser's clients seek to acquire the same security at about the same time, the Trust may not be able to acquire as large a position in such security as it desires or it may have to pay a higher price for the security. Similarly, the Trust may not be able to obtain as large an execution of an order to sell or as high a price for any particular portfolio security if the other client desires to sell the same portfolio security at the same time. On the other hand, if the same securities are bought or sold at the same time by more than one client, the resulting participation in volume transactions could produce better executions for the Trust. In the event that more than one client wants to purchase or sell the same security on a given date, the purchases and sales will normally be allocated using the following rules:

- A. All client accounts would have their entire order filled or receive no share at all, unless the account's purchase would exceed \$50,000. In that case, filling part of the order for that account would be acceptable.
- B. The orders would be filled beginning with that account least invested in that security type, relative to its goal, and proceed through the list with the last order filled for the account most invested in that security type, relative to its goal.

Based on Rule A, some accounts may be skipped to meet the exact number of shares purchased. For the sale of a security, the orders would be filled beginning with the most fully invested account moving to the least fully invested.

For the fiscal years ended indicated below, the following brokerage commissions were paid by the Funds:

	2023	2022	2021
Equity Income Fund	\$172,164	\$152,540	\$192,280
Opportunity Fund	45,303	53,699	55,945
International Fund	7,148	12,417	12,368
Enhanced Return Fund	37,877	42,442	50,247
Core Plus Bond Fund	305	221	17

The commissions paid by the Enhanced Return and Core Plus Bond Funds are commissions paid on the purchases and sales of futures contracts. The remaining Funds did not pay any commissions.

The Trust and the Adviser have each adopted a Code of Ethics under Rule 17j-1 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. The personnel subject to the Code are permitted to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by the Funds. You may obtain a copy of the Code from the Securities and Exchange Commission.

DISTRIBUTION PLAN

The Core Bond Fund, Intermediate Bond Fund and Short Duration Bond Fund have adopted a plan pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 with respect to each Fund's Class F shares (the "Plan"). The Plan permits the Funds to pay for certain distribution and promotion expenses related to marketing Class F shares of the Funds. The amount payable annually by these Funds is authorized to a maximum amount of 0.25% of its average daily net assets attributable to each Fund's Class F shares. However, the amount currently authorized by the Trust is 0.15%.

Under the Plan, the Trust may engage in any activities related to the distribution of Class F shares, including without limitation the following: (a) payments, including incentive compensation, to securities dealers or other financial intermediaries, financial institutions, investment advisers and others that are engaged in the sale of shares of the Funds, or that may be advising shareholders of the Trust regarding the purchase, sale or retention of shares of the Funds; (b) expenses of maintaining personnel (including personnel of organizations with which the Trust has entered into agreements related to this Plan) who engage in or support distribution of shares of the Funds; (c) costs of preparing, printing and distributing prospectuses and statements of additional information and reports of the Funds for recipients other than existing shareholders of the Funds; (d) costs of formulating and implementing marketing and promotional activities, including, but not limited to, sales seminars, direct mail promotions and television, radio, newspaper, magazine and other mass media advertising; (e) costs of preparing, printing and distributing sales literature; (f) costs of obtaining such information, analyses and reports with respect to marketing and promotional activities as the Trust may, from time to time, deem advisable; and (g) costs of implementing and operating this Plan.

The Trustees expect that the Plan could significantly enhance the Funds' ability to expand distribution of shares of the Funds. It is also anticipated that an increase in the size of the Funds will facilitate more efficient portfolio management and assist the Funds in seeking to achieve its investment objective.

The Plan has been approved by the Trust's Board of Trustees, including a majority of the Trustees who are not "interested persons" of the Trust and who have no direct or indirect financial interest in the Plan or any related agreement, by a vote cast in person. Continuation of the Plan and the related agreements must be approved by the Trustees annually, in the same manner, and the Plan or any related agreement may be terminated at any time without penalty by a majority of such independent Trustees or by a majority of the outstanding shares of the applicable Funds. Any amendment increasing the maximum percentage payable under the Plan or other material change must be approved by a majority of the outstanding shares of the Funds, and all other material amendments to the Plan or any related agreement must be approved by a majority of the independent Trustees.

DETERMINATION OF SHARE PRICE

The prices (net asset values) of the shares of each Fund are determined as of 4:00 p.m. Eastern time on each day the Trust is open for business, on days when shareholders exist for a Fund, and on any other day on which there is sufficient trading in a Fund's securities to materially affect the net asset value. The Trust is open for business on every day except Saturdays, Sundays, and the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. The Trust uses Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) and Bloomberg BVAL to price portfolio securities. The Board of Trustees periodically reviews the pricing services used by the Trust.

Equity securities are valued at their market value when reliable market quotations are readily available. Securities that are traded on any stock exchange are generally valued by the pricing service at the last quoted sale price. Lacking a last sale price, an exchange traded security is generally valued by the pricing service at its last bid price. Securities traded on NASDAQ are generally valued by the pricing service at the NASDAQ Official Closing Price. When reliable market quotations are not readily available, when the Adviser determines that the market quotation or the price provided by the pricing service does not accurately reflect the current market value or when restricted securities are being valued, such securities are valued as determined in good faith by the Adviser, in conformity with guidelines adopted by and subject to review of the Board of Trustees of the Trust.

Fixed income securities generally are valued by using market quotations but may be valued on the basis of prices furnished by a pricing service when the Adviser believes such prices accurately reflect the fair market value of such securities. A pricing service utilizes electronic data processing techniques based on yield spreads relating to securities with similar characteristics to determine prices for normal institutional-size trading units of debt securities without regard to sale or bid prices. If the Adviser decides that a price provided by the pricing services does not accurately reflect the fair market value of the securities, when prices are not readily available from a pricing service or when restricted or illiquid securities are being valued, securities are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Adviser, in conformity with guidelines adopted by and subject to review of the Board. Short-term investments in fixed income securities with maturities of less than sixty days when acquired, or which subsequently are within sixty days of maturity, are valued by using the amortized cost method of valuation, which the Board has determined will represent fair value.

For additional information about the methods used to determine the net asset value (share price), see "Share Price Calculation" in the Prospectus.

TAXES

Each Fund has qualified, and intends to continue to qualify, under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code. By so qualifying, no Fund will be liable for federal income taxes to the extent its taxable net investment income and net realized capital gains are sufficiently distributed to shareholders. Each Fund is required by federal law to withhold and remit to the U.S. Treasury a portion (30%) of the dividend income and capital gains distributions of any account unless the shareholder provides a taxpayer identification number and certifies that the taxpayer identification number is correct, and that the shareholder is not subject to backup withholding.

For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012, certain U.S. shareholders, including individuals and estates and trusts, will be subject to an additional 3.8% Medicare tax on all or a portion of their “net investment income,” which should include dividends from the Funds and net gains from the disposition of shares of the Funds. U.S. shareholders are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the implications of the additional Medicare tax resulting from an investment in the Funds.

Under the Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010, Funds will be permitted to carry forward capital losses incurred in taxable years beginning after December 22, 2010 for an unlimited period. However, any losses incurred during those future taxable years will be required to be utilized prior to the losses incurred in pre-enactment taxable years. As a result of this, pre-enactment capital loss carryforwards may be more likely to expire unused. Additionally, post-enactment capital losses that are carried forward will retain their character as either short-term or long-term capital losses rather than being considered all short-term as under previous law.

As of December 31, 2023, the following Fund had net realized capital loss carryforwards for an indefinite period of time:

	Long-Term	Short-Term	Total Capital Loss Carryover
Johnson International Fund	\$ 147,347	\$ 278,613	\$ 425,960
Enhanced Return Fund	14,966,185	10,096,426	25,062,611
Core Bond Fund	69,071,385	36,652,831	105,724,216
Intermediate Bond Fund	12,622,755	5,019,997	17,642,752
Short Duration Bond Fund	4,209,631	2,108,039	6,397,670
Core Plus Bond Fund	774,721	506,517	1,281,239
Johnson Municipal Income Fund	6,300,775	262,469	6,563,244

Payments to a shareholder that is either a foreign financial institution (“FFI”) or a non-financial foreign entity (“NFFE”) within the meaning of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (“FATCA”) may be subject to a generally nonrefundable 30% withholding tax on: (a) income dividends paid by a Fund after June 30, 2014 and (b) certain capital gain distributions and the proceeds arising from the sale of Fund shares paid by the Fund after December 31, 2016. FATCA withholding tax generally can be avoided: (a) by an FFI, subject to any applicable intergovernmental agreement or other exemption, if it enters into a valid agreement with the IRS to, among other requirements, report required information about certain direct and indirect ownership of foreign financial accounts held by U.S. persons with the FFI and (b) by an NFFE, if it: (i) certifies that it has no substantial U.S. persons as owners or (ii) if it does have such owners, reports information relating to them. A Fund may disclose the information that it receives from its shareholders to the IRS, non-U.S. taxing authorities or other parties as necessary to comply with FATCA. Withholding also may be required if a foreign entity that is a shareholder of a Fund fails to provide the Fund with appropriate certifications or other documentation concerning its status under FATCA.

PROXY VOTING POLICY

The Board of Trustees of the Trust has delegated responsibilities for decisions regarding proxy voting for securities held by the Funds to the Adviser. The Adviser will vote such proxies in accordance with its proxy policies and procedures. In some instances, the Adviser may be asked to cast a proxy vote that presents a conflict between the interests of a Fund's shareholders, and those of the Adviser or an affiliated person of the Adviser. In such a case, the Trust's policy requires that the Adviser abstain from making a voting decision and to forward all necessary proxy voting materials to the Trust to enable the Board of Trustees to make a voting decision. When the Board of Trustees of the Trust is required to make a proxy voting decision, only the Trustees without a conflict of interest with regard to the security in question or the matter to be voted upon shall be permitted to participate in the decision of how the Fund's vote will be cast.

The Adviser's proxy voting policies and procedures are attached as Appendix A to this Statement of Additional Information. The Adviser has engaged Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS) to vote the Funds' proxies in accordance with the Adviser's policies and procedures.

Information regarding how each Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling (513) 661-3100 or toll free at (800) 541-0170; and (ii) from the Trust's documents filed with the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. In addition, you may obtain a copy of the Trust's proxy voting policies by call (513) 661-3100 or toll free at (800) 541-0170.

DISCLOSURE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

The Funds are required to include a schedule of portfolio holdings in their annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders, which is sent to shareholders within 60 days of the end of the second and fourth fiscal quarters and which is filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on Form N-CSR within 70 days of the end of the second and fourth fiscal quarters. The Funds also are required to file a schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC on Form N-PORT within 60 days of each fiscal quarter end. The Funds must provide a copy of the complete schedule of portfolio holdings as filed with the SEC to any shareholder of the Fund, upon request, free of charge. This policy is applied uniformly to all shareholders of the Funds without regard to the type of requesting shareholder (i.e., regardless of whether the shareholder is an individual or institutional investor). Additionally, the portfolio holdings for selected funds are generally posted at www.johnsonmutualfunds.com 15 days after each month's end.

The Funds release portfolio holdings to third party servicing agents on a daily basis in order for those parties to perform their duties on behalf of the Funds. These third party servicing agents include the Adviser, Transfer Agent, Fund Accounting Agent, Administrator and Custodian, each of which is described in this SAI. Additionally, the Funds may release portfolio holdings to third party rating agencies and data reporting platforms (currently Lipper and Morningstar) on a periodic basis. The Funds also may disclose portfolio holdings, as needed, to the Funds' auditors, proxy voting services (if applicable), pricing services, and legal counsel, each of which is described in the prospectus or in this SAI. This information is disclosed to third parties under the conditions of confidentiality. "Conditions of confidentiality" include (i) confidentiality clauses in written agreements, (ii) confidentiality implied by the nature of the relationship (e.g., attorney-client relationship), (iii) confidentiality required by fiduciary or regulatory principles (e.g., custody relationships) or (iv) understandings or expectations between the parties that the information will be kept confidential.

Except as described above, the Funds are prohibited from entering into any arrangements with any person to make available information about the Funds' portfolio holdings without the specific approval of the Board. The Adviser must submit any proposed arrangement pursuant to which the Adviser intends to disclose the Funds' portfolio holdings to the Board, which will review such arrangement to determine whether the arrangement is in the best interests of Fund shareholders. Additionally, the Adviser and any affiliated persons of the Adviser are prohibited from receiving compensation or other consideration, for themselves or on behalf of the Fund, as a result of disclosing the Fund's portfolio holdings.

PORFOLIO MANAGERS

The Johnson Mutual Funds are managed with a team approach. The following charts indicate the individuals involved with the day to day portfolio management of each of the Johnson Mutual Funds and a description of their experience. Also included in the chart is a dollar range of equity securities held in the Funds as of December 31, 2023.

Portfolio Manager	Participation on Teams	Length of Service in Years	Business Experience	Dollar Range of Equity Securities Held in Funds
Bryan Andress	Opportunity	10	CFA, 2019; Research Analyst for the Adviser since 2013.	Opportunity: \$100,001 to \$500,000
Emilia Conner-Brady	Municipal Income	1	CFA, 2022; Credit Analyst for the Adviser since 2018	Municipal Income: None
Chris Godby	Opportunity	9	CFA, 2015; Research Analyst for the Adviser since 2013.	Opportunity: \$100,001 to \$500,000
Jason Jackman	Enhanced Return Core Intermediate Short Duration Core Plus	31	CFA, 1998; President since October, 2013; joined the Adviser in 1993.	Enhanced Return: \$100,001 to \$500,000 Core Bond: \$50,001 to \$100,000 Intermediate Bond: None Short Duration Bond: None Core Plus Bond: None
Bill Jung	Equity Income	23	CFA, 2003; Research Analyst for the Adviser; joined the Adviser in 2000.	Equity Income: \$500,001 to \$1,000,000
Brian Kute	Opportunity, International	29	CFA, 1999; Team Leader for Opportunity and International Funds and Director of Research for the Adviser; joined the adviser in 1994.	Opportunity: over \$1,000,000 International: \$100,001 to \$500,000
Michael Leisring	Enhanced Return Core Intermediate Short Duration Core Plus Municipal Income	24	CFA, 2002; Team Leader for the Fixed Income and Municipal Income Funds; Chief Investment Officer - Fixed Income for the Adviser; joined the Adviser in 1999.	Enhanced Return: \$100,001 to \$500,000 Core Bond: over \$1,000,000 Intermediate Bond: \$100,001 to \$500,000 Short Duration Bond: None Core Plus Bond: \$100,001 to \$500,000 Municipal Income Fund: Over \$1,000,000
Ryan Martin	Enhanced Return Core Intermediate Short Duration Core Plus	3	CFA, 2017; Fixed Income Portfolio Manager; joined Adviser in 2015	Enhanced Return: \$100,001 to \$500,000 Core Bond: \$50,001 to \$100,000 Intermediate Bond: \$10,001 to \$50,000 Short Duration Bond: None Core Plus Bond: None
Charles Rinehart	Equity Income	14	CFA, 2012; Team Leader of the Equity Income Fund; Chief Investment Officer for the Adviser; joined the Adviser in 2010.	Equity Income: \$500,001 to \$1,000,000
David Theobald	Enhanced Return Core Intermediate Short Duration Core Plus Municipal Income	10	CFA, 2012; Senior Portfolio Manager for the Adviser; joined Adviser in 2013.	Enhanced Return: \$100,001 to \$500,000 Core Bond: \$50,001 to \$100,000 Intermediate Bond: None Short Duration Bond: None Core Plus Bond: None Municipal Income: None

Brandon Zureick	Enhanced Return Core Intermediate Short Duration Core Plus	12	CFA, 2012; Director and Portfolio Manager for the Adviser; joined the Adviser in 2011.	Enhanced Return: \$100,001 to \$500,000 Core Bond: \$10,001 to \$50,000 Intermediate Bond: None Short Duration Bond: \$100,001 to \$500,000 Core Plus Bond: \$100,001 to \$500,000
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The following table discloses the number of accounts and other registered investment companies (RIC) managed by the portfolio manager team member and the total assets managed within the accounts and RICs as of December 31, 2023. The Adviser does not receive any performance based fees. None of the managers listed below provide management to other RICs or Other Pooled Vehicles.

Portfolio Manager	Number of Other Accounts Managed	Total Assets of Other Accounts Managed
Bryan Andress	-	-
Emilia Conner-Brady	-	-
Chris Godby	-	-
Jason Jackman	54	\$1,620,740,043
Bill Jung	-	-
Brian Kute	-	-
Michael Leisring	-	-
Ryan Martin	-	-
Charles Rinehart	251	\$301,989,891
David Theobald	3	\$16,391,294
Brandon Zureick	9	185,828,048

The Adviser believes there are currently no material conflicts of interest between the management of the Funds and the accounts described above. Purchases and redemptions to the accounts are processed with an allocation program that does not permit any discrimination to either the Fund accounts or the accounts described above.

Each of the team members is compensated for their services by the Adviser. Compensation consists of a salary, incentive compensation, and retirement plan contributions by the Adviser. The salary for each team member is fixed. The incentive compensation structure provides additional compensation to the portfolio management team member if the Funds and accounts described in the table meet certain performance criteria versus the established benchmarks on a pretax basis. The benchmarks are measured on a one and three year basis. Portfolio management team members are also eligible for participation in a Defined Contribution Plan which provides retirement contributions based on a percentage of salary which is applied to all employees of the Adviser and its affiliates.

CUSTODIAN

US Bank, 425 Walnut Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, is the current custodian of the Funds' investments. The Custodian acts as each Fund's depository, holds its portfolio securities in safekeeping, collects all income and other payments with respect thereto, disburses funds at the Funds' request and maintains records in connection with its duties.

FUND SERVICES

Effective April 1, 2023, Ultimus Fund Solutions ("UFS"), P.O. Box 46707, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246 acts as the Funds' transfer agent. UFS maintains the records of each shareholder's account, answers shareholders' inquiries concerning their accounts, processes purchases and redemptions of the Funds' shares, acts as dividend and distribution disbursing agent and performs other transfer agent and shareholder service functions. Previously, Johnson Financial Inc, an affiliate of the Adviser, provided transfer agent services. For the services as transfer agent, JFI received from the Adviser (not the Funds) an annual fee of \$278,001 for each of the fiscal years ended December 31, 2021, and 2022, in the aggregate for all Funds of the Trust.

Effective April 1, 2023, UFS also provides fund accounting services to each Fund, including maintaining each Fund's accounts, books, and records, calculating net asset value per share and distributions, and providing reports and other accounting services. Previously, JFI provided fund accounting services. For the services as fund accountant, JFI received from the Adviser (not the Funds) an annual fee of \$476,090 for each of the fiscal years ended December 31, 2021, and 2022, in the aggregate for all Funds of the Trust

JFI also provides the Funds with administrative services to each Fund and the Trust, including all compliance, regulatory reporting and necessary office equipment, personnel, and facilities. For its services as fund administrator, JFI received from the Adviser (not the Funds) an annual fee of \$450,024 respectively, for each of the fiscal years ended December 31, 2021, 2022, and 2023, in the aggregate for all Funds of the Trust.

INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The firm of Cohen & Company, Ltd., 1350 Euclid Avenue, Suite 800, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 has been selected as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Trust for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. Cohen & Company, Ltd. performs an annual audit of the Trust's financial statements and provides financial, tax and accounting consulting services as requested.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements and report of the independent registered public accounting firm, required to be included in this Statement of Additional Information, are incorporated herein by reference to the Trust's Annual Report to shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Funds will provide the Annual Report without charge at written request or request by telephone.

APPENDIX A

ADVISER'S PROXY VOTING GUIDELINES

OVERVIEW

The following policies are the guidelines of Johnson Investment Counsel (“JIC”) to be used to vote shareholder proxies for clients.

To ensure that proxies are reviewed, voted, and returned in time for the shareholder meeting, the advisor shall follow the procedures detailed in these Proxy Voting Guidelines. Proxy ballots are reviewed and decisions are made based on proxy research, consultation with the advisor’s portfolio managers/research analysts, and research provided by a third party proxy service, Institutional Shareholder Services (“ISS”), contracted by the advisor.

Generally, we favor proposals that protect and enhance the rights of shareholders as a class and disapprove policies that favor individual shareholders or groups of shareholders at the expense of others. We vote for some proposals of management if management is making good decisions for stockholders.

Any reference to granting powers to individuals giving them power of substitution in voting the proxy will be stricken out of the proxy unless the account owning the securities has provisions for substitution in its governing instrument. In that case, the individual voting the proxy will determine the advisability of striking or returning the substitution authority.

A record is to be maintained of the date a proxy ballot was voted and how it was voted.

ISS will implement the following procedures in order to vote JIC’s Policy. JIC’s Staff will have the ability to override, on the ISS voting platform (PROXYEXCHANGE), any ISS indicated vote recommendation, as well as the ability to instruct on any agenda item that ISS presents to JIC as “Refer” vote.

Topic	Guidance
Uncontested Election of Directors	<p>Key Committees: Vote AGAINST/WITHHOLD from non-independent directors serving on the Audit, Compensation, and Nominating committees</p> <p>Attendance: Vote AGAINST/WITHHOLD from director nominees if they attended less than 75% of scheduled meetings in the previous fiscal year without a valid excuse.</p> <p>Vote AGAINST the entire slate if voting for individual directors is not an option.</p> <p>Composition: Vote WITHHOLD for any Executive Director or Non-Independent, Non-Executive Director where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Independent directors comprise 50 percent or less of the board;• The company lacks a formal nominating committee.

Overboarding:

Generally vote **AGAINST/WITHHOLD** from individual directors who:

- Sit on more than five public company boards; or
- Are CEOs of public companies who sit on the boards of more than two public companies besides their own— withhold only at their outside boards.

Gender Diversity:

For companies in the Russell 3000 or S&P 1500 indices, generally vote **AGAINST/WITHHOLD** from the chair of the nominating committee (or other directors on a case-by-case basis) at companies where there are no women on the company's board. Mitigating factors include:

- Until Feb. 1, 2021, a firm commitment, as stated in the proxy statement, to appoint at least one woman to the board within a year;
- The presence of a woman on the board at the preceding annual meeting and a firm commitment to appoint at least one woman to the board within a year; or
- Other relevant factors as applicable.

Responsiveness:

Vote **CASE-BY-CASE** on individual directors, committee members, or the entire board of directors as appropriate if:

- The board failed to act on a shareholder proposal that received the support of a majority of the shares cast in the previous year;
- The board failed to act on takeover offers where the majority of shares are tendered;
- At the previous board election, any director received more than 50 percent withhold/against votes of the shares cast and the company has failed to address the issue(s) that caused the high withhold/against vote.

Accountability:

Vote **AGAINST/WITHHOLD** from the entire board of directors (except new nominees, who should be considered case-by-case) for the following:

- The company has a poison pill that was not approved by shareholders. However, vote case-by-case on nominees if the board adopts an initial pill with a term of one year or less, depending on the disclosed rationale for the adoption, and other factors as relevant (such as a commitment to put any renewal to a shareholder vote);
- The board makes a material adverse modification to an existing pill, including, but not limited to, extension, renewal, or lowering the trigger, without shareholder approval;
- The board is classified, and a continuing director responsible for a problematic governance issue at the board/committee level that would warrant a withhold/against vote recommendation is not up for election. All appropriate nominees (except new) may be held accountable;
- The company has opted into, or failed to opt out of, state laws requiring a classified board structure;
- The board lacks mechanisms to promote accountability and oversight, coupled with sustained poor performance relative to peers;
- Generally vote against or withhold from directors individually, committee members, or the entire board (except new nominees, who should be considered case-by-case) if the board amends the company's bylaws or charter without shareholder approval in a manner that materially diminishes shareholders' rights or that could adversely impact shareholders;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For newly public companies, generally vote against or withhold from directors individually, committee members, or the entire board (except new nominees, who should be considered case-by-case) if, prior to or in connection with the company's public offering, the company or its board adopted the following bylaw or charter provisions that are considered to be materially adverse to shareholder rights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supermajority vote requirements to amend the bylaws or charter; ○ A classified board structure; or ○ Other egregious provisions. ○ A reasonable sunset provision will be considered a mitigating factor. No sunset period of more than seven years from the date of the IPO will be considered to be reasonable. ○ Unless the adverse provision is reversed or removed, vote case-by-case on director nominees in subsequent years. ● The company's governing documents impose undue restrictions on shareholders' ability to amend the bylaws; ● Generally vote against the members of the Audit Committee if problematic audit-related practices have been identified, such as excessive non-audit fees, adverse opinion from the auditor, or the existence of inappropriate indemnification agreement with its auditor that limits the ability of the company, or its shareholders, to pursue legitimate legal recourse against the audit firm; ● Generally vote against the members of the Compensation Committee in the absence of an Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation (Say on Pay) ballot item or egregious situations such as significant misalignment between CEO pay and company performance, the existence of problematic pay practices at the company, or if the board exhibits a significant level of poor communication and responsiveness to shareholders; ● Vote against the members of the committee that oversees risks related to pledging, or the full board, where a significant level of pledged company stock by executives or directors raises concerns; ● Under extraordinary circumstances, vote against or withhold from directors individually, committee members, or the entire board, due to material failures of governance, stewardship, risk oversight, or fiduciary responsibilities at the company, failure to replace management as appropriate, egregious actions related to a director's service on other boards that raise substantial doubt about his or her ability to effectively oversee management and serve the best interests of shareholders at any company.
Proxy Contest	REFER to Johnson Investment Counsel.
Classified Boards	<p>Generally vote FOR proposals to declassify boards.</p> <p>Generally vote AGAINST proposals to classify boards.</p> <p>Generally vote FOR proposals promoting the annual election of directors.</p>
Cumulative Vote	Vote FOR management proposals to adopt cumulative voting standard for board election and AGAINST management proposals to eliminate such standard.
Director Liability	Vote FOR proposals to limit the liability of directors or proposals to indemnify directors and officers.
Size of the board	<p>Vote FOR management proposals to increase or decrease the size of the board.</p> <p>Vote AGAINST proposals seeking to grant the board powers to change the size of the board without shareholder approval.</p>

Fill Vacancies	<p>Vote AGAINST proposals to fill vacancies on the board without shareholder approval.</p> <p>Vote FOR proposals that permit shareholders to elect directors to fill board vacancies.</p>
Removal of Directors	<p>Vote AGAINST proposals that provide that directors may be removed only for cause.</p> <p>Vote FOR proposals to restore shareholders' ability to remove directors with or without cause.</p> <p>Vote AGAINST proposals that provide that only continuing directors may elect replacements to fill board vacancies.</p> <p>Vote FOR proposals that permit shareholders to elect directors to fill board vacancies.</p>
Classified Board	<p>Vote AGAINST proposals to classify (stagger) the board.</p> <p>Vote FOR proposals to repeal classified boards and to elect all directors annually.</p>
Approve Auditors/Audit Fees	<p>Vote FOR proposals to ratify auditors unless any of the following apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An auditor has a financial interest in or association with the company, and is therefore not independent; ● There is reason to believe that the independent auditor has rendered an opinion that is neither accurate nor indicative of the company's financial position; ● Poor accounting practices are identified that rise to a serious level of concern, such as fraud or misapplication of GAAP; ● Fees for non-audit services ("Other" fees) are excessive.
Ratify Auditors	<p>Vote FOR proposals to ratify auditors, unless the current auditor have been dismissed previously because of disagreements with the company, in which case vote AGAINST.</p>
Stock Option Plans	<p>Vote FOR proposals to adopt, add shares, or amend stock option plans, unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The number of shares allocated to the plan is more than ten percent of the outstanding shares; ● The number of shares allocated to all plans, including this proposal, is more than 10 percent of the outstanding shares; ● Purchase price is less than 100 percent of fair market value; ● The plan administrator may provide loans or financial assistance to exercise awards; ● The plan administrator may grant reloaded stock options; ● The plan expressly permits the repricing of options without shareholder approval and the company has repriced options within the past three fiscal years.
Limit Annual Awards	<p>Vote FOR proposals to limit per-employee annual option awards.</p>
Bonus Plans	<p>Generally vote FOR management proposals related to bonus plans.</p>
Saving Plans	<p>Vote FOR proposals to adopt a savings plan.</p>

Deferred Compensation	Vote FOR proposals to amend a deferred compensation plan.
Employee Agreements	Vote FOR proposals to approve an employment agreement or contract.
Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation (Management Say-on-Pay Proposals)	<p>Vote AGAINST advisory votes on executive compensation if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is misalignment between pay and company performance (pay for performance disconnect); • The company maintains problematic pay practices; • The board exhibits poor communication and responsiveness to shareholders.
SOP Frequency	Vote FOR annual advisory votes on compensation of members of the management team.
Golden Parachutes	Vote AGAINST severance payments that appear to be excessive or unjustified.
Exchange Underwater Options	Vote AGAINST proposals to exchange underwater options.
Employee Equity Plans	<p>Vote FOR proposals to adopt, add shares, or amend employee equity plans, unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase price is less than 85 percent of fair market value; • The number of shares allocated to the plan is more than ten percent of the outstanding shares. • The number of shares allocated to the all plans, including this proposal, is more than ten percent of the outstanding shares.
Mergers and Acquisitions	REFER proposals related to mergers and acquisitions to Johnson Investment Counsel.
Recapitalization	REFER proposals related to recapitalization to Johnson Investment Counsel.
Restructuring	REFER proposals related to restructuring to Johnson Investment Counsel.
Liquidation	REFER proposals related to liquidation to Johnson Investment Counsel.
Leveraged Buyouts/Lock Up Arrangements	REFER proposals related to leveraged buyouts to Johnson Investment Counsel.

Bankruptcy	REFER proposals related to bankruptcy restricting to Johnson Investment Counsel.
Reincorporation	REFER proposals to approve reincorporation to Johnson Investment Counsel.
Spin-Off	REFER management proposals to spin-off certain company operations or divisions to Johnson Investment Counsel.
Sale of Assets	REFER management proposals to approve the sale of assets to Johnson Investment Counsel.
Poison Pills	<p>Vote FOR shareholder proposals requesting that the company submit its poison pill to a shareholder vote or redeem it unless the company has: (1) A shareholder approved poison pill in place; or (2) The company has adopted a policy concerning the adoption of a pill in the future specifying that the board will only adopt a shareholder rights plan if either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shareholders have approved the adoption of the plan; or ● The board, in its exercise of its fiduciary responsibilities, determines that it is in the best interest of shareholders under the circumstances to adopt a pill without the delay in adoption that would result from seeking stockholder approval (i.e., the “fiduciary out” provision). A poison pill adopted under this fiduciary out will be put to a shareholder ratification vote within 12 months of adoption or expire. If the pill is not approved by a majority of the votes cast on this issue, the plan will immediately terminate.
Right to Call Special Meetings	Generally vote FOR management and shareholder proposals that provide shareholders with the ability to act by written consent.
Right to Act by Written Consent	Generally vote AGAINST management and shareholder proposals to restrict or prohibit shareholders' ability to act by written consent.
Greenmail	Vote FOR proposals to limit the payment of greenmail.
Fair Price	Vote FOR a management proposal that establishes or amends a fair price provision.

Supermajority Requirement	<p>Vote AGAINST proposals to require a supermajority shareholder vote.</p> <p>Vote FOR management or shareholder proposals to reduce supermajority vote requirements. However, for companies with shareholder(s) who have significant ownership levels, vote case-by-case, taking into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ownership structure; ● Quorum requirements; and ● Vote requirements.
Advance Notice	Vote FOR management proposals to adopt advance notice requirements.
Takeover Law	Vote FOR proposals to opt out of a state takeover statutory provision.
Authorized Common Stock	<p>Vote CASE BY CASE on proposals to increase the number of shares of common stock authorized for issuance.</p> <p>Generally vote FOR proposals to approve increased authorized capital if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A company's shares are in danger of being de-listed; or ● A company's ability to continue to operate as a going concern is uncertain. <p>Generally vote AGAINST proposals to approve unlimited capital authorization.</p>
Issuance of Common Shares	<p>Vote FOR issuance authorities with or without pre-emptive rights to a maximum of 25 percent (or a lower limit if local market best practice recommendations provide) of currently issued capital.</p> <p>Vote AGAINST the issuance of shares with superior/differentiated voting rights.</p> <p>Vote AGAINST proposals to eliminate preemptive rights and FOR proposals to restore preemptive rights.</p>
Exercise of Stock Warrants	Vote AGAINST if the warrants, when exercised, would exceed 25% of the outstanding voting power.

Preferred Shares	<p>Vote FOR issuance authorities for preferred shares to a maximum of 25 percent (or a lower limit if local market best practice recommendations provide) of currently issued capital.</p> <p>Vote AGAINST if the board has unlimited rights to set the terms and conditions of the shares on authorized preferred stock and issuance of preferred shares.</p> <p>Vote FOR proposals to decrease authorized preferred shares.</p> <p>Vote FOR proposals to cancel a class or series of preferred stock.</p> <p>Vote FOR proposals to amend preferred stock.</p>
Dual Class	Vote AGAINST requests for the creation or continuation of dual-class capital structures or the creation of new or additional super voting shares.
Share Buybacks	Generally vote FOR resolutions seeking for share repurchase mandate.
Stock Split	<p>Vote FOR management proposals to implement a reverse stock split when the number of authorized shares will be proportionately reduced.</p> <p>Vote FOR stock split proposals.</p>
Social Issues	<p>Generally vote case-by-case, examining primarily whether implementation of the proposal is likely to enhance or protect shareholder value. The following factors will be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If the issues presented in the proposal are more appropriately or effectively dealt with through legislation or government regulation; ● If the company has already responded in an appropriate and sufficient manner to the issue(s) raised in the proposal; ● Whether the proposal's request is unduly burdensome (scope or timeframe) or overly prescriptive; ● The company's approach compared with any industry standard practices for addressing the issue(s) raised by the proposal; ● Whether there are significant controversies, fines, penalties, or litigation associated with the company's environmental or social practices; ● If the proposal requests increased disclosure or greater transparency, whether reasonable and sufficient information is currently available to shareholders from the company or from other publicly available sources; and ● If the proposal requests increased disclosure or greater transparency, whether implementation would reveal proprietary or confidential information that could place the company at a competitive disadvantage.

Charity	Vote AGAINST proposals restricting a company from making charitable contributions.
Auditors	<p>Vote FOR shareholder proposals calling for the ratification of auditors.</p> <p>Vote FOR shareholder proposals calling for auditors to attend the meeting.</p> <p>Vote FOR shareholder proposals calling for limiting consulting by auditors.</p> <p>Vote AGAINST shareholder proposals calling for the rotation of auditors.</p>
Preemptive Rights	Vote FOR shareholder proposals to restore preemptive rights.
Sales/Spin-Offs	Vote FOR shareholder proposals asking the company to study sales, spin-offs or other strategic alternatives.
Confidential Voting	Vote FOR shareholder proposals asking the board to adopt confidential voting and independent tabulation of the proxy ballots.
Vote Tabulation	Vote AGAINST shareholder proposals asking the company to refrain from counting abstentions and broker non-votes in vote tabulations.
Unmarked Ballots	Vote AGAINST shareholder proposals to eliminate the company's discretion to vote unmarked proxy ballots.
Equal Access	<p>Generally vote FOR management and shareholder proposals for proxy access with the following provisions:</p> <p>Ownership threshold: maximum requirement not more than three percent (3%) of the voting power;</p> <p>Ownership duration: maximum requirement not longer than three (3) years of continuous ownership for each member of the nominating group;</p> <p>Aggregation: minimal or no limits on the number of shareholders permitted to form a nominating group;</p> <p>Cap: cap on nominees of generally twenty-five percent (25%) of the board.</p>
Improve Reports	Vote AGAINST shareholder proposals to improve annual meeting reports.
Meeting Location and Date	Vote AGAINST shareholder proposals to change the annual meeting location or meeting date.
Inclusiveness	<p>Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals asking a company to increase gender and racial minority representation on its board, taking into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The degree of existing gender and racial minority diversity on the company's board and among its executive officers; ● The level of gender and racial minority representation that exists at the company's industry peers; ● The company's established process for addressing gender and racial minority board representation; ● Whether the proposal includes an overly prescriptive request to amend nominating committee charter language; ● The independence of the company's nominating committee; ● Whether the company uses an outside search firm to identify potential director nominees; and ● Whether the company has had recent controversies, fines, or litigation regarding equal employment practices.
Board Independence	Vote FOR shareholder proposals seeking to increase board independence.

Tenure/Retirement Age	Vote AGAINST shareholder proposals seeking to limit the period of time a director can serve by establishing a retirement or tenure policy.
Stock Ownership	Vote AGAINST shareholder proposals to require minimum stock ownership by directors.
Majority Standard	Vote FOR shareholder proposals to require a majority vote to elect directors.
Company Name	Generally vote FOR management proposals to change the name of the company.
Other Business	Vote FOR management proposals to approve other business.
Adjourn Meeting	Vote FOR management proposals to adjourn meeting.
Article Amendments	Generally vote FOR article amendments seeking to comply with relevant legislation or regulation, correcting technical issues, or deemed neutral to shareholder rights. Generally vote AGAINST article or bylaw amendments that are not technical and deemed harmful to shareholder rights.
Financial Statements	Vote FOR management proposals to approve financial statements.