#### **PIMCO Variable Insurance Trust**

#### Supplement dated October 3, 2022 to the PIMCO Total Return Portfolio Administrative Class Prospectus, PIMCO Total Return Portfolio Advisor Class Prospectus and PIMCO Total Return Institutional Class Prospectus, each dated April 29, 2022, as supplemented from time to time (the "Prospectuses")

#### Disclosure Related to the PIMCO Total Return Portfolio (the "Portfolio")

Effective immediately, the Portfolio's portfolio is jointly and primarily managed by Daniel J. Ivascyn, Mark Kiesel, Qi Wang, and Mohit Mittal. Accordingly, effective immediately, the paragraph in the "Investment Adviser/Portfolio Manager" section of the Portfolio's Portfolio Summary in the Prospectuses is deleted and replaced with the following:

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In addition, effective immediately, disclosure concerning the portfolio managers of the Portfolio in the table in the "Management of the Portfolio—Individual Portfolio Managers" section of the Prospectuses is deleted and replaced with the following:

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**PIMCO Variable Insurance Trust** 

Prospectus

April 29, 2022

Share Class: Institutional

INTERMEDIATE DURATION BOND PORTFOLIO PIMCO Total Return Portfolio



This prospectus is intended for use in connection with variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies issued by insurance companies. This prospectus should be read in conjunction with the prospectus of any contract or policy. Both prospectuses should be read carefully and retained for future reference.

As with other mutual funds, neither the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission nor the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission has approved or disapproved these securities, or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

#### **Investment Objective**

The Portfolio seeks maximum total return, consistent with preservation of capital and prudent investment management.

### Fees and Expenses of the Portfolio

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell Institutional Class shares of the Portfolio. You may pay other fees, such as commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and example below. Overall fees and expenses of investing in the Portfolio are higher than shown because the table does not reflect variable contract fees and expenses.

Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment): N/A

Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay

Call Riskthe risk that an issuer may exercise its right to redeem a fixed income security earlier than expected (a call). Issuers may call outstanding securities prior to their maturity for a number of reasons (e.g, declining interest rates, changes in credit spreads and improvements in the issuer•s credit quality). If an issuer calls a security that the Portfolio has invested in, the Portfolio may not recoup the full amount of its initial investment and may be forced to reinvest in lower-yielding securities, securities with greater credit risks or securities with other, less favorable features

Credit Risk the risk that the Portfolio could lose money if the issuer or guarantor of a fixed income security, or the counterparty to a derivative contract, is unable or unwilling, or is perceived (whether by market participants, rating agencies, pricing services or otherwise) as unable or unwilling, to meet its financial obligations

High Yield Riskthe risk that high yield securities and unrated securities of similar credit quality (commonly known as •junk bondsŽ) are subject to greater levels of credit, call and liquidity risks. High yield securities are considered primarily speculative with respect to the issuer•s continuing ability to make principal and interest payments, and may be more volatile than higher-rated securities of similar maturity

actual or potential conflicts of interest, legislative, regulatory, or tomponents for government and corporate securities, mortgage restrictions, policies or developments may affect the investmentpass-through securities, and asset-backed securities. These major s techniques available to PIMCO and the individual portfolio managersubdivided into more specific indices that are calculated and connection with managing the Portfolio and may cause PIMCO teported on a regular basis.

restrict or prohibit participation in certain investments. There is no performance for the Portfolio is updated daily and monthly and may guarantee that the investment objective of the Portfolio will be achieved as follows: daily updates on the net asset value may be Short Exposure Riskhe risk of entering into short sales, including balance by calling 1-888-87-PIMCO and monthly performance may

the potential loss of more money than the actual cost of the investiging d at www.pimco.com/pvit.

and the risk that the third party to the short sale will not fulfill its contractual obligations, causing a loss to the Portfolio

Convertible Securities Riskas convertible securities share both fixed income and equity characteristics, they are subject to risks to which fixed income and equity investments are subject. These risks include equity risk, interest rate risk and credit risk

LIBOR Transition Risthe risk related to the anticipated discontinuation of the London Interbank Offered Rate (•LIBORŽ). 0 Certain instruments held by the Portfolio rely in some fashion upon LIBOR. Although the transition process away from LIBOR has become increasingly well-defined in advance of the anticipated discontinuation '12 date, there remains uncertainty regarding the nature of any replacement rate, and any potential effects of the transition away from LIBOR on the Portfolio or on certain instruments in which the Portfolio invests can be difficult to ascertain. The transition process may involve, among other things, increased volatility or illiquidity in markets for instruments that currently rely on LIBOR and may result in a reduction in the value of certain instruments held by the Portfolio

Please see •Description of Principal RisksŽ in the Portfolio's prospectus for a more detailed description of the risks of investing in the Portfolio. An investment in the Portfolio is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

## Performance Information

The performance information shows summary performance information for the Portfolio in a bar chart and an Average Annual Total Returns table. The information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the Portfolio by showing changes in its performance from year to year and by showing how the Portfolio•s average annual returns compare with the returns of a broad-based securities market index. The Portfolio•s performance information reflects applicable fee waivers and/or expense limitations in effect during the periods presented. Absent such fee waivers and/or expense limitations, if any, performance would have been lower. Performance shown does not reflect any charges or expenses imposed by an insurance company, and, if it did, performance shown would be lower. The bar chart and the table show performance of the Portfolio•s Institutional Class **Sheres** of how the Portfolio will perform in the future.

The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index represents securities that are SEC-registered, taxable and U.S. dollar denominated. This index covers the U.S. investment grade fixed rate bond market, with index



refer to the prospectus for the Separate Account for information on the allocation of premiums and on transfers of accumulated value among sub-accounts of the Separate Account.

# **Tax Information**

The shareholders of the Portfolio are the insurance companies offering the variable products or other variable insurance funds. Please refer to the prospectus for the Separate Account and the Variable Contract for information regarding the federal income tax treatment of distributions to the Separate Account.

# Payments to Insurance Companies and Other Financial Intermediaries

The Portfolio and/or its related companies (including PIMCO) may pay the insurance company and other intermediaries for the sale of the Portfolio and/or other services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the insurance company or intermediary and your salesperson to recommend a Variable Contract and the Portfolio over another investment. Ask your insurance company or salesperson or visit your financial intermediary•s Web site for more information.

#### Call Risk

Call risk refers to the possibility that an issuer may exercise its right to redeem a fixed income security (carcial). Itsau experts call outstanding securities prior to their maturity for a number efgedecline (g interest rates, changes in credit spreads and improvements issuer scredit quality). If an issuer calls a security in which the Portfolio has invested, the Portfoliouthay nounted for the investment and may be forced to reinvest in lower-yielding securities, securities with greater credit risk exprises that the features.

#### Credit Risk

The Portfolio could lose money if the issuer or guarantor of a fixed income security (including a security tipesrtematied with the security or the counterparty to a derivatives contract, repurchase agreement or a loan of portfolio securities, isourisable convexed (living, ther by market participants, rating agencies, pricing services or otherwise) as unable or unwilling, to make time time time to the downgrade of the credit of a security held by the Portfolio may dedie as the time to the the term of the portfolio. The downgrade of the credit ratings. Measures such as average credit quality for the trade of the Portfolio consists of securities with widely varying the term of the trade of the Portfolio consists of securities with widely varying the term of the trade of the portfolio uses leverage or derivatives in connection with the managed the mice of the Portfolio uses leverage or derivatives in connection with the managed the the Portfolio for the term of the portfolio uses leverage or derivatives in connection with the managed the price of the portfolio uses leverage or derivatives in connection with the managed the price of the portfolio uses leverage or derivatives in connection with the managed the price of the portfolio uses leverage or derivatives in connection with the managed the price of the subject to the risk that litigation, legislation or other political events, local business or economic conditions of the term of the as a significant effect on an issuer ability to make payments of principal and/or interest.

#### **High Yield Risk**

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securities markets, which could cause the Portfolio to lose value. These events could reduce consumer demaeslutriecondet coutput closures, travel restrictions or quarantines, and significantly adversely impact the economy. The currenpolitical bioviscion demestic as well as political and diplomatic events within the United States and abroad, such as presidential electicards in the U.S. or abro U.S. government\*s inability at times to agree on a long-term budget and deficit reduction plan, has in the parstines fulled; easult; in a government shutdown or otherwise adversely affect the U.S. regulatory landscape, the general market esteir combined and deficit reduction and/or prolom ged to shute the entrice entries and adverse impact on the Portfolio\*s investments and operations. Additional and/or prolom ged to shute the pars such as ginificant degree. Governmental and quasi-governmental authorities and regulators throughout the world have to previously respond economic disruptions with a variety of significant fiscal and monetary policy changes, including but not the portfolio shute to cap companies, new monetary programs and dramatically lower interest rates. An unexpected or sudden revertsed infectives should cap comparises, or of these policies, could increase volatility in securities markets, which could adversely affect the Portfolio from executing advantageous investment decisions in a timely manner. To the extent should be prevented as policies investments in a region enduring geopolitical market disruption, it will face higher risks of loss, although changes designing advantageous investment decisions in a timely manner. To the extent should be adverted as the portfolio from executing advantageous investment decisions in a timely manner. To the extent should be adverted as the portfolio from executing advantageous investment decisions in a timely manner. To the extent should be adverted as the portfolio from executing advantageous investment decisions in a timely manner. To the extent should be the preventes

#### Foreign (Non-U.S.) Investment Risk

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creditors and/or relevant supranational entities regarding debt service or economic reforms, the size of the eccelector bounder or televant and tax revenues, cash flow difficulties, and other political and social considerations. The risk of loss tevtenet Pottfolio ereform debt default or other adverse credit event is heightened by the unlikelihood of any formal recourse or means to be bolder the political adverse is heightened by the unlikelihood of any formal recourse or means to be bolder the political adverse is heightened by the unlikelihood of any formal recourse or means to be bolder to the political adverse is heightened by the unlikelihood of any formal recourse or means to be bolder to the political adverse is heightened by the unlikelihood of any formal recourse or means to be bolder to the political adverse is heightened by the unlikelihood of any formal recourse or means to be bolder to the political adverse is heightened by the unlikelihood of any formal recourse or means to be bolder to the political adverse is a sovereign debt. In addition, sovereign debt restructurings, which may be shaped by entities and factors be bolder to be

#### Currency Risk

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#### Short Exposure Risk

The Portfolice short sales if any, are subject to special risks: Asaleinvolves the sale by the Portfolio of a security that it does not own wit the hope of purchasing the same security at a later date at a lower price. The Portfolio may also enterhindoighs a dorp as to commitment or a short derivative position through a futures contract or swap agreement. If the price is short derivative position through a futures contract or swap agreement. If the price is short derivative position through a futures contract or swap agreement. If the price is short derivative position through a future contract or swap agreement. If the price is short derivative position through a future contract or swap agreement. If the price is the price is short derivative position through a future contract or swap agreement. If the price is the price is a second during this time, then the Portfolio will incur a loss equal to the increase in price from the transactive the price is any transaction costs (i.e., premiums and interest) paid to the broker-dealer to borrow securities are the risk that losses may be exaggerated, potentially losing more money than the actual cost of the investment. By contrast, a loss on fadom depositions are short derived by the fact that a security value cannot decrease below zero.

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# Management of the Portfolio

#### Investment Adviser and Administrator

PIMCO serves as the investment adviser and the administrator (serving in its capacity as investment adviser, Data and sesting rinAd its capacity as administrator, the •AdministratorŽ) for the Portfolio. Subject to the supervision of the Belace addŽ) rosteled (to e Variable Insurance Trust (the •TrustŽ), PIMCO is responsible for managing the investment activities of the Portfolius in estimated and other administrative matters.

PIMCO is located at 650 Newport Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660. Organized in 1971, PIMCO provides iandstment managed advisory services to private accounts of institutional and individual clients and to mutual funds. As of De Caphbed 30, 2021 the accounts of 2.20 trillion in assets under management.

#### **Management Fees**

The Portfolio pays for the advisory and supervisory and administrative services it requires under what fields sectionally Taneall-in Management Fees shown in the Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses table reflect both an advisory fee and assaging for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, the Portfolio paid aggregate Management Fees to PIMCO at the anedal state of 0.50% (st percentage of the average daily net assets of the Portfolio).

Advisory Fee. The Portfolio pays PIMCO fees in return for providing investment advisory services. For the fiscal year ended Dec 2021, the Portfolio paid monthly advisory fees to PIMCO at the annual rate of 0.25% (stated as a percentage ended because fage date the Portfolio).

A discussion of the basis for the Boardes approval of the Portfolioes investment advisory contract is aveilable at Repeortfoli shareholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021.

Supervisory and Administrative Fed he Portfolio pays for the supervisory and administrative services it requires under what is ean all-in fee structure. Institutional Class shareholders of the Portfolio pay a supervisory and administrative services are percentage of the Portfolio s assets attributable in the aggregate to that class of shares. PIMCO, in turnsprearideergraphocure administrative services for shareholders and also bears the costs of various third-party services required integrating the not co supervisory and administrative fee which may vary and affect the total level of expenses paid by the Institutional decreases shareh taxes and governmental fees, brokerage fees, commissions and other transaction expenses, organizational virgenses costs of including interest expenses, extraordinary expenses (such as litigation and indemnification expenses) and decreases in the rounsel. PIMCO generally earns a profit on the supervisory and administrative for administration agreement, PIMCO, and not Portfolio shareholders, vpointed benefit from a decreases in third-party services, including decreases resulting from an increase in net assets.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, the Portfolio paid PIMCO monthly supervisory and administrative dees fraresstatuti the annual rate of 0.25% (stated as a percentage of the average daily net assets of the Portfolio).

#### **Expense Limitation Agreement**

PIMCO has contractually agreed, through May 1, 2023, to waive a portion of the Portfolio s supervisory and administrative fees, Portfolio, to the extent that the Portfolio organizational expenses, pro rata share of expenses related atministrative fees definition of the extent that the Portfolio organizational expenses, pro rata share of expenses related atministrative fees definition of the extent that the Portfolio organizational expenses, pro rata share of expenses related atministrative fees definition of the extent that the Portfolio organizational expenses, pro rata share of expenses related atministrative fees definition of the extent that the Portfolio organizational expenses, pro rata share of expenses related atministrative fees and pro rata share of Trustee fees exceed 0.0049% (the organization of the extense LimitŽ) (calculated as a percent agree of the extense of the

reasonable travel and lodging expenses for attendees of PIMCO educational events (•other non-cash compensationŽ), and makes charitable contributions to valid charitable organizations at the request of financial firms (•charitable contributionsŽ) to the extent permitted by applicable law, rules and regulations.

Visits; Training; EducationIn addition to the payments described above, wholesale representatives and employees of PIMCO or its affiliates visit financial firms on a regular basis to educate financial professionals and other personnel about the Portfolio and to encourage the sale or recommendation of Portfolio shares to their clients. PIMCO may also provide (or compensate consultants or other third parties to provide) other relevant training and education to a financial firm•s financial professionals and other personnel.

**Consultant Services**PIMCO may pay investment consultants or their affiliated companies for certain services including technology, operations, tax, or audit consulting services, and may pay such firms for PIMCO•s attendance at investment forums sponsored by such firms (collectively, •consultant servicesŽ).

Payments. Payments for items including event support and data, as well as revenue sharing, are, in certain circumstances. bundled and allocated among these categories in PIMCO•s discretion. The financial firms receiving such bundled payments may characterize or allocate the payments differently from PIMCO•s internal allocation. In addition, payments made by PIMCO to a financial firm and allocated by PIMCO to a particular category of services can in some cases result in benefits related to, or enhance the eligibility of PIMCO or the Portfolio to receive, services provided by the financial firm that may be characterized or allocated to one or more other categories of services. In addition, PIMCO pays certain expenses, which may be a flat fee by the Portfolio or share class, such as set-up fees, and printing and mailing charges, incurred by such insurance companies, including their affiliates, in connection with the services described above. These additional servicing payments and set-up fees may differ depending on the Portfolio and share class and may vary from amounts paid to the Trustes by the f

management, such suspension or rejection is in the best interests or detection meet redemption requests, the Portfolio typically expects Trust. In addition, the Trust and its Distributor each reserves the used is combination of sales of portfolio assets, holdings of cash and its sole discretion, to redeem shares, in whole or in part, when, in equivalents (including cash flows into the Portfolio) and financing judgment of management, such redemption is necessary in orderations (such as reverse repurchase agreements). These meth maintain qualification under the rules for variable annuities and/or eeting redemption requests are expected to be used regularly. The variable life contracts with respect to other shareholders, to mainflatiffolio reserves the right to use other types of borrowings and qualification as a regulated investment company under the Interinderfund lending. The use of borrowings (such as a line of credit) an Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the •CodeŽ), or for any reinserfund lending in order to meet redemption requests is typically under terms set by the Trustees, including the failure of a shareholdectued to be used only during stressed market conditions, if at all. supply a personal identification number if required to do so, or to Clareacteristics and Risks of Securities and Investment the minimum investment required, or to pay when due for the puTebaseques, Reverse Repurchase Agreements, Dollar Rolls and Oth of shares issued to the shareholder. The exercise of the Trust's BrothowingsŽ and the SAI for more information. The Portfolio's use of Distributor's right to redeem shares in the foregoing circumstancedemptions in kind is discussed above. subject to any applicable provisions of the 1940 Act and the rules

thereunder. The offering of shares will be suspended when trading on the NYSE is restricted or during an emergency which makes it impracticable for the Portfolio to dispose of its securities or to determine fairly the value of its net assets, or during any other period as permitted by the SEC for the protection of investors. In the event that the Portfolio ceases offering its shares, any investments allocated to the Portfolio will, subject to any necessary regulatory approvals, be invested in another Portfolio of the Trust.

The Trust generally does not offer or sell its shares outside of the United States, except to certain investors in approved jurisdictions and in conformity with local legal requirements.

#### **Redeeming Shares**

Shares may be redeemed without charge on any day that the NAV is calculated. Under normal circumstances, all redemption requests received by the Trust or its designee prior to the close of regular trading on the NYSE (normally 4:00 pm, Eastern time (•NYSE CloseŽ)), on a day the Trust is open for business, are effective on that day. Redemption requests received after that time become effective on the next business day. Redemption requests for Portfolio shares are effected at the NAV per share next determined after receipt of a redemption request by the Trust or its designee. Payment for shares redeemed normally will be made within seven days.

Redemptions of Portfolio shares may be suspended when trading on the NYSE is restricted or during an emergency which makes it impractical for the Portfolio to dispose of its securities or to determine fairly the value of its net assets, or during any other period as permitted by the SEC for the protection of investors. Under these and other unusual circumstances, the Trust may suspend redemptions or postpone payments for more than seven days, as permitted by law. In consideration of the best interests of the remaining shareholders, the Trust reserves the right to pay redemption proceeds in whole or in part by a distribution in kind of securities held by the Portfolio in lieu of cash. It is highly unlikely that shares would ever be redeemed in kind. If shares are redeemed in kind, however, the redeeming shareholder should expect to incur transaction costs upon the disposition of the securities received in the distribution.

that do not reflect appropriate fair value prices. The Trust seeks to deter and prevent this activity, sometimes referred to as •stale price arbitrage,Ž by the appropriate use of •fair valueŽ pricing of the Portfolio•s securities. See •How Portfolio Shares Are PricedŽ below for more information.

Second, the Trust and PIMCO seek to monitor shareholder account activities in order to detect and prevent excessive and disruptive trading practices. The Trust and PIMCO each reserves the right to restrict or refuse any purchase or exchange transaction if, in the judgment of the Trust or of PIMCO, the transaction may adversely affect the interests of the Portfolio or its shareholders. Among other things, the Trust may monitor for any patterns of frequent purchases and sales that appear to be made in response to short-term fluctuations in share price. Notice of any restrictions or rejections of transactions may vary according to the particular circumstances. When PIMCO notices a pattern of trading that may be indicative of excessive or abusive trading by Variable Contract Owners, the Trust and/or PIMCO will seek the cooperation of insurance companies.

Although the Trust and its service providers seek to use these methods to detect and prevent abusive trading activities, and although the Trust will consistently apply such methods, there can be no assurances that such activities can be mitigated or eliminated. By their nature, insurance company separate accounts, in which purchases and redemptions of Portfolio shares by Variable Contract Owners are aggregated for presentation to the Portfolio on a net basis, conceal the identity of the individual Variable Contract Owners from the Portfolio. This makes it more difficult for the Trust and/or PIMCO to identify short-term transactions in the Portfolio.

### How Portfolio Shares are Priced

The price of the Portfolio•s shares is based on the Portfolio•s NAV. The NAV of the Portfolio, or each of its share classes, as applicable, is determined by dividing the total value of the Portfolio•s portfolio investments and other assets attributable to that Portfolio or class, less any liabilities, by the total number of shares outstanding of that Portfolio or class.

On each day that the NYSE is open, Portfolio shares are ordinarily valued as of the NYSE Close. Information that becomes known to the Portfolio or its agents after the time as of which NAV has been calculated on a particular day will not generally be used to retroactively adjust the price of a security or the NAV determined earlier that day. If regular trading on the NYSE closes earlier than scheduled, the Portfolio reserves the right to either (i) calculate its NAV as of the earlier closing time or (ii) calculate its NAV as of the normally scheduled close of regular trading on the NYSE for that day. The Portfolio generally does not calculate its NAV on days d 8.3942 me NASE is open, of r6.9(By th)36 ab(e 0)36.9(is)] T NYSE CloseTJ 9.978 0 0 9.978 30.0898 284.2112.605

# Prospectus

Please refer to the prospectus for the Separate Account and Valiable tened in funds of funds. While such risks may apply to portfolic Contract for information regarding the federal income tax treatment of ze, such risks are heightened in portfolios with fewer assets up Variable Contracts. See •TaxationŽ in the Portfolio•s SAI for momenangement. In addition, new portfolios may not be able to fully information on taxes. implement their investment strategy immediately upon commencing

This •Tax ConsequencesŽ section relates only to federal income tax, the consequences under other tax laws may differ. Shareholders shold are generally, the Portfolio may be adversely affected when a larg consult their tax advisors as to the possible application of foreigshattateolder purchases or redeems large amounts of shares, which and local income tax laws to Portfolio dividends and capital occur at any time and may impact the Portfolio in the same manner distributions. Please see •TaxationŽ in the Portfolio•s SAI for additighmadume of purchase or redemption requests. Such large information regarding the tax aspects of investing in the Portfolichareholders include, but are not limited to, other funds, institutional

### Characteristics and Risks of Securities and Investment Techniques

investors, and asset allocators who make investment decisions on behalf of underlying clients. Large shareholder transactions may can the Portfolio to make investment decisions at inopportune times or

This section provides additional information about some of the principal miss attractive investment opportunities. In addition, such investments and related risks of the Portfolio described under • Portfolio may also cause the Portfolio to sell certain assets in or SummaryŽ and •Description of Principal RisksŽ above. It also describes characteristics and risks of additional securities and investment the liquidity of the Portfolio s portfolio. Such transactions may also techniques that may be used by the Portfolio from time to time. Most of these securities and investment techniques described herein are discretionary, which means that PIMCO can decide whether to use them or not. This prospectus does not attempt to disclose all of the vations may be more frequent under certain circumstances, the types of securities and investment techniques that may be used by the Portfolio. As with any mutual fund, investors in the Portfolio rely prichase or redeem a significant percentage of Portfolio shares at a professional investment judgment and skill of PIMCO and the individual Moreover, the Portfolio is subject to the risk that other portfolio managers. Please see Investment Objectives and Polichers 210 location may make investment decisions based on the choices large shareholder, which could exacerbate any potential negative ef the SAI for more detailed information about the securities and investment techniques described in this section and about other experienced by the Portfolio.

strategies and techniques that may be used by the Portfolio.

#### **Investment Selection**

Investors should be aware that the investments made by the Portfolio and the results achieved by the Portfolio at any given time are not expected to be the same as those made by other funds for which PINCO acts as investment adviser, including funds with names, investment objectives and policies similar to the Portfolio. This may be attributed securities generally results from decreases in market interest rates, securities generally results from decreases in market interest rates, the wide veriety of fectors, including, but not limited to, the use of a two superoxide results from decreases in market interest rates, to a wide variety of factors, including, but not limited to, the use of a different portfolio management team or strategy, when a particular market sector or security.

case as compared to other similar funds. Significant shareholdeln selecting securities for the Portfolio, PIMCO develops an outlook purchases and redemptions may adversely impact the Portfolio isterest rates, currency exchange rates and the economy; analyzes portfolio management. For example, the Portfolio may be forced and seal brisks, and uses other security selection techniques. The proportion of the Portfolio•s assets committed to investment in comparatively large portion of its portfolio to meet significant shareholder redemptions, or hold a comparatively large portion & Ryrities with particular characteristics (such as quality, sector, inte portfolio in cash due to significant shareholder purchases, in eachtease maturity) varies based on PIMCO soutlook for the U.S. econ when the Portfolio otherwise would not seek to do so. Such shareholdereconomies of other countries in the world, the financial mark transactions may cause the Portfolio to make investment decisions at her factors.

inopportune times or prices or miss attractive investment opport with the spect to fixed income investing, PIMCO attempts to identify Such transactions may also increase the Portfolioes transaction areas of the bond market that are undervalued relative to the rest of accelerate the realization of taxable income if sales of securities markete MIMCO identifies these areas by grouping Fixed Income in gains, or otherwise cause the Portfolio to perform differently that ruments into sectors such as money markets, governments, intended. Similarly, significant shareholder purchases may adversely brates, mortgages, asset-backed and international. In seeking to affect the Portfolio s performance to the extent the Portfolio is deleverly undervalued currencies, PIMCO may consider many factors in investing new cash and, as a result, holds a proportionally larger wash but not limited to longer-term analysis of relative interest position than under ordinary circumstances and such impact maxies, inflation rates, real exchange rates, purchasing power parity, t

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the Federal Housing Finance Agency, FNMA and FHLMC have constructed that and issue new, lower cost debt, placing the proceeds of the into a joint initiative to develop a common securitization platform domer cost issuance into an escrow account to pre-refund the older, the issuance of a uniform mortgage-backed security (the •Singlehigher cost debt. Investment in pre-refunded Municipal Bonds held I Security InitiativeZ) that aligns the characteristics of FNMA and friel Ind for may subject the Portfolio to interest rate risk, market ris certificates. The Single Security Initiative was implemented in Jumed20re@it risk.

and the effects it may have on the market for mortgage-backed In addition, while a secondary market exists for pre-refunded Munici securities are uncertain. Bonds, if the Portfolio sells pre-refunded Municipal Bonds prior to

#### **Municipal Bonds**

maturity, the price received may be more or less than the original co depending on market conditions at the time of sale.

Municipal Bonds are generally issued by states, territories, possessions. The Portfolio may invest in trust certificates issued in tender option by instrumentalities. Municipal Bonds are subject to interest rate, credit, and market risk, uncertainties related to the tax status of a Municipal Bond or the rights of investors invested in these securities. The ability of an issuer to make payments could be affected by litigation, legislation or other political events or the bankruptcy of the issuer. In addition, other political events or the bankruptcy of the issuer. In addition, imbalances in supply and demand in the municipal market may result in a deterioration of liquidity and a lack of price transparency in the federal income tax purposes, and thus will not be entitled to treat su a deterioration of liquidity and a lack of price transparency in the interest as exempt from federal income tax. Certain tender option be transaction costs associated with a particular trade. The secondary things, a credit rating downgrade, a payment default or a disqualification from tax-exempt status.

securities markets, which may adversely affect the ability of the PoetBadfolioes investment in the securities issued by a tender option to sell its bonds at attractive prices or value municipal bonds. The oral deust may involve greater risk and volatility than an investment of certain municipal securities, in particular general obligation deblixed wate bond, and the value of such securities may decrease also be adversely affected by rising health care costs, increasingignificantly when market interest rates increase. Tender option bon unfunded pension liabilities, changes in accounting standards ations could be terminated due to market, credit or other events beyond the phasing out of federal programs providing financial support. the wartfolio s control, which could require the Portfolio to dispose of rated Municipal Bonds are subject to greater credit and market rest tipe investments at inopportune times and prices. The Portfolio higher quality Municipal Bonds. The types of Municipal Bonds in Up Aielden option bond program as a way of achieving leverage in the Portfolio may invest include municipal lease obligations, municipalio, in which case the Portfolio will be subject to leverage risk. general obligation bonds, municipal essential service revenue bondecember 2013, regulators finalized rules implementing Section

municipal cash equivalents, and pre-refunded and escrowed to (new Wolcker RuleŽ) and Section 941 (the •Risk Retention RulesŽ) of Municipal Bonds. The Portfolio may also invest in industrial develop Debt-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. E bonds, which are Municipal Bonds issued by a government agente volcker Rule and the Risk Retention Rules apply to tender optio behalf of a private sector company and, in most cases, are not been and place restrictions on the way certain sponsors n the credit of the issuing municipality and may therefore involve participate in tender option bond programs. Specifically, the Volcker risk. The Portfolio may also invest in securities issued by entities who generally prohibits banking entities from engaging in proprieta underlying assets are Municipal Bonds. trading or from acquiring or retaining an ownership interest in, or

Pre-refunded Municipal Bonds are tax-exempt bonds that have seensoring, a hedge fund or private equity fund (•covered fundŽ), refunded to a call date on or before the final maturity of principasablect to certain exemptions and limitations. Tender option bond remain outstanding in the municipal market. The payment of principaliams generally are considered to be covered funds under the and interest of the pre-refunded Municipal Bonds held by the PovesRule, and, thus, may not be sponsored by a banking entity funded from securities in a designated escrow account that holdsbeent an applicable exemption. The Volcker Rule does not provide U.S. Treasury securities or other obligations of the U.S. Government(exemption that would allow banking entities to sponsor tender (including its agencies and instrumentalities (Agency Securities) Agency Securities) Agency Securities the payment of principal and interest is generated from securities one bare date, which was July 21, 2017.

in a designated escrow account, the pledge of the municipality has been fulfilled and the original pledge of revenue by the municipality is Mortgage-Related and Other Asset-Backed Securities longer in place. The escrow account securities pledged to pay the ortgage-related securities include mortgage pass-through securiti principal and interest of the pre-refunded Municipal Bond do not collateralized mortgage obligations (•CMOsZ), commercial guarantee the price movement of the bond before maturity. Issuercertofage-backed securities, mortgage dollar rolls, CMO residuals, municipal bonds refund in advance of maturity the outstanding higher

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stripped mortgage-backed securities (•SMBSsŽ) and other securities se effect on the Portfolio•s yield to maturity from these securiti that directly or indirectly represent a participation in, or are secuide Bortfolio may invest up to 5% of its total assets in any combinat of mortgage-related or other asset-backed IO, PO or inverse floater and payable from, mortgage loans on real property.

The value of some mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities. may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing interest rates Partyolio may invest in each of collateralized bond obligations repayment of principal on some mortgage-related securities ma( GROSE), collateralized loan obligations ( CLOSZ), other collateralized the Portfolio to a lower rate of return upon reinvestment of princidebt obligations (•CDOsŽ) and other similarly structured securities. When interest rates rise, the value of a mortgage-related securit@BOs, CLOs and other CDOs are types of asset-backed securities. generally will decline; however, when interest rates are decliningstaterust which is backed by a diversified pool of high-risk, below value of mortgage-related securities with prepayment features may entry for a trust typically increase as much as other fixed income securities. The rate of collateralized by a pool of loans, which may include, among others, prepayments on underlying mortgages will affect the price and voldaties tic and foreign senior secured loans, senior unsecured loans, of a mortgage-related security, and may shorten or extend the esterbindenate corporate loans, including loans that may be rated below maturity of the security beyond what was anticipated at the timein featment grade or equivalent unrated loans. Other CDOs are trust purchase. If unanticipated rates of prepayment on underlying mbagkees of the types of assets representing obligations of various increase the effective maturity of a mortgage-related security, the parties. The Portfolio may invest in other asset-backed securities that volatility of the security can be expected to increase. See •Extertsione been offered to investors.

RiskŽ and •Prepayment RiskŽ below. The value of these securities may fluctuate in response to the marketes perception of the creditworthiness of the issuers. Additionally, although mortgages and mortgage-related of interest than government and government-related pools private guarantee and/or insurance, there is no assurance that guarantors or insurers will meet their obligations.

Extension Risk.Mortgage-related and other asset-backed underwriting requirements for the underlying mortgages that a securities are subject to Extension Risk, which is the risk that thepplicable to those mortgage-related securities that have a issuer of such a security pays back the principal of such an government or government-sponsored entity guarantee. As a obligation later than expected. This may occur when interest ratessult, the mortgage loans underlying privately issued rise. This may negatively affect Portfolio returns, as the value of mortgage-related securities may, and frequently do, have less the security decreases when principal payments are made laterfavorable collateral, credit risk or other underwriting than expected. In addition, because principal payments are made aracteristics than government or government-sponsored later than expected, the Portfolio may be prevented from investimprtgage-related securities and have wider variances in a num proceeds it would otherwise have received at a given time at the fterms including interest rate, term, size, purpose and borrow higher prevailing interest rates. characteristics. The risk of nonpayment is greater for

Prepayment RiskMortgage-related and other asset-backed property, refinancing, or foreclosure). This may occur when interest rates decline. Prepayment may expose the Portfolio to a ssued mortgage-related securities are not traded on an excha lower rate of return upon reinvestment of principal. Also, if a security subject to prepayment has been purchased at a premium, the value of the premium would be lost in the event of prepayment.

because there are no direct or indirect government or agency guarantees of payments in such pools. Privately issued mortgage-related securities are not subject to the same

mortgage-related securities that are backed by loans that were securities are subject to Prepayment Risk, which is the risk that originated under weak underwriting standards, including loans the issuer of such a security pays back the principal of such an made to borrowers with limited means to make repayment. A obligation earlier than expected (due to the sale of the underlying performing loans have been those classified as subprime. Priva

and there may be a limited market for the securities, especially estate market sectors. Without an active trading market,

mortgage-related securities held in the Portfolio•s portfolio may be particularly difficult to value because of the complexities

One type of SMBS has one class receiving all of the interest from the nvolved in assessing the value of the underlying mortgage loa mortgage assets (the interest-only, or •IOZ class), while the other class will receive all of the principal (the principal-only, or •POŽ class). Fivetely Issued Mortgage-Related Securities include securities that yield to maturity on an IO class is extremely sensitive to the rate offect an interest in, and are secured by, mortgage loans on comme principal payments (including prepayments) on the underlying mongage assets, and a rapid rate of principal payments may have a material analyticage-backed securities reflect the risks of investing in the real estate securing the underlying mortgage loans. These risks reflect the effects of local and other economic conditions on real estate markietse subject to focused investment risk to the extent that it invests the ability of tenants to make loan payments, and the ability of asubstantial portion of its assets in a particular issuer, market, asset of property to attract and retain tenants.

#### Loan Participations and Assignments

#### **Corporate Debt Securities**

The Portfolio may invest in fixed- and floating-rate loans, which Corporate debt securities are subject to the risk of the issueres inabi investments generally will be in the form of loan participations atodmeet principal and interest payments on the obligation and may a assignments of all or portions of such loans. Participations and be subject to price volatility due to such factors as interest rate assignments involve special types of risk, including extension riskensitivity, market perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer are prepayment risk, credit risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk, and to the risk market liquidity. When interest rates rise, the value of corpor of being a lender. Loans are subject to the risk that scheduled indetested rurities can be expected to decline. Debt securities with long principal payments will not be made in a timely manner or at all, either of which may adversely affect the value of the loan. In addition, the

of which may adversely affect the value of the loan. In addition, the collateral underlying a loan may be unavailable or insufficient to satisfy a borrower•s obligation, and the Portfolio could become part owner of any collateral if a loan is foreclosed, subjecting the Portfolio to costs associated with owning and disposing of the collateral. If the Portfolio purchases a participation, it may only be able to enforce its rights through the lender, and may assume the credit risk of the lender in addition to the borrower.

#### Reinvestment

The Portfolio may be subject to the risk that the returns of the Portfolio will decline during periods of falling interest rates because the Portfolio may have to reinvest the proceeds from matured, traded or called debt obligations at interest rates below the Portfolio®s current earnings rate. For instance, when interest rates decline, an issuer of debt obligations may exercise an option to redeem securities prior to maturity, thereby forcing the Portfolio to invest in lower-yielding securities. The Portfolio also may choose to sell higher-yielding portfolio securities and to purchase lower-yielding securities to achieve greater portfolio diversification, because the Portfolio®s portfolio managers believe the current holdings are overvalued or for other investment-related reasons. A decline in the returns received by the Portfolio from its investments is likely to have an adverse effect on the Portfolio®s NAV, yield and total return.

#### Focused Investment

To the extent that the Portfolio focuses its investments in a particular sector, the Portfolio may be susceptible to loss due to adverse developments affecting that sector. These developments include, but are not limited to, governmental regulation; inflation; rising interest rates; cost increases in raw materials, fuel and other operating expenses; technological innovations that may render existing products and equipment obsolete; competition from new entrants; high research and development costs; increased costs associated with compliance with environmental or other governmental regulations; and other economic, business or political developments specific to that sector. Furthermore, the Portfolio may invest a substantial portion of its assets in companies in related sectors that may share common characteristics, are often subject to similar business risks and regulatory burdens, and whose securities may react similarly to the types of developments described above, which will subject the Portfolio to greater risk. The Portfolio also

instruments may include, without limit, instruments such as cataderoretaises. Because municipal inflation-indexed securities and corp and other event-linked bonds, bank capital securities, unsecurednotation-indexed securities are a small component of the municipal loans, corporate bonds, money market instruments and certain typed and corporate bond markets, respectively, they may be less lic mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities. The Portfoltibanagonventional municipal and corporate bonds.

invest in floating rate debt instruments (•floatersŽ) and engage in redit spread trades. A credit spread trade is an investment position relating the value of inflation-indexed bonds is expected to change in response a difference in the prices or interest rates of two bonds or other securities, in which the value of the investment position is determined by changes in the difference between the prices or interest rates are trades or interest rates are the prices or interest rates or interest rates are trades. Variable and floating reference in the respective securities. Variable and floating reference bonds. Any increase in the principal amount of an securities generally are less sensitive to interest rate changes buffration-indexed bond will be considered taxable ordinary income, e decline in value if their interest rates do not rise as much, or as quickly investors do not receive their principal until maturity. as interest rates in general. Conversely, floating rate securities will not

generally increase in value if interest rates decline. The Portfolio **EVENT-Linked Exposure** also invest in inverse floating rate debt instruments (•inverse floatersŽ). An inverse floater may exhibit greater price volatility than a fixed rate obligation of similar credit quality. The Portfolio may invest up to 5% of its total assets in any combination of mortgage-related or other asset-backed IO, PO, or inverse floater securities. Additionally, the Portfolio may also invest, without limitation, in residual interest bonds. Residual interest bonds are a type of inverse floater. See •Municipal Bonds.Ž

#### Inflation-Indexed Bonds

Inflation-indexed bonds (other than municipal inflation-indexed bonds and certain corporate inflation-indexed bonds, which are more fully described below) are fixed income securities whose principal value is periodically adjusted according to the rate of inflation. If the index measuring inflation falls, the principal value of inflation-indexed bonds (other than municipal inflation-indexed bonds and certain corporate inflation-indexed bonds) will be adjusted downward, and consequently the interest payable on these securities (calculated with respect to a smaller principal amount) will be reduced. Repayment of the original bond principal upon maturity (as adjusted for inflation) is guaranteed in the case of TIPS. For bonds that do not provide a similar guarantee, the adjusted principal value of the bond repaid at maturity may be less than the original principal.

TIPS may also be divided into individual zero-coupon instruments for each coupon or principal payment (known as •iSTRIPSŽ). An iSTRIP of the principal component of a TIPS issue will retain the embedded deflation floor that will allow the holder of the security to receive the greater of the original principal or inflation-adjusted principal value at maturity. iSTRIPS may be less liquid than conventional TIPS because they are a small component of the TIPS market.

Municipal inflation-indexed securities are municipal bonds that pay coupons based on a fixed rate plus CPI. With regard to municipal inflation-indexed bonds and certain corporate inflation-indexed bonds, the inflation adjustment is typically reflected in the semi-annual coupon payment. As a result, the principal value of municipal inflation-indexed bonds and such corporate inflation-indexed bonds does not adjust according to the rate of inflation. At the same time, the value of municipal inflation-indexed securities and such corporate inflation indexed securities generally will not increase if the rate of inflation

been deposited with a bank or trust and that trade on a U.S. exchange or over-the-counter. ADRs, EDRs and GDRs may be less liquid or may trade at a different price than the underlying securities of the issuer. In the case of money market instruments other than commercial paper and certificates of deposit, such instruments will be considered economically tied to a non-U.S. country if the issuer of such money market instrument is organized under the laws of a non-U.S. country. In the case of commercial paper and certificates of deposit, such instruments will be considered economically tied to a non-U.S. country if the •country of exposureŽ of such instrument is a non-U.S. country, as determined by the criteria set forth below. With respect to derivative instruments, PIMCO generally considers such instruments to be economically tied to non-U.S. countries if the underlying assets are foreign currencies (or baskets or indexes of such currencies), or instruments or securities that are issued by foreign governments or issuers organized under the laws of a non-U.S. country (or if the underlying assets are money market instruments other than commercial paper and certificates of deposit, the issuer of such money market instrument is organized under the laws of a non-U.S. country or, in the case of underlying assets that are commercial paper or certificates of deposit, if the •country of exposureŽ of such money market instrument is a non-U.S. country). A securityes •country of exposureŽ is determined by PIMCO using certain factors provided by a third-party analytical service provider. The factors are applied in order such that the first factor to result in the assignment of a country determines the •country of exposure.Ž Both the factors and the order in which they are applied may change in the discretion of PIMCO. The current factors, listed in the order in which they are applied, are: (i) if an asset-backed or other collateralized security, the country in which the collateral backing the security is located; (ii) the •country of riskŽ of the issuer; (iii) if the security is guaranteed by the government of a country (or any political subdivision, agency, authority or instrumentality of such government), the country of the government or instrumentality providing the guarantee; (iv) the •country of riskŽ of the issuer•s

(i) if an asset-backed or other collateralized security, the country in which the collateral backing the security is located; (ii) the
•country of riskŽ of the issuer; (iii) if the security is guaranteed by

of currencies) to hedge against adverse changes in the value of another currency (or a basket of currencies) when exchange rates between the two currencies are positively correlated. In accordance with current federal securities laws, rules and staff positions, the Portfolio will segregate or •earmarkŽ assets determined to be liquid by PIMCO (or, as permitted by applicable law, enter into certain offsetting positions) to cover its obligations under forward foreign currency exchange contracts.

Redenomination.Continuing uncertainty as to the status of the euro and the European Monetary Union (the •EMUŽ) has created significant volatility in currency and financial markets generally. Any partial or complete dissolution of the EMU could have significant adverse effects on currency and financial markets and on the values of the Portfolio•s portfolio investments. If one or more EMU countries were to stop using the euro as its primary currency, the Portfolio•s investments in such countries may be redenominated into a different or newly adopted currency. As a result, the value of those investments could decline significantly and unpredictably. In addition, securities or other investments that are redenominated may be subject to currency risk, liquidity risk and risk of improper valuation to a greater extent than similar investments currently denominated in euros. To the extent a currency used for redenomination purposes is not specified in respect of certain EMU-related investments, or should the euro cease to be used entirely, the currency in which such investments are denominated may be unclear, making such investments particularly difficult to value or dispose of. The Portfolio may incur additional expenses to the extent it is required to seek judicial or other clarification of the denomination or value of such securities. There can be no assurance that if the Portfolio earns income or capital gains in a non-U.S. country or PIMCO otherwise seeks to withdraw the Portfolioes investments from a given country, capital controls imposed by such country will not prevent, or cause significant expense in, doing so.

#### **Repurchase Agreements**

The Portfolio may enter into repurchase agreements in which the Portfolio purchases a security from a bank or broker-dealer that agrees to repurchase the s[(P)36.9r into repurc(ortfolio•)54.8(s investmentscos)36luthe62.0y(-dealre to6.3769 Tm [(t9(, )36defa8165 Tm [(

CPI SwapA CPI swap is a fixed maturity, OTC derivative transaction in which the investor receives the •realizedŽ rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (•CPIŽ) over the life of the swap. The investor in turn pays a fixed annualized rate over the life of the swap. This fixed rate is often referred to as the •breakeven inflationŽ rate and is generally representative of the difference between

positions or asset coverage in connection with certain derivatives then it might not otherwise decide to do so (including at a time whe transactions. The regulation of the derivatives markets has increated dompany s financial condition makes it unlikely that such amoun over the past several years, and additional future regulation of the liquidity of the derivatives more costly, may limist the certain to credit, interest rate and liquidity risk and the risks of being availability or reduce the liquidity of derivatives, or may otherwiskender.

adversely affect the value or performance of derivatives. Any such

adverse future developments could impair the effectiveness or raise the sued, Delayed Delivery and Forward Commitment costs of the Portfolio s derivative transactions, or impede the Transactions

employment of the Portfolio derivatives strategies, or adversely for the portfolio may purchase or sell securities which it is eligible to the Portfolio purchase or sell on a when-issued basis, may purchase or sell such

Other risks in using derivatives include the risk of mispricing an securities for delayed delivery and may make contracts to purchase improper valuation of derivatives. Many derivatives, in particularsell such securities for a fixed price at a future date beyond normal privately negotiated derivatives, are complex and often valued settlement time (forward commitments). When-issued transactions, subjectively. Improper valuations can result in increased cash particularsel delivery purchases and forward commitments involve a risk requirements to counterparties or a loss of value to the Portfolioles if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date addition, the Portfolioes use of derivatives may cause the Portfolioes risk is in addition to the risk that the Portfolioes other assets will realize higher amounts of short-term capital gains (generally taxee line in value. Therefore, these transactions may result in a form cordinary income tax rates) than if the Portfolio had not used sucleverage and increase the Portfolioes overall investment exposure. Typically, no income accrues on securities the Portfolio has committed.

#### Exchange-Traded Notes (ETNs)

I ypically, no income accrues on securities the Portfolio has committed purchase prior to the time delivery of the securities is made, althoug the Portfolio may earn income on securities it has segregated or •earmarkedŽ to cover these positions. When the Portfolio has sold a

The Portfolio may invest in ETNs. ETNs are senior, unsecured, unsubordinated debt securities whose returns are linked to the performance of a particular market benchmark or strategy minus applicable fees. ETNs are traded on an eachangeN(YSE) during normal trading hours. However, investors can also hold the ETN that investors can also hold the ETN that equal to the principal amount, subject to the day market benchmark benchmark strategy factor. •earmarked2 to cover these positions. When the Portfolio has sold a security on a when-issued, delayed-delivery or forward commitment basis, the Portfolio does not participate in future gains or losses with respect to the security. If the other party to a transaction fails to pay the security on a when-issued, delayed-delivery or forward commitment equal to the principal amount, subject to the day market benchmark benchmark benchmark strategy factor.

ETNs do not make periodic coupon payments or provide principal protection. ETNs are subject to credit risk and the value of the ETN-estiment in Other Investment Companies drop due to a downgrade in the issuer's credit rating, despite the underlying market benchmark or strategy remaining unchanged. The value of an ETN may also be influenced by time to maturity, level of supply and demand for the ETN, volatility and lack of liquidity in underlying assets, changes in the applicable interest rates, changes in uncertained accounts or investment vehicles to the extent permitted the issuer's credit rating, and economic, legal, political, or geographic events that affect the referenced underlying asset. When the Portfolio invests in ETNs, it will bear its proportionate share of any fees and expenses borne by the ETN. The Portfolio's decision to sell its ETN holdings may be limited by the availability of a secondary market. ETNs are also subject to tax risk. The IRS and Congress are considering proposals that would change the timing and character of income and gains from ETNs. There may be times when an ETN share trades at a

premium or discount to its market benchmark or strategy.

#### Delayed Funding Loans and Revolving Credit Facilities

The Portfolio may also enter into, or acquire participations in, delayed funding loans and revolving credit facilities, in which a lender agrees to make loans up to a maximum amount upon demand by the borrower during a specified term. These commitments may have the effect of requiring the Portfolio to increase its investment in a company at a time short maturity Fixed Income Instruments. The Central Funds may arbitrary arbitrary arbitrary for the Portfolio engages in short selling in foreign (non-U expenses related to their investment activities, but do not pay jurisdictions, the Portfolio will do so to the extent permitted by the law investment advisory or supervisory and administrative fees to Pance gulations of such jurisdiction.

#### Subject to the restrictions and limitations of the 1940 Act, and the rules and regulations thereunder and any exemptive relief therefrom, the

Portfolio may, in the future, elect to pursue its investment objective Portfolio may invest up to 15% of its net assets (taken at the time either by investing directly in securities, or by investing in one or investment) in illiquid investments that are assets. Certain illiquid underlying investment vehicles or companies that have substaning stments may require pricing at fair value as determined in good similar investment objectives and policies as the Portfolio.

Regulatory changes adopted by the SEC concerning investments by registered investment companies in the securities of other registered investment companies may, among other things, affect the Portfolio's ability to utilize the Central Funds. This could adversely impact the Portfolio's investment strategies and operations. The •Investment Objectives and Policies - Regulatory RiskŽ section in the SAI discusses these changes in further detail.

#### Small-Cap and Mid-Cap Companies

Some restricted securities (such as securities issued pursuant to The Portfolio may invest in equity securities of small-capitalization used 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and certa mid-capitalization companies. The Portfolio considers a small-cap company to be a company with a market capitalization of up to \$1.5 billion and a mid-cap company to be a company with a market folio solution of between \$1.5 billion and \$10 billion. Investment foliatively less liquid than registered securities traded on established small-cap and mid-cap companies. Small- and mid-cap companies may not have an established financial history, which can present valuation challenges. The equity securities of small- and mid-cap companies may be subject to increased market fluctuations, due to less liquid markets

legal or contractual restrictions on resale, may be illiquid. However,

and more limited managerial and financial resources. The Portfolio's investment in small- and mid-cap companies may increase the volatility of the Portfolio's portfolio.

#### Short Sales

The Portfolio may make short sales as part of its overall portfolio management strategies or to offset a potential decline in value of a security. A short sale involves the sale of a security that is borrowed from a broker or other institution to complete the sale. Short sales expose the Portfolio to the risk that it will be required to acquire, convert or exchange securities to replace the borrowed securities (also known as •coveringŽ the short position) at a time when the securities sold short have appreciated in value, thus resulting in a loss to the Portfolio. In accordance with current federal securities laws, rules and staff positions, when making a short sale (other than a •short sale against the boxŽ) the Portfolio must segregate or earmarkŽ assets determined to be liquid by PIMCO or otherwise cover its position in a permissible manner. A short sale is eagainst the boxZ to the extent that the Portfolio contemporaneously owns, or has the right to obtain at no added cost, securities identical to those sold short. The Portfolio may engage in short selling to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act and rules and interpretations thereunder and other federal securities laws.

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company data. Moreover, cyber security breaches involving trading counterparties or issuers in which the Portfolio invests could adversely impact such counterparties or issuers and cause the Portfolio•s investments to lose value.

Cyber security failures or breaches may result in financial losses to the Portfolio and its shareholders. These failures or breaches may also result in disruptions to business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses; interference with the Portfolio•s ability to calculate its NAV, process shareholder transactions or otherwise transact business with shareholders; impediments to trading; violations of applicable privacy and other laws; regulatory fines; penalties; third party claims in litigation; reputational damage; reimbursement or other compensation costs; additional compliance and cyber security risk management costs and other adverse consequences. In addition, substantial costs may be incurred in order to prevent any cyber incidents in the future.

Like with operational risk in general, the Portfolio has established business continuity plans and risk management systems designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security. However, there are inherent limitations in these plans and systems, including that certain risks may not have been identified, in large part because different or unknown threats may emerge in the future. As such, there is no guarantee that such efforts will succeed, especially because the Portfolio does not directly control the cyber security systems of issuers in which the Portfolio may invest, trading counterparties or third party service providers to the Portfolio. Such entities have experienced cyber attacks and other attempts to gain unauthorized access to systems from time to time, and there is no guarantee that efforts to prevent or mitigate the effects of such attacks or other attempts to gain unauthorized access will be successful. There is also a risk that cyber security breaches may not be detected. The Portfolio and its shareholders may suffer losses as a result of a cyber security breach related to the Portfolio, its service providers, trading counterparties or the issuers in which the Portfolio invests.

## **Financial Highlights**

The financial highlights table is intended to help a shareholder understand the Portfolio's financial perflorentiate yeatheolaist shorter, the period since the Portfolio or class commenced operations. Certain information reflects finglecRomtesidetsharea The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned or lost on an investment and the Portfolio (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). The performance information does not ace fleets Variable Ses. This information has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, the Portfolio's independent registered before the performance of the performance information for the performance of the performa

Net Asset Value End of Yeaf <sup>(a)</sup>	Total Returrí <sup>d)</sup>	Ratios/Supplemental Data						
		– Net Assets End of Year (000s)	Ratios to Average Net Assets					
			Expenses	Expenses Excluding Waivers	Expenses Excluding Interest Expense	Expenses Excluding Interest Expense and Waivers	Net Investment Income (Loss)	Portfolio Turnover Rate
\$10.76	(1.12)%	\$392,304	0.50%	6 0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	2.10	0% 308 <sup>.</sup>
11.59 11.02	8.81 8.52	160,779 129,771	0.54 0.71	0.54 0.71	0.50 0.50	0.50 0.50	2.22 3.11	514 534
10.48 10.94	(0.38) 5.07	83,675 83,041	0.76 0.54	0.76 0.54	0.50 0.50	0.50 0.50	2.78 2.43	631 574

## Appendix A Description of Securities Ratings

Ca: Obligations rated Ca are highly speculative and are likely in, or v near, default, with some prospect of recovery of principal and interest

The Portfolioes investments may range in quality from securities Galgations rated C are the lowest rated and are typically in defauthe lowest category in which the Portfolio is permitted to invest twith little prospect for recovery of principal or interest.

securities rated in the highest category (as rated by Moody's, Standard & appends numerical modifiers 1, 2, and 3 to each generic rated poor's or Fitch, or, if unrated, determined by PIMCO to be of comparative ation from Aa through Caa. The modifier 1 indicates that the quality). The percentage of the Portfolio's assets invested in securities in ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category; the a particular rating category will vary. The following terms are generalized in the lower end of that generic rating category. Ad7.4aty7.4

High Quality Debt Securities those rated in one of the two highest rating categories (the highest category for commercial paper) or, if unrated, deemed comparable by PIMCO.

Investment Grade Debt Securitedsose rated in one of the four highest rating categories, or, if unrated, deemed comparable by PIMCO.

Below Investment Grade High Yield Securities (•JunkaBondsŽ), those rated lower than Baa by Moody•s, BBB by Standard & Poor•s or Fitch, and comparable securities. They are deemed predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer•s ability to repay principal and interest.

The following is a description of Moody•s, Standard & Poor•s and Fitch•s rating categories applicable to fixed income securities.

#### Moody•s Investors Service, Inc.

#### Global Long-Term Rating Scale

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

Aaa: Obligations rated Aaa are judged to be of the highest quality, subject to the lowest level of credit risk.

Aa: Obligations rated Aa are judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk.

A: Obligations rated A are judged to be upper-medium grade and are subject to low credit risk.

Baa: Obligations rated Baa are judged to be medium-grade and subject to moderate credit risk and as such may possess certain speculative characteristics.

Ba: Obligations rated Ba are judged to be speculative and are subject to substantial credit risk.

B: Obligations rated B are considered speculative and are subject to high credit risk.

Caa: Obligations rated Caa are judged to be speculative of poor standing and are subject to very high credit risk.

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P-1: Ratings of Prime-1 reflect a superior ability to repay short-texneeding thirteen months. Short-term NSRs in one country should obligations. be compared with short-term NSRs in another country, or with Mood

P-2: Ratings of Prime-2 reflect a strong ability to repay short-tern lobal ratings. There are four categories of short-term national scale ratings, generically denoted N-1 through N-4 as defined below. obligations.

P-3: Ratings of Prime-3 reflect an acceptable ability to repay short-term specific country, the first two letters indicate the country in which the issuer is located KE-1 through KE-4 for Kenya). obligations.

NP: Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Not Prime do not fail-Within issuers or issuances represent the strongest likelihood of repayment of short-term debt obligations relative to other domestic any of the Prime rating categories. issuers or issuances.

#### National Scale Long-Term Ratings

N-2: N-2 issuers or issuances represent an above average likelihoo Moodyes long-term National Scale Ratings (NSRs) are opinions reptayment of short-term debt obligations relative to other domestic relative creditworthiness of issuers and financial obligations within ers or issuances.

particular country. NSRs are not designed to be compared among countries; rather, they address relative credit risk within a given country Moody•s assigns national scale ratings in certain local capital markets in which investors have found the global rating scale provides inadequate

differentiation among credits or is inconsistent with a rating scale 1-4: N-4 issuers or issuances represent a below average likelihood repayment of short-term debt obligations relative to other domestic already in common use in the country.

In each specific country, the last two characters of the rating indicate the country in which the issuer is located or the financial obligation was ort-term rating symbols P-1.za, P-2.za, P-3.za and NP.za are in South Africa. issuede(g. Aaa.ke for Kenya).

Aaa.n: Issuers or issues rated Aaa.n demonstrate the strongest Short-Term Obligation Ratings creditworthiness relative to other domestic issuers and issuances the Municipal Investment Grade (MIG) scale is used for US municipal

Aa.n: Issuers or issues rated Aa.n demonstrate very strong cash flow notes, bond anticipation notes and certain other short-terr creditworthiness relative to other domestic issuers and issuances bligations, which typically mature in three years or less. Under cert

A.n: Issuers or issues rated A.n present above-average creditworthiness maturities of up to five years. relative to other domestic issuers and issuances.

Baa.n: Issuers or issues rated Baa.n represent average creditworthiness designation denotes superior credit quality. Excellent protection is afforded by established cash flows, highly reliable liquid relative to other domestic issuers and issuances. support, or demonstrated broad-based access to the market for

Ba.n: Issuers or issues rated Ba.n demonstrate below-average refinancing.

creditworthiness relative to other domestic issuers and issuances. MIG 2: This designation denotes strong credit quality. Margins of B.n: Issuers or issues rated B.n demonstrate weak creditworthiness protection are ample, although not as large as in the preceding grou relative to other domestic issuers and issuances.

MIG 3: This designation denotes acceptable credit quality. Liquidity Caa.n: Issuers or issues rated Caa.n demonstrate very weak cash-flow protection may be narrow, and market access for refinance creditworthiness relative to other domestic issuers and issuances likely to be less well-established.

Ca.n: Issuers or issues rated Ca.n demonstrate extremely weakSG: This designation denotes speculative-grade credit quality. Debt creditworthiness relative to other domestic issuers and issuances in this category may lack sufficient margins of protection

C.n: Issuers or issues rated C.n demonstrate the weakest creditworthiness relative to other domestic issuers and issuances.

Moody•s appends numerical modifiers 1, 2, and 3 to each generic rating classification from Aa through Caa. The modifier 1 indicates that the obligation ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category; the modifier 2 indicates a mid-range ranking; and the modifier 3 indicates a ranking in the lower end of that generic rating category.

ranking in the lower end of that generic rating category.

of the issuer or the liquidity provider to make payments associated w the purchase-price-upon-demand feature (•demand featureZ) of the

#### National Scale Short-Term Ratings

Moodyes short-term NSRs are opinions of the ability of issuers of RDO. The short-term demand obligation rating uses the Variable issuances in a given country, relative to other domestic issuers of Municipal Investment Grade (VMIG) scale. issuances, to repay debt obligations that have an original maturity not

VMIG 1: This designation denotes superior credit quality. Excellent

Short-Term Issue Credit Ratings A-1: A short-term obligation rated •A-1• is rated in the highest category t: This symbol indicates termination structures that are designed to honor their contracts to full maturity or, should certain events occur, to terminate and cash settle all their contracts before their final maturity date.

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

Inactive Qualifiers (no longer applied or outstanding)

\*:This symbol indicated that the rating was contingent upon S&P receipt of an executed copy of the escrow agreement or closing documentation confirming investments and cash flows. Discontinued use in August 1998.

c: This qualifier was used to provide additional information to investors that the bank may terminate its obligation to purchase tendered bonds if the long-term credit rating of the issuer was lowered to below an investment-grade level and/or the issuer•s bonds were deemed taxable. Discontinued use in January 2001.

G: The letter •G• followed the rating symbol when a fund•s portfolio consisted primarily of direct U.S. government securities.

i: This suffix was used for issues in which the credit factors, terms, or both that determine the likelihood of receipt of payment of interest are different from the credit factors, terms, or both that determine the likelihood of receipt of principal on the obligation. The 'i' suffix indicated that the rating addressed the interest portion of the obligation only. The 'i' suffix was always used in conjunction with the 'p' suffix, which addresses likelihood of receipt of principal. For example, a rated

obligation could have been assigned a rating of 'AArI.m1r theCix 9(elihoo9(,Rjunction withix 9(elamrm fin).8(8 0Su78 0 0 9.978 30.0

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#### Short-Term Credit Ratings

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

F1:Highest short-term credit qualitycates the strongest intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments; may have an added •+Ž to denote any exceptionally strong credit feature.

F2:Good short-term credit quality d intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments.

F3:Fair short-term credit quality intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is adequate.

B:Speculative short-term credit qMainitynal capacity for timely payment of financial commitments, plus heightened vulnerability to near term adverse changes in financial and economic conditions.

C:High short-term default Default is a real possibility.

RDRestricted defaultdicates an entity that has defaulted on one or more of its financial commitments, although it continues to meet other financial obligations. Typically applicable to entity ratings only.

D:DefaultIndicates a broad-based default event for an entity, or the default of a short-term obligation.

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