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# CLASSIFICATION, INVESTMENT POLICIES AND RESTRICTIONS, AND INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND RISKS

# JANUS ASPEN SERIES

This Statement of Additional Information includes information about ten series of the Trust. Each Portfolio is a series of the Trust, an open-end, management investment company.

# CLASSIFICATION

The Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), classifies mutual funds as either diversified or nondiversified. Janus Henderson Forty Portfolio ("Forty Portfolio") is classified as nondiversified. Janus Henderson Flexible Bond Portfolio ("Flexible Bond Portfolio"), Janus Henderson Global Research Portfolio ("Global Research Portfolio"), Janus Henderson Overseas Portfolio ("Overseas Portfolio"), Janus Henderson Balanced Portfolio ("Balanced Portfolio"), Janus Henderson Enterprise Portfolio ("Enterprise Portfolio"), Janus Henderson Research Portfolio ("Research Portfolio"), Janus Henderson Global Technology and Innovation Portfolio ("Global Technology and Innovation Portfolio") are classified as diversified.

## ADVISER

Janus Henderson Investors US LLC (the "Adviser") is the investment adviser for each Portfolio.

#### INVESTMENT POLICIES AND RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL PORTFOLIOS

The Portfolios are subject to certain fundamental policies and restrictions that may not be changed without shareholder approval. Shareholder approval means approval by the lesser of: (i) more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of the Trust (or a particular Portfolio or particular class of shares if a matter affects just that Portfolio or that class of shares) or (ii) 67% or more of the voting securities present at a meeting if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of the Trust (or a particular Portfolio or class of shares) are present or represented by proxy. The following policies are fundamental policies of the Portfolios. Each of these policies applies to each Portfolio, except policy (1), which applies only to the Portfolios specifically listed in that policy.

(1) With respect to 75% of its total assets, Flexible Bond Portfolio, Global Research Portfolio, Global Sustainable Equity Portfolio, Overseas Portfolio, Balanced Portfolio, Enterprise Portfolio, Research Portfolio, Global Technology and Innovation Portfolio, and Mid Cap Value Portfolio may not purchase securities of an issuer (other than the U.S. Government, its agencies, instrumentalities or authorities, or repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Government securities, and securities of other

estate or interests therein, such as, but not limited to, corporations, partnerships, real estate investment trusts ("REITs"), a other REIT-like entities, such as foreign entities that have REIT characteristics.  For purposes of each Portfolio's policies on investing in particular industries, each Portfolio relies primarily on industry of	

Portfolio may be forced to hold illiquid investments while their price depreciates. Depreciation in the price of illiquid investments may cause the NAV of a Portfolio to decline.

Restricted Securities Risk. Private placements and other restricted securities are securities that are subject to legal and/or contractual restrictions on their sales. These securities may also include initial public offerings ("IPO") where a Portfolio participates as an anchor or cornerstone investor ("Cornerstone Investor") wherein it agrees prior to a company's IPO, to acquire a certain dollar amount of the IPO securities ("Cornerstone IPOs"). Private placements and other restricted securities may not be sold to the public unless certain conditions are met, which may include registration under the applicable securities laws. These securities may not be listed on an exchange and may have no active trading market. As a result of the absence of a public trading market, the prices of these securities may be more volatile and more difficult to determine than publicly traded securities and these securities may involve heightened risk as compared to investments in securities of publicly traded companies. Further, companies whose securities are not publicly traded may not be subject to the disclosure and other investor protection requirements that would be applicable if their securities were publicly traded. Accordingly, private placements and other restricted securities may involve a high degree of business and financial risk and may result in substantial losses.

Private placements and other restricted securities may be illiquid, and it frequently can be difficult to sell them at a time when it may otherwise be desirable to do so or a Portfolio may be able to sell them only at prices that are less than what the Portfolio regards as their fair market value. A security that was liquid at the time of purchase may subsequently become illiquid. In addition, transaction costs may be higher for private placements and other restricted securities. The Portfolio may have to bear the expense of registering such securities for sale and there may be substantial delays in effecting the registration. If, during such a delay, adverse market conditions were to develop, the Portfolio might obtain a less favorable price than prevailed at the time it decided to seek registration of the securities. In addition, the Portfolio may get only limited information about the issuer of a private placement or other restricted security, so it may be less able to anticipate a loss. Also, if portfolio management receives material non-public information about the issuer, the Portfolio may, as a result, be legally prohibited from selling the securities.

Each Portfolio may make an initial investment of up to 0.5% of its total assets in any one private placement issuer. A Portfolio may not invest more than 1% of its total assets in the aggregate, measured at the time of the subsequent purchase, in any one private placement issuer.

Restricted securities may include securities issued through private offerings without registration with the SEC pursuant to Regulation S or Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"). Offerings of Regulation S Securities may be conducted outside of the United States. Although Regulation S and Rule 144 securities may be resold in privately negotiated transactions, the amounts received from these sales could be less than those originally paid by the Portfolios.

#### Environmental, Social, and Governance Data

Within the parameters of a Portfolio's specific investment policies, portfolio management may consider environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") data inputs from third-party data providers. As of the date of this SAI, portfolio management receives such inputs provided by MSCI, Vigeo Eiris, Institutional Shareholder Services, Inc. ("ISS") and Sustainalytics. A description of the ESG data provided is noted below. The third-party data providers used by the Adviser are subject to change over time. The use and reliance on such information will vary depending on the strategy employed by a Portfolio/investment team.

- MSCI Provides ESG and Government ratings, corporate impact data including ESG related controversies, business involvement screening and thematic alignment to the Sustainable Development Goals, and Climate change Solutions consisting of Climate data, risk reporting and scenario analysis.
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More flexibility is possible in the assembly of a synthetic convertible security than in the purchase of a convertible security. Although synthetic convertible securities may be selected where the two components are issued by a single issuer, thus making the synthetic convertible security similar to the traditional convertible security, the character of a synthetic convertible security allows the combination of components representing distinct issuers. A synthetic convertible security also is a more flexible investment in that its two components may be purchased separately. For example, a Portfolio may purchase a warrant for inclusion in a synthetic convertible security but temporarily hold short-term investments while postponing the purchase of a corresponding bond pending development of more favorable market conditions.

A holder of a synthetic convertible security faces the risk of a decline in the price of the security or the level of the index involved in the convertible component, causing a decline in the value of the security or instrument, such as a call option or warrant, purchased to create the synthetic convertible security. Should the price of the stock fall below the exercise price and remain there throughout the exercise period, the entire amount paid for the convertible component would be lost. Because a synthetic convertible security includes the income-producing component as well, the holder of a synthetic convertible security also faces the risk that interest rates will rise, causing a decline in the value of the income-producing instrument.

Certain Portfolios also may purchase synthetic convertible securities created by other parties, including convertible structured notes. Convertible structured notes are income-producing debentures linked to equity and are typically issued by investment banks. Convertible structured notes have the attributes of a convertible security; however, the investment bank that issues the convertible note, rather than the issuer of the underlying common stock into which the note is convertible, assumes the credit risk associated with the underlying investment, and such Portfolio in turn assumes the credit risk associated with the convertible note.

**Warrants.** Warrants constitute options to purchase equity securities at a specific price and are valid for a specific period of time. They do not represent ownership of the equity securities, but only the right to buy them. Warrants have no voting rights, pay no dividends, and have no rights with respect to the assets of the corporation issuing them. Warrants differ from call options in that warrants are issued by the issuer of the security that may be purchased on their exercise, whereas call options may be issued by anyone. The prices of warrants do not necessarily move parallel to the prices of the underlying equity securities. The price usually represents a premium over the applicable market value of the common stock at the time of the warrants issuance. Investments in warrants involve certain risks, including the possible lack of a liquid market for the resale of the warrants, potential price fluctuations as a result of speculation or other factors, and failure of the price of the common stock to rise. The price of a warrant may be more volatile than the price of its underlying security. A warrant becomes worthless if it is not exercised within the specified time period.

Certain Portfolios may from time to time use non-standard warrants, including low exercise price warrants or low exercise price options ("LEPOs"), to gain exposure to issuers in certain countries. LEPOs are different from standard warrants in that they do not give their holders the right to receive a security of the issuer upon exercise. Rather, LEPOs pay the holder the difference in the price of the underlying security between the date the LEPO was purchased and the date it is sold. Additionally, LEPOs entail the same risks as derivatives that are traded over-the-counter, including the risks that the counterparty or issuer of the LEPO may not be able to fulfill its obligations, that the holder and counterparty or issuer may disagree as to the meaning or application of contractual terms, or that the instrument may not perform as expected. Furthermore, while LEPOs may be listed on an exchange, there is no guarantee that a liquid market will exist or that the counterparty or issuer of a LEPO will be willing to repurchase such instruments when such Portfolio wishes to sell it.

#### **Industry and Sector Risk**

**Financial Services Sector.** To the extent a Portfolio invests a significant portion of its assets in the financial services sector, that Portfolio will have more exposure to the risks inherent to the financial services sector. Financial services companies may be adversely affected by changes in regulatory framework or interest rates that may negatively affect financial services businesses; exposure of a financial institution to a nondiversified or concentrated loan portfolio; exposure to financial leverage and/or investments or agreements that, under certain circumstances, may lead to losses; and the risk that a market shock or other unexpected market, economic, political, regulatory, or other event might lead to a sudden decline in the values of most or all financial services companies.

**Information Technology Sector.** To the extent a Portfolio invests a significant portion of its assets in technology-related industries or sectors, competitive pressures may have a significant effect on the performance of companies in which that Portfolio may invest. In addition, technology and technology-related companies often progress at an accelerated rate, and these companies may be subject to short product cycles and aggressive pricing, which may increase their volatility.

**Currency Risk.** As long as a Portfolio holds a foreign security, its value will be affected by the value of the local currency relative to the U.S. dollar. When a Portfolio sells a foreign currency denominated security, its value may be worth less in U.S. dollars even if the security increases in value in its home country. U.S. dollar-denominated securities of foreign issuers may also be affected by currency risk, as the value of these securities may also be affected by changes in the issuer's local currency.

Emerging Markets. Within the parameters of its specific investment policies, each Portfolio, particularly Global Research Portfolio, Overseas Portfolio, and Global Technology and Innovation Portfolio, may invest its assets in securities of issuers or companies from or with exposure to one or more "developing countries" or "emerging market countries." Such countries include, but are not limited to, countries included in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index. Global Sustainable Equity Portfolio will normally limit its investments in emerging market countries to 5% of its net assets. Investing in emerging markets involves certain risks not typically associated with investing in the United States and imposes risks greater than, or in addition to, the risks associated with investing in securities of more developed foreign countries. The prices of investments in emerging markets can experience sudden and sharp price swings. In many developing markets, there is less government supervision and regulation of business and industry practices (including the potential lack of strict finance and accounting controls and standards), stock exchanges, brokers, and listed companies than in more developed markets. Similarly, issuers in such markets may not be subject to regulatory, disclosure, accounting, auditing, and financial reporting and recordkeeping standards comparable to those to which U.S. companies are subject. Information about emerging market companies, including financial information, may be less available or reliable and the Portfolio's ability to conduct due diligence with respect to such companies may be limited. In addition, certain emerging market jurisdictions may materially restrict the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board's ("PCAOB") inspection, investigation and enforcement capabilities impairing the ability to conduct independent oversight or inspection of accounting firms located in or operating in certain emerging markets; therefore, there is no guarantee that the quality of financial reporting or the audits conducted by audit firms of emerging market issuers meet PCAOB standards. Accordingly, these investments may be potentially more volatile in price and less liquid than investments in developed securities markets, resulting in greater risk to investors. There is a risk in developing countries that a current or future economic or political crisis could lead to price controls, forced mergers of companies, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, imposition or enforcement of foreign ownership limits, seizure, nationalization, sanctions or imposition of restrictions by various governmental entities on investment and trading, or creation of government monopolies, any of which may have a detrimental effect on a Portfolio's investments. Many emerging market countries have experienced substantial, and in some periods extremely high, rates of inflation or deflation for many years, and future inflation may adversely affect the economies and securities markets of such countries. In addition, the economies of developing countries tend to be heavily dependent upon international trade and, as such, have been, and may continue to be, adversely impacted by trade barriers, exchange controls, managed adjustments in relative currency values, and other protectionist measures. Developing countries may also experience a higher level of exposure and vulnerability to the adverse effects of climate change. This may be attributed to both the geographic location of emerging market countries and/or a country's lack of access to technology or resources to adjust and adapt to its effects. An increased occurrence and severity of natural disasters and extreme weather events such as droughts and decreased crop yields, heat waves, flooding and rising sea levels, and increased spread of disease, could cause harmful effects to the performance of affected economies. These economies also have been, and may continue to be, adversely affected by economic conditions in the countries with which they do business. Emerging markets may be subject to a higher degree of corruption and fraud than developed markets, and financial institutions and transaction counterparties may have less financial sophistication, creditworthiness and/or resources than participants in developed markets.

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The Portfolios may be subject to emerging market risk to the extent that they invest in securities of issuers or companies which are not considered to be from emerging markets, but which have customers, products, or transactions associated with emerging markets.

**Eurozone Risk.** A number of countries in the EU have experienced, and may continue to experience, severe economic and financial difficulties. In particular, many EU nations are susceptible to economic risks associated with high levels of debt. Many non-governmental issuers, and even certain governments, have defaulted on, or been forced to restructure, their debts. Many other issuers have faced difficulties obtaining credit or refinancing existing obligations. Financial institutions have in

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relative lack of currency hedging instruments and controls on the ability to exchange local currency for U.S. dollars; (ix) the relatively small size and absence of operating history of many Chinese companies; (x) the developing nature of the legal and regulatory framework for securities markets, custody arrangements and commerce; (xi) uncertainty with respect to the commitment of the government of the PRC to economic reforms; and (xii) the imposition of sanctions or embargoes imposed by the U.S. government.

Although the PRC has experienced a relatively stable political environment in recent years, there is no guarantee that such stability will be maintained in the future. As an emerging market, many factors may affect such stability – such as increasing gaps between the rich and poor or agrarian unrest and instability of existing political structures – and may result in adverse consequences to a Portfolio investing in securities and instruments economically tied to the PRC. Political uncertainty, military

# **Short Sales**

The Portfolios may engage in short sales through short sales of stocks, futures, uncovered written calls, structured products, and swaps used to effectuate a short position. A Portfolio may engage in short sales when portfolio management anticipates that a security's market purchase price will be less than its borrowing price. In a short sale transaction, a Portfolio sells a security it does not own to a purchaser at a specified price. To complete a short sale, the Portfolio must: (i) borrow the security to deliver it to the purchaser and (ii) buy that same security in the market to return it to the lender. Short sales involve the same fundamental risk as short sales against the box, as described below. In addition, a Portfolio may 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 t

reduce the rate of return for that Portfolio. In some circumstances, such sales might be necessary in order to satisfy cash distribution requirements even though investment considerations might otherwise make it undesirable for a Portfolio to sell the securities at the time.

Generally, the market prices of zero coupon, step coupon, and pay-in-kind securities are more volatile than the prices of securities that pay interest periodically and in cash and are likely to respond to changes in interest rates to a greater degree than other types of debt securities having similar maturities and credit quality. Additionally, such securities may be subject to heightened credit and valuation risk.

# **Pass-Through Securities**

The Portfolios may invest in various types of pass-through securities, such as commercial and residential mortgage-backed securities, which include collateralized mortgage obligations ("CMOs") and Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduit ("REMIC") pass-through or mortgage participation certificates, asset-backed securities, credit-linked trust certificates, traded custody receipts, and participation interests. A pass-through security is a share or certificate of interest in a pool of debt obligations that have been repackaged by an intermediary, such as a bank or broker-dealer. The purchaser of a pass-through security receives an undivided interest in the underlying pool of securities. The issuers of the underlying securities make interest and principal payments to the intermediary, which are passed through to purchasers, such as the Portfolios.

Agency Mortgage-Related Securities. The most common type of pass-through securities is mortgage-backed securities. Government National Mortgage Association ("Ginnie Mae") Certificates are mortgage-backed securities that evidence an undivided interest in a pool of mortgage loans. Ginnie Mae Certificates differ from bonds in that principal is paid back monthly by the borrowers over the term of the loan rather than returned in a lump sum at maturity. A Portfolio will generally purchase "modified pass-through" Ginnie Mae Certificates, which entitle the holder to receive a share of all interest and principal payments paid and owned on the mortgage pool, net of fees paid to the "issuer" and Ginnie Mae, regardless of whether or not the mortgagor actually makes the payment. Ginnie Mae Certificates are backed as to the timely payment of principal and interest by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government.

Government-related (i.e., not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government) guarantors include (i) the Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), and (ii) the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac"), which issue certificates that resemble Ginnie Mae Certificates in that each certificate represents a pro rata share of all interest and principal payments made and owned on the underlying pool. Pass-through securities issued by Fannie Mae are guaranteed as to timely payment of principal and interest by Fannie Mae. Participation certificates issued by Freddie Mac, which represent interests in mortgages from Freddie Mac's national portfolio are guaranteed by Freddie Mac and to the timely payment of interest and ultimate collection of principal.

In September 2008, the Federal Housing Finance Agency ("FHFA"), an agency of the U.S. Government, placed Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac under conservatorship. Since that time, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have received capital support through U.S. Treasury preferred stock purchases and Treasury and Federal Reserve purchases of their mortgage-backed securities. The FHFA and the U.S. Treasury have imposed strict limits on the size of these entities' mortgage portfolios. The FHFA has the power to cancel any contract entered into by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac prior to FHFA's appointment as conservator or receiver, including the guarantee obligations of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. As of the date of this SAI, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac remain under conservatorship.

In addition, the future for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac is uncertain as the U.S. Government is considering multiple options, ranging on a spectrum from significant reform, nationalization, privatization, consolidation, to outright elimination of these entities. Congress is considering several pieces of legislation that would reform Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, proposing to address their structure, mission, portfolio limits, and guarantee fees, among other issues. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac also are the subject of several continuing legal actions and investigations over certain accounting, disclosure, and corporate governance matters, which (along with any resulting financial restatements) may continue to have an adverse effect on these guaranteeing entities.

Except for Ginnie Mae Certificates, each of the mortgage-backed securities described above is characterized by monthly payments to the holder, reflecting the monthly payments made by the borrowers who received the underlying mortgage loans. The payments to the security holders (such as the Portfolios), like the payments on the underlying loans, represent both principal and interest. Although the underlying mortgage loans are for specified periods of time, such as 20 or 30 years, the borrowers can, and typically do, pay them off sooner. Thus, the security holders frequently receive prepayments of principal in addition to the principal that is part of the regular monthly payments. Portfolio management will consider estimated prepayment rates in calculating the average-weighted maturity of a Portfolio, if relevant. A borrower is more likely

CMOs are structured into multiple classes, often referred to as "tranches," with each class bearing a different stated maturity and entitled to a different schedule for payments of principal and interest, including pre-payments. Actual maturity and average life will depend upon the pre-payment experience of the collateral. In the case of certain CMOs (known as "sequential pay" CMOs), payments of principal received from the pool of underlying mortgages, including pre-payments, are applied to the classes of CMOs in the order of their respective final distribution dates. Thus, no payment of principal will be made to any class of sequential pay CMOs until all other classes having an earlier final distribution date have been paid in full.

In a typical CMO transaction, a corporation ("issuer") issues multiple series (e.g., A, B, C, Z) of CMO bonds ("Bonds"). Proceeds of the Bond offering are used to purchase mortgages or mortgage pass-through certificates ("Collateral"). The Collateral is pledged to a third party trustee as security for the Bonds. Principal and interest payments from the Collateral are used to pay principal on the Bonds in the order A, B, C, Z. The Series A, B, and C Bonds all bear current interest. Interest on the Series Z Bond is accrued and added to principal and a like amount is paid as principal on the Series A, B, or C Bond currently being paid off. When the Series A, B, and C Bonds are paid in full, interest and principal on the Series Z Bond begins to be paid currently. CMOs may be less liquid and may exhibit greater price volatility than other types of mortgage- or asset-backed securities.

As CMOs have evolved, some classes of CMO bonds have become more common. For example, a Portfolio may invest in parallel-pay and planned amortization class ("PAC") CMOs and multi-class pass-through certificates. Parallel-pay CMOs and multi-class pass-through certificates are structured to provide payments of principal on each payment date to more than one class. These simultaneous payments are taken into account in calculating the stated maturity date or final distribution date of each class, which, as with other CMO and multi-class pass-through structures, must be retired by its stated maturity date or final distribution date but may be retired earlier. PACs generally require payments of a specified amount of principal on each payment date. PACs are parallel-pay CMOs with the required principal amount on such securities having the highest priority after interest has been paid to all classes. Any CMO or multi-class pass-through structure that includes PAC securities must

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A Portfolio may purchase privately issued mortgage-related securities that are originated, packaged and serviced by third party entities. It is possible these third parties could have interests that are in conflict with the holders of mortgage-related

Reverse mortgage-related securities may be subject to risks different than other types of mortgage-related securities due to the	ì

them, own more than 10% of the voting stock of such other investment company. To the extent a Portfolio is an underlying fund in a fund of funds managed by the Adviser, the Portfolio may not acquire securities of other investment companies in reliance on Section 12(d)(1)(F) and securities of open-end investment companies or registered unit investment trusts in reliance on Section 12(d)(1)(G). A Portfolio may invest in other investment companies beyond these statutory limits to the extent the Portfolio abides by certain conditions of Rule 12d1-4 under the 1940 Act. A Portfolio may invest its cash holdings in affiliated or non-affiliated money market funds or cash management pooled investment vehicles that operate pursuant to the provision of the 1940 Act that governs the operation of money market funds as part of a cash sweep program. A Portfolio may purchase unlimited shares of affiliated or non-affiliated money market funds and of other funds managed by the Adviser, whether registered or unregistered entities, as permitted by the 1940 Act and rules promulgated thereunder.

To the extent a Portfolio invests in money market funds or other funds, such Portfolio will be subject to the same risks that investors experience when investing in such other funds. These risks may include the impact of significant fluctuations in assets as a result of the cash sweep program or purchase and redemption activity by affiliated or non-affiliated shareholders in such other funds. Additionally, to the extent that the Adviser serves as the investment adviser to underlying funds or investment vehicles in which a Portfolio may invest, the Adviser may have conflicting interests in fulfilling its fiduciary duties to both the Portfolio and the underlying funds or investment vehicles. Money market funds are open-end registered investment companies. Money market funds that meet the definition of a retail money market fund or government money market fund compute their price per share using the amortized cost method of valuation to seek to maintain a stable \$1.00 price per share, and money market funds that do not meet the definitions of a retail money market fund or government money market fund transact at a floating NAV per share (similar to all other non-money market mutual funds). Money market funds may impose liquidity fees or temporarily suspend the ability to sell shares if the fund's liquidity falls below certain required minimums because of market conditions or other factors. Amendments to money market fund regulation could impact the trading and value of money market instruments, which may negatively affect a Portfolio's return potential.

Investment companies may include index-based investments such as exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"), that hold substantially all of their assets in investments representing specific indices. The main risk of investing in index-based investments is the same as investing in a portfolio of investments comprising the index. Index-based investments may not replicate exactly the performance of their specific index because of transaction costs and because of the temporary unavailability of certain component securities of the index.

As a shareholder of another investment company, a Portfolio would bear its pro rata portion of the other investment company's expenses, including advisory fees, in addition to the expenses the Portfolio bears directly in connection with its own operation. The market prices of index-based investments and closed-end funds will fluctuate in accordance with both changes in the market value of their underlying portfolio investments and due to supply and demand for the instruments on the exchanges on which they are traded (which may result in their trading at a discount or premium to their NAVs). If the market price of shares of an index-based investment or closed-end fund decreases below the price that a Portfolio paid for the shares and the Portfolio were to sell its shares of such investment company at a time when the market price is lower than the price at which it purchased the shares, the Portfolio would experience a loss.

#### **Exchange-Traded Notes**

Certain Portfolios may invest in exchange-traded notes ("ETNs"), which are senior, unsecured, unsubordinated debt securities whose returns are linked to a particular index and provide exposure to the total returns of various market indices, including indices linked to stocks, bonds, commodities, and currencies. This type of debt security differs from other types of bonds and notes. ETN returns are based upon the performance of a market index minus applicable fees; no period coupon payments are distributed and no principal protections exist. ETNs do not pay cash distributions. Instead, the value of dividends, interest, and investment gains are captured in a Portfolio's total return. A Portfolio may invest in these securities when desiring exposure to debt securities or commodities. When evaluating ETNs for investment, the Adviser will consider the potential risks involved, expected tax efficiency, rate of return, and credit risk. As senior debt securities, ETNs rank above the issuing company's other securities in the event of a bankruptcy or liquidation, which means a Portfolio would be in line to receive repayment of its investment before certain of the company's other creditors. When a Portfolio invests in ETNs, it will bear its proportionate share of any fees and expenses borne by the ETN. There may be restrictions on a Portfolio's right to redeem its investment in an ETN, which are meant to be held until maturity. A Portfolio's decision to sell its ETN holdings may be limited by the availability of a secondary market.

#### **Equity-Linked Notes**

An equity-linked note ("ELN") is a debt instrument whose value is based on the value of a single equity security, basket of equity securities or an index of equity securities (each, an "underlying equity"). An ELN typically provides interest income,

thereby offering a yield advantage over investing directly in an underlying equity. Certain Portfolios may purchase ELNs that trade on a securities exchange or those that trade on the over-the-counter ("OTC") markets, including securities eligible for resale pursuant to Rule 144A under the 1933 Act ("Rule 144A Securities"). Certain Portfolios may also purchase ELNs in a privately negotiated transaction with the issuer of the ELNs (or its broker-dealer affiliate). Certain Portfolios may or may not hold an ELN until its maturity.

Equity-linked securities also include issues such as Structured Yield Product Exchangeable for Stock (STRYPES), Trust Automatic Common Exchange Securities (TRACES), Trust Issued Mandatory Exchange Securities (TIMES) and Trust Enhanced Dividend Securities (TRENDS). The issuers of these equity-linked securities generally purchase and hold a portfolio of stripped U.S. Treasury securities maturing on a quarterly basis through the conversion date, and a forward purchase contract with an existing shareholder of the company relating to the common stock. Quarterly distributions on such equity-linked securities generally consist of the cash received from the U.S. Treasury securities and such equity-linked securities generally are not entitled to any dividends that may be declared on the common stock.

# **Depositary Receipts**

Each Portfolio may invest in sponsored and unsponsored American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs"), which are receipts issued by an American bank or trust company evidencing ownership of underlying securities issued by a foreign issuer. ADRs, in registered form, are designed for use in U.S. securities markets. Unsponsored ADRs may be created without the participation of the foreign issuer. Holders of these ADRs generally bear all the costs of the ADR facility, whereas foreign issuers typically bear certain costs in a sponsored ADR. The bank or trust company depositary of an unsponsored ADR may be under no obligation to distribute shareholder communications received from the foreign issuer or to pass through voting rights. The

have a principal value that is periodically adjusted according to the rate of inflation. If an index measuring inflation falls, the principal value of inflation-indexed bonds will typically be adjusted downward, and consequently the interest payable on these securities (calculated with respect to a smaller principal amount) will be reduced. Because of their inflation adjustment feature, inflation-linked bonds typically have lower yields than conventional fixed-rate bonds. In addition, inflation-linked bonds also normally decline in price when real interest rates rise. In the event of deflation, when prices decline over time, the principal and income of inflation-linked bonds would likely decline, resulting in losses to a Portfolio.

In the case of Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities, also known as TIPS, repayment of original bond principal upon maturity (as adjusted for inflation) is guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury. For inflation-linked bonds that do not provide a similar guarantee, the adjusted principal value of the inflation-linked bond repaid at maturity may be less than the original principal. Inflation-linked bonds may also be issued by, or related to, sovereign governments of other developed countries, emerging market countries, or companies or other entities not affiliated with governments.

## **Municipal Obligations**

The Portfolios may invest in municipal obligations issued by states, territories, and possessions of the United States and the District of Columbia. The municipal obligations which a Portfolio may purchase include general obligation bonds and limited obligation bonds (or revenue bonds), and private activity bonds. In addition, a Portfolio may invest in securities issued by entities whose underlying assets are municipal bonds. General obligation bonds are obligations involving the credit of an issuer possessing taxing power and are payable from such issuer's general revenues and not from any particular source. Limited obligation bonds are payable only from the revenues derived from a particular facility or class of facilities or, in some cases, from the proceeds of a special excise or other specific revenue source. Tax-exempt private activity bonds generally are also revenue bonds and thus are not payable from the issuer's general revenues.

The value of municipal obligations can be affected by changes in their actual or perceived credit quality. The credit quality of municipal obligations can be affected by, among other things, the financial condition of the issuer or guarantor, the issuer's current financial obligations, the issuer's future borrowing plans and sources of revenue, the economic feasibility of the revenue bond project or general borrowing purpose, political or economic developments in the region where the security is issued, and the liquidity of the security. Because municipal securities are generally traded over-the-counter, the liquidity of a particular issue often depends on the willingness of dealers to make a market in the security. The liquidity of some municipal obligations may be enhanced by demand features, which would enable a Portfolio to demand payment on short notice from the issuer or a financial intermediary.

A Portfolio may invest in longer-term municipal obligations that give the investor the right to "put" or sell the security at par (face value) within a specified number of days following the investor's request – usually one to seven days. This demand feature enhances a security's liquidity by shortening its effective maturity and enables it to trade at a price equal to or very close to par. If a demand feature terminates prior to being exercised, a Portfolio would hold the longer-term security, which could experience substantially more volatility.

Each Portfolio expects to invest less than 50% of its total assets in tax-exempt municipal bonds. As a result, the Portfolios do not expect to be eligible to pay exempt interest dividends to shareholders and interest on municipal bonds will be taxable to shareholders when received as a distribution from a Portfolio.

#### Other Securities

Other types of securities that the Portfolios may purchase include, but are not limited to, the following:

**Inverse Floaters.** Inverse floaters are debt instruments whose interest bears an inverse relationship to the interest rate on another security. No Portfolio will invest more than 5% of its assets in inverse floaters. If movements in interest rates are incorrectly anticipated, a Portfolio could lose money, or its NAV could decline by the use of inverse floaters.

When-Issued, Delayed Delivery and Forward Commitment Transactions. A Portfolio may enter into "to be announced" or "TBA" commitments and may purchase or sell securities on a when-issued, delayed delivery, or forward commitment basis. These securities may include Cornerstone IPOs. When purchasing a security on a when-issued, delayed delivery, or forward commitment basis, a Portfolio assumes the rights and risks of ownership of the security, including the risk of price and yield fluctuations, and takes such fluctuations into account when determining its net asset value. Typically, no income accrues on securities a Portfolio has committed to purchase prior to the time delivery of the securities is made. Because a Portfolio is not required to pay for the security until the delivery date, these risks are in addition to the risks associated with the Portfolio's other investments. If the other party to a transaction fails to deliver the securities, a Portfolio could miss a favorable price or yield opportunity. If a Portfolio remains substantially fully invested at a time when when-issued, delayed delivery, or forward commitment purchases are outstanding, the purchases may result in a form of leverage.

When a 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 for the securities, a Portfolio could suffer a loss. Additionally, when selling a security on a when-issued, delayed delivery, or forward commitment basis without owning the security, a Portfolio will incur a loss if the security's price appreciates in value such that the security's price is above the agreed upon price on the settlement date.

A Portfolio may dispose of or renegotiate a transaction after it is entered into, and may purchase or sell when-issued, delayed delivery or forward commitment securities before the settlement date, which may result in a gain or loss.

Rules of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") include certain mandatory margin requirements for TBA commitments and other forward setting agency mortgage-backed securities which, when implemented, may require a Portfolio to post collateral under certain circumstances. These collateral requirements may increase costs associated with a Portfolio's participation in ShendByA condrageney tracetydge-lighted baselliatispenifieldeu Stlandybyg Gorunity ments. urities within a specified period of time and at an exercise price equal to the amortized cost of the underlying security or securities plus accrued interest, if any, at the time of exercise, that may be sold, transferred, or assigned only with the underlying security or securities. A standby commitment entitles the holder to receive same day settlement and will be considered to be from the party to whon Stlip investment dechripectyritiis look for staippedt off their exercisest for its response to changes in interest rates than interest-paying secufficies of option broads statutily investment interest paying secufficies of option broads statutily investment structure is commonly used as a means of enhancing a security's liquidity.

The Portfolios will purchase standby commitments, tender option bonds, and instruments with demand features primarily for the purpose of increasing the liquidity of the liqu

In order to most effectively use these investments, portfolio management must correctly assess probable movements in interest rates. If portfolio management incorrectly forecasts such movements, a Portfolio could be adversely affected by the use of variable or floating rate obligations.

traded REITs are also subject to heavy cash flow dependency, defaults by borrowers, and the possibility of failing to qualify for tax-free pass-through of income under the Internal Revenue Code and to maintain exemption from the registration requirements of the 1940 Act. By investing in publicly traded REITs indirectly through a Portfolio, a shareholder will bear not only his or her proportionate share of the expenses of a Portfolio, but also, indirectly, similar expenses of the publicly traded REITs. In addition, publicly traded REITs depend generally on their ability to generate cash flow to make distributions to shareholders.

#### Repurchase and Reverse Repurchase Agreements

In a repurchase agreement, a Portfolio purchases an equity or fixed-income security and simultaneously commits to resell that security to the seller at an agreed upon price on an agreed upon date within a number of days (usually not more than seven) from the date of purchase. The resale price consists of the purchase price plus an agreed upon incremental amount that is unrelated to the coupon rate or maturity of the purchased security. A repurchase agreement involves the obligation of the seller to pay the agreed upon price, which obligation is in effect secured by the value (at least equal to the amount of the agreed upon resale price and marked-to-market daily) of the underlying security or "collateral." A risk associated with repurchase agreements is the failure of the seller to repurchase the securities as agreed, which may cause a Portfolio to suffer a loss if the market value of such securities declines before they can be liquidated on the open market. In the event of bankruptcy or insolvency of the seller, a Portfolio may encounter delays and incur costs in liquidating the underlying security. In addition, the collateral received in the repurchase transaction may become worthless. To the extent a Portfolio's collateral focuses in one or more sectors, such as banks and financial services, the Portfolio is subject to increased risk as a result of that exposure. Repurchase agreements that mature in more than seven calendar days are subject to the 15% limit on illiquid investments that are assets. While it is not possible to eliminate all risks from these transactions, it is the policy of the Portfolios to limit repurchase agreements to those parties whose creditworthiness has been reviewed and found satisfactory by the Adviser. There is no guarantee that the Adviser's analysis of the creditworthiness of the counterparty will be accurate, and the underlying collateral involved in the transaction can expose a Portfolio to additional risk regardless of the creditworthiness of the parties involved in the transaction.

Reverse repurchase agreements are transactions in which a Portfolio sells an equity or fixed-income security and simultaneously commits to repurchase that security from the buyer, such as a bank or broker-dealer, at an agreed upon price on an agreed upon future date. The resale price in a reverse repurchase agreement reflects a market rate of interest that is not related to the coupon rate or maturity of the sold security. For certain demand agreements, there is no agreed upon repurchase date and interest payments are calculated daily, often based upon the prevailing overnight repurchase rate. The Portfolios will use the proceeds of reverse repurchase agreements only to satisfy unusually heavy redemption requests or for other temporary or emergency purposes without the necessity of selling portfolio securities, or to earn additional income on portfolio securities, such as Treasury bills or notes, or as part of an inflation-related investment strategy.

Generally, a reverse repurchase agreement enables a Portfolio to recover for the term of the reverse repurchase agreement all or most of the cash invested in the portfolio securities sold and to keep the interest income associated with those portfolio securities. Such transactions are only advantageous if the interest cost to a Portfolio of the reverse repurchase transaction is less than the cost of obtaining the cash otherwise. In addition, interest costs on the money received in a reverse repurchase agreement may exceed the return received on the investments made by a Portfolio with those monies. Using reverse repurchase agreements to earn additional income involves the risk that the interest earned on the invested proceeds is less than the expense of the reverse repurchase agreement transaction. This technique may also have a leveraging effect on a Portfolio's holdings. A Portfolio will enter into reverse repurchase agreements only with parties that the Adviser deems creditworthy. A Portfolio will limit its investments in reverse repurchase agreements to one-third or less of its total assets.

# Mortgage Dollar Rolls

Certain Portfolios, particularly Flexible Bond Portfolio, may enter into "mortgage dollar rolls," which are similar to reverse repurchase agreements in certain respects. In a "mortgage dollar roll" transaction, a Portfolio sells a mortgage-related security (such as a Ginnie Mae security) to a dealer and simultaneously agrees to repurchase a similar security (but not the same security) in the future at a predetermined price. A "dollar roll" can be viewed, like a reverse repurchase agreement, as a collateralized borrowing in which a Portfolio pledges a mortgage-related security to a dealer to obtain cash. Unlike in the case of reverse repurchase agreements, the dealer with which a Portfolio enters into a dollar roll transaction is not obligated to return the same securities as those originally sold by the Portfolio, but only securities which are "substantially identical." To be considered "substantially identical," the securities returned to a Portfolio generally must: (i) be collateralized by the same types of underlying mortgages; (ii) be issued by the same agency and be part of the same program; (iii) have a similar original stated maturity; (iv) have identical net coupon rates; (v) have similar market yields (and, therefore, price); and (vi) satisfy

"good delivery" requirements, meaning that the aggregate principal amounts of the securities delivered and received back must be within 2.5% of the initial amount delivered.

Under certain circumstances, an underlying mortgage-backed security that is part of a dollar roll transaction may be considered illiquid. During the roll period, a Portfolio foregoes principal and interest paid on the mortgage-backed security. A Portfolio is compensated by the difference between the current sale price and the lower forward purchase price, often referred to as the "drop," as well as the interest earned on the cash proceeds of the initial sale.

Successful use of mortgage dollar rolls depends on a Portfolio's ability to predict mortgage supply dynamics, mortgage prepayments, and short-term Federal Reserve interest rate policy. Dollar roll transactions involve the risk that the market value of the securities a Portfolio is required to purchase may decline below the agreed upon repurchase price.

#### Loans

Certain Portfolios may invest in various commercial loans, including bank loans, bridge loans, debtor-in-possession ("DIP") loans, mezzanine loans, and other fixed and floating rate loans. Commercial loans will comprise no more than 20% of Flexible Bond Portfolio's or Balanced Portfolio's total assets and no more than 5% of Global Technology and Innovation

normally drawn by an importer or exporter to pay for specific merchandise, which are "accepted" by a bank, meaning, in effect, that the bank unconditionally agrees to pay the face value of the instrument on maturity. Fixed time deposits are bank obligations payable at a stated maturity date and bearing interest at a fixed rate. Fixed time deposits may be withdrawn on demand by the investor, but may be subject to early withdrawal penalties which vary depending upon market conditions and the remaining maturity of the obligation. There are no contractual restrictions on the right to transfer a beneficial interest in a fixed time deposit to a third party, although there is no market for such deposits.

Corporate Loans. The Portfolios may invest in corporate loans. Corporate loans have the most senior position in a borrower's capital structure or share the senior position with other senior debt securities of the borrower ("Corporate Loans"). This capital structure position generally gives holders of Corporate Loans a priority claim on some or all of the borrower's assets in the event of default. Most of a Portfolio's Corporate Loans investments will be secured by specific assets of the borrower. Corporate Loans also have contractual terms designed to protect lenders. Each applicable Portfolio generally acquires Corporate Loans of borrowers that, in the Adviser's judgment, can make timely payments on their Corporate Loans and that satisfy other credit standards established by the Adviser. Nevertheless, investing in Corporate Loans does involve investment risk, and some borrowers default on their loan payments. A Portfolio attempts to manage these risks through careful analyses and monitoring of borrowers.

There is less readily available, reliable information about most Corporate Loans than is the case for many other types of securities. In addition, there is no minimum rating or other independent evaluation of a borrower or its securities, and thus the Adviser relies primarily on its own evaluation of borrower credit quality rather on any available independent source. As a result, each Portfolio is particularly dependent on the analytical abilities of the Adviser.

Corporate Loans generally are not listed on any national securities exchange or automated quotation system and no active trading market exists for many Corporate Loans. In addition, transactions in Corporate Loans may settle on a delayed basis. As a result, the proceeds from the sale of Corporate Loans may not be readily available to make additional investments or to meet a Portfolio's redemption obligations. The market for Corporate Loans, if any, could be disrupted in the event of an economic downturn or a substantial increase or decrease in the interest rates. However, many Corporate Loans are of a large principal amount and are held by a large number of owners. In the opinion of the Adviser this should enhance their liquidity.

A Portfolio may acquire Corporate Loans of borrowers that are experiencing, or are more likely to experience, financial difficulty, including Corporate Loans issued in highly leveraged transactions. The Portfolios may even acquire and retain Corporate Loans of borrowers that have filed for bankruptcy protection. Because of the protective terms of Corporate Loans, the Adviser believes that a Portfolio is more likely to recover more of its investment in a defaulted Corporate Loan than would be the case for most other types of defaulted debt securities. Nevertheless, even in the case of collateralized Corporate Loans, there is no assurance that sale of the collateral would raise enough cash to satisfy the borrower's payment obligation or that the collateral can or will be liquidated. In the case of bankruptcy, liquidation may not occur and the court may not give lenders the full benefit of their senior position. Uncollateralized Corporate Loans involve a greater risk of loss.

Floating Rate Loans. A Portfolio may invest in secured and unsecured floating rate loans. Floating rate loans typically are negotiated, structured, and originated by a bank or other financial institution (an "agent") for a lending group or "syndicate" of financial institutions. In most cases, a Portfolio relies on the agent to assert appropriate creditor remedies against the borrower. The agent may not have the same interests as the Portfolio, and the agent may determine to waive certain covenants contained in the loan agreement that the Portfolio would not otherwise have determined to waive. The typical practice of an agent relying on reports from a borrower about its financial condition may involve a risk of fraud by a borrower. In addition, if an agent becomes insolvent or carries out its duties improperly, the Portfolio may experience delays in realizing payment and/or risk loss of principal and/or income on its floating rate loan investments. The investment team performs a credit analysis on the borrower but typically does not perform a credit analysis on the agent or other intermediate participants.

Floating rate loans have interest rates that adjust periodically and are tied to a benchmark lending rate such as the Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR"), which is intended to be a broad measure of secured overnight U.S. Treasury reportates, the prime rate offered by one or more major U.S. banks ("Prime Rate") or the rate paid on large certificates of deposit traded in the secondary markets ("CD rate"). The interest rate on Prime Rate based loans and corporate debt securities may float daily as the Prime Rate changes, while the interest rate on CD rate based loans and corporate debt securities may reset periodically. If the benchmark lending rate changes, the rate payable to lenders under the loan will change at the next scheduled adjustment date specified in the loan agreement. Investing in floating rate loans with longer interest rate reset periods may increase fluctuations in a Portfolio's NAV as a result of changes in interest rates. A Portfolio may attempt to hedge against interest rate fluctuations by entering into interest rate swaps or by using other hedging techniques.

While the Portfolios generally expect to invest in fully funded term loans, certain of the loans in which the Portfolios may invest may not be fully funded at the time of investment. These types of loans include revolving loans, bridge loans, DIP loans, delayed funding loans, and delayed draw term loans. Such loans generally obligate the lender (and those with an interest in the loan) to fund the loan at the borrower's discretion. As such, a Portfolio would need to maintain assets sufficient to meet its contractual obligations. In cases where a Portfolio invests in revolving loans, bridge loans, DIP loans, delayed funding loans, or delayed draw term loans, the Portfolio will maintain high-quality liquid assets in an amount at least equal to its obligations under the loans. Amounts maintained in high-quality liquid assets may provide less return to a Portfolio than investments in floating rate loans or other investments. Loans involving revolving credit facilities, bridge financing, DIP loans, delayed funding loans, or delayed draw terms may require a Portfolio to increase its investment in a particular floating rate loan when it otherwise would not have done so. Further, a Portfolio may be obligated to do so even if it may be unlikely that the borrower will repay amounts due.

Purchasers of floating rate loans may pay and/or receive certain fees. The Portfolios may receive fees such as covenant waiver fees or prepayment penalty fees. A Portfolio may pay fees such as facility fees. Such fees may affect the Portfolio's return.

The secondary market on which floating rate loans are traded may be less liquid than the market for investment grade securities or other types of income-producing securities, which may have an adverse impact on their market price. There is also a potential that there is no active market to trade floating rate loans and that there may be restrictions on their transfer. As a result, a Portfolio may be unable to sell assignments or participations at the desired time or may be able to sell only at a price less than fair market value. The secondary market may also be subject to irregular trading activity, wide price spreads, and extended trade settlement periods. With respect to below-investment grade or unrated securities, it also may be more difficult to value the securities because valuation may require more research, and elements of judgment may play a larger role in the valuation because there is less reliable, objective data available.

Corporate Bonds. Corporate bonds are debt obligations issued by corporations, institutions and other business entities. Typically, the debt is issued for the purpose of borrowing money, often to help the corporation develop a new product or service, to expand into a new market, or to buy another company. Corporate bonds may be either secured or unsecured. Collateral used for secured debt includes real property, machinery, equipment, accounts receivable, stocks, bonds or notes. If a bond is unsecured, it is known as a debenture. Corporate bonds may be either secured or unsecured. Collateral used for secured debt includes real property, machinery, equipment, accounts receivable, stocks, bonds or notes. If a bond is unsecured, it is known as a debenture. Bondholders, as creditors, have a prior legal claim over common and preferred stockholders as to both income and assets of the corporation for the principal and interest due them and may have a prior claim over other creditors if liens or mortgages are involved. Interest on corporate bonds may be fixed or floating, or the bonds may be zero coupons. Interest on corporate bonds is typically paid semi-annually and is fully taxable to the bondholder.

Corporate bonds are subject to interest rate risk. The market value of a corporate bond generally may be expected to rise and fall inversely with interest rates and may also be affected by the credit rating of the corporation, the corporation's performance and, perceptions of the corporation in the marketplace. Corporate bonds usually yield more than government or agency bonds due to the presence of credit risk. Corporate bonds are also subject to credit risk. As with other types of bonds, the issuer promises to repay the principal on a specific date and to make interest payments in the meantime. The amount of interest offered depends both on market conditions and on the financial health of the corporation issuing the bonds; a company whose credit rating is not strong will have to offer a higher interest rate to obtain buyers for its bonds. There is a risk that the issuers of corporate bonds may not be able to meet their obligations on interest or principal payments at the time called for by an instrument). The market value of a corporate bond may also be affected by factors directly related to the issuer, such as investors' perceptions of the creditworthiness of the issuer, the issuer's financial performance perceptions of the issuer in the market place, performance of management of the issuer, the issuer's capital structure and use of financial leverage and demand for the issuer's goods and services. Corporate bonds of below investment grade quality are often high risk and have speculative characteristics and may be particularly susceptible to adverse issuer-specific developments.

**Confidential Information.** With respect to certain loan transactions, including but not limited to private placements, a Portfolio may determine not to receive confidential information. Such a decision may place the Portfolio at a disadvantage relative to other investors in loans who determine to receive confidential information, as the Portfolio may be limited in its available investments or unable to make accurate assessments related to certain investments.

In cases where the Adviser receives material, nonpublic information about the issuers of loans that may be held in a Portfolio's holdings, the Adviser's ability to trade in these loans for the account of the Portfolio could potentially be limited by its possession of such information, to the extent necessary to comply with certain regulatory restrictions. Such limitations on

investment grade unless its portfolio management deems such securities to be the equivalent of investment grade bonds. Unrated bonds, while not necessarily of lower quality than rated bonds, may not have as broad a market. Because of the size and perceived demand of the issue, among other factors, certain municipalities may not incur the costs of obtaining a rating and may issue unrated securities. Portfolio management will analyze the creditworthiness of the issuer, as well as any financial institution or other party responsible for payments on the bond, in determining whether to purchase unrated municipal bonds.

The secondary market on which high-yield securities are traded is less liquid than the market for investment grade securities.

stock prices by selling portfolio securities and investing in money market instruments, but the use of futures contracts enables it to maintain a defensive position without having to sell portfolio securities.

If portfolio management expects interest rates to increase, that Portfolio may take a short position in interest rate futures contracts. Taking such a position would have much the same effect as that Portfolio selling such securities in its portfolio. If interest rates increase as anticipated, the value of the securities would decline, but the value of that Portfolio's interest rate futures contract would increase, thereby keeping the NAV of that Portfolio from declining as much as it may have otherwise. If, on the other hand, portfolio management expects interest rates to decline, that Portfolio may take a long position in interest rate futures contracts in anticipation of later closing out the futures position and purchasing the securities. Although a Portfolio can accomplish similar results by buying securities with long maturities and selling securities with short maturities, given the greater liquidity of the futures market than the cash market, it may be possible to accomplish the same result more easily and more quickly by using futures contracts as an investment tool to reduce risk. If portfolio management's views about the direction of interest rates is incorrect, that Portfolio may incur a loss as the result of investments in interest rate futures.

The ordinary spreads between prices in the cash and futures markets, due to differences in the nature of those markets, are subject to distortions. First, all participants in the futures market are subject to initial margin and variation margin requirements. Rather than meeting additional variation margin requirements, investors may close out futures contracts through offsetting transactions which could distort the normal price relationship between the cash and futures markets. Second, the liquidity of the futures market depends on participants entering into offsetting transactions rather than making or taking delivery of the instrument underlying a futures contract. To the extent participants decide to make or take delivery, liquidity in the futures market could be reduced and prices in the futures market distorted. Third, from the point of view of speculators, the margin deposit requirements in the futures market are less onerous than margin requirements in the securities market. Therefore, increased participation by speculators in the futures market may cause temporary price distortions. Due to the possibility of the foregoing distortions, a correct forecast of general price trends by portfolio management still may not result in a successful use of futures.

Futures contracts entail risks. There is no guarantee that derivative investments will benefit the Portfolios. A Portfolio's performance could be worse than if the Portfolio had not used such instruments. For example, if a Portfolio has hedged against the effects of a possible decrease in prices of securities held in its portfolio and prices increase instead, that Portfolio will lose part or all of the benefit of the increased value of these securities because of offsetting losses in its futures pos

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 a Portfolio to enter into new positions or close out existing positions.

The Portfolios may enter into futures contracts and related options as permitted under Rule 4.5. The Adviser will become subject to increased CFTC regulation if a Portfolio invests more than a prescribed level of its assets in such instruments, or if a Portfolio markets itself as providing investment exposure to these instruments. If a Portfolio cannot meet the requirements of Rule 4.5, the Adviser and such Portfolio would need to comply with certain disclosure, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements. Such additional requirements would potentially increase a Portfolio's expenses, which could negatively impact the Portfolio's returns. The Adviser is registered as a commodity pool operator in connection with the operation of one or more other Janus Henderson mutual funds which do not qualify for the Rule 4.5 exemption.

**Options on Futures Contracts.** The Portfolios may buy and write put and call options on futures contracts with respect to, but not limited to, interest rates, commodities, foreign currencies, and security or commodity indices. A purchased option on a future gives a Portfolio the right (but not the obligation) to buy or sell a futures contract at a specified price on or before a specified date. The purchase of a call option on a futures contract is similar in some respects to the purchase of a call option on an individual security. Depending on the pricing of the option compared to either the price of the futures contract upon which it is based or the price of the underlying instrument, ownership of the option may or may not be less risky than ownership of the futures contract or the underlying instrument. As with the purchase of futures contracts, when a Portfolio is not fully invested, it may buy a call option on a futures contract to hedge against a market advance.

The writing of a call option on a futures contract constitutes a partial hedge against declining prices of a security, commodity, or foreign currency which is deliverable under, or of the index comprising, the futures contract. If the futures price at the expiration of the option is below the exercise price, a Portfolio will retain the full amount of the option premium which provides a partial hedge against any decline that may have occurred in that Portfolio's holdings. The writing of a put option on a futures contract constitutes a partial hedge against increasing prices of a security, commodity, or foreign currency which is deliverable under, or of the index comprising, the futures contract. If the futures price at the expiration of the option is higher than the exercise price, a Portfolio will retain the full amount of the option premium which provides a partial hedge against any increase in the price of securities which that Portfolio is considering buying. If a call or put option a Portfolio has written is exercised, such Portfolio will incur a loss which will be reduced by the amount of the premium it received. Depending on the degree of correlation between the change in the value of its portfolio securities and changes in the value of the futures positions, a Portfolio's losses from existing options on futures may to some extent be reduced or increased by changes in the value of portfolio securities.

The purchase of a put option on a futures contract is similar in some respects to the purchase of protective put options on portfolio securities. For example, a Portfolio may buy a put option on a futures contract to hedge its portfolio against the risk of falling prices or rising interest rates.

The amount of risk a Portfolio assumes when it buys an option on a futures contract is the premium paid for the option plus related transaction costs. In addition to the correlation risks discussed above, the purchase of an option also entails the risk that changes in the value of the underlying futures contract will not be fully reflected in the value of the options bought.

**Forward Contracts.** A forward contract is an agreement between two parties in which one party is obligated to deliver a stated amount of a stated asset at a specified time in the future and the other party is obligated to pay a specified amount for the asset at the time of delivery. The Portfolios may enter into forward contracts to purchase and sell government securities, equity or income securities, foreign currencies, or other financial instruments. Forward contracts generally are traded in an interbank market conducted directly between traders (usually large commercial banks) and their customers. Unlike futures contracts, which are standardized contracts, forward contracts can be specifically drawn to meet the needs of the parties that enter into them. The parties to a forward contract may agree to offset or terminate the contract before its maturity, or may hold the contract to maturity and complete the contemplated exchange.

The following discussion summarizes the Portfolios' principal uses of forward foreign currency exchange contracts ("forward currency contracts"). A Portfolio may enter into forward currency contracts with stated contract values of up to the value of

that Portfolio's assets. A forward currency contract is an obligation to buy or sell an amount of a specified currency for an agreed price (which may be in U.S. dollars or a foreign currency). A Portfolio may invest in forward currency contracts for nonhedging purposes such as seeking to enhance return. A Portfolio will exchange foreign currencies for U.S. dollars and for other foreign currencies in the normal course of business and may buy and sell currencies through forward currency contracts in order to fix a price for securities it has agreed to buy or sell ("transaction hedge"). A Portfolio also may hedge some or all of its investments denominated in a foreign currency or exposed to foreign currency fluctuations against a decline in the value of that currency relative to the U.S. dollar by entering into forward currency contracts to sell an amount of that currency (or a proxy currency whose performance is expected to replicate or exceed the performance of that currency relative to the U.S. dollar) approximating the value of some or all of its portfolio securities denominated in or exposed to that currency ("position hedge") or by participating in options or futures contracts with respect to the currency. A Portfolio also may enter into a forward currency contract with respect to a currency where the Portfolio is considering the purchase or sale of investments denominated in that currency but has not yet selected the specific investments ("anticipatory hedge"). In any of these circumstances a Portfolio may, alternatively, enter into a forward currency contract to purchase or sell one foreign currency for a second currency that is expected to perform more favorably relative to the U.S. dollar if portfolio management believes there is a reasonable degree of correlation between movements in the two currencies ("cross-hedge"). In addition, a Portfolio may cross-hedge its U.S. dollar exposure in order to achieve a representative weighted mix of the major currencies in its benchmark index and/or to cover an underweight country or region exposure in its portfolio.

These types of hedging minimize the effect of currency appreciation as well as depreciation, but do not eliminate fluctuations in the underlying U.S. dollar equivalent value of the proceeds of or rates of return on a Portfolio's foreign currency denominated portfolio securities. The matching of the increase in value of a forward contract and the decline in the U.S. dollar equivalent value of the foreign currency denominated asset that is the subject of the hedge generally will not be precise. Shifting a Portfolio's currency exposure from one foreign currency to another removes that Portfolio's opportunity to profit from increases in the value of the original currency and involves a risk of increased losses to such Portfolio if portfolio management's projections of future exchange rates is inaccurate. Proxy hedges and cross-hedges may protect against losses resulting from a decline in the hedged currency, but will cause a Portfolio to assume the risk of fluctuations in the value of the currency it purchases which may result in losses if the currency used to hedge does not perform similarly to the currency in which hedged securities are denominated. Unforeseen changes in currency prices may result in poorer overall performance for a Portfolio than if it had not entered into such contracts.

At the maturity of a currency or cross currency forward, a Portfolio may exchange the currencies specified at the maturity of a forward contract or, prior to maturity, the Portfolio may enter into a closing transaction involving the purchase or sale of an offsetting contract. Closing transactions with respect to forward contracts are usually effected with the counterparty to the original forward contract. A Portfolio may also enter into forward currency contracts that do not provide for physical settlement of the two currencies but instead provide for settlement by a single cash payment calculated as the difference between the agreed upon exchange rate and the spot rate at settlement based upon an agreed upon notional amount (non-deliverable forwards).

Under definitions adopted by the CFTC and SEC, non-deliverable forwards are considered swaps, and therefore are included in the definition of "commodity interests." Although non-deliverable forwards have historically been traded in the OTC market, as swaps they may in the future be required to be centrally cleared and traded on public facilities.

Forward currency contracts that qualify as deliverable forwards are not regulated as swaps for most purposes. However, these forwards are subject to some requirements applicable to swaps, including reporting to swap data repositories, documentation requirements, and business conduct rules applicable to swap dealers.

As a result of current or future regulation, a Portfolio's ability to utilize forward contracts may be restricted. In addition, a Portfolio may not always be able to enter into forward contracts at attractive prices and may be limited in its ability to use these contracts to hedge Portfolio assets.

**Options on Foreign Currencies.** The Portfolios may buy and write options on foreign currencies either on exchanges or in the OTC market in a manner similar to that in which futures or forward contracts on foreign currencies will be utilized. For example, a decline in the U.S. dollar value of a foreign currency in which portfolio securities are denominated will reduce the U.S. dollar value of such securities, even if their value in the foreign currency remains constant. In order to protect against such diminutions in the value of portfolio securities, a Portfolio may buy put options on the foreign currency. If the value of the currency declines, such Portfolio will have the right to sell such currency for a fixed amount in U.S. dollars, thereby offsetting, in whole or in part, the adverse effect on its portfolio.

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

The Portfolios may also write options on foreign currencies. For example, to hedge against a potential decline in the U.S. dollar value of foreign currency denominated securities due to adverse fluctuations in exchange rates, a Portfolio could, instead of purchasing a put option, write a call option on the relevant currency. If the expected decline occurs, the option will most likely not be exercised, and the decline in value of portfolio securities will be offset by the amount of the premium received.

Similarly, instead of purchasing a call option to hedge against a potential increase in the U.S. dollar cost of securities to be acquired, a Portfolio could write a put option on the relevant currency which, if rates move in the manner projected, should expire unexercised and allow that Portfolio to hedge the increased cost up to the amount of the premium. As in the case of other types of options, however, the writing of a foreign currency option will constitute only a partial hedge up to the amount of the premium. If exchange rates do not move in the expected direction, the option may be exercised, and a Portfolio would be required to buy or sell the underlying currency at a loss which may not be offset by the amount of the premium. Through the writing of options on foreign currencies, a Portfolio also may lose all or a portion of the benefits which might otherwise have been obtained from favorable movements in exchange rates.

The Portfolios may write covered call options on foreign currencies. A covered call option is an option in which a Portfolio in return for a premium, gives another party a right to buy specified securities owned by the Portfolio at a specified future date and price set at the time of the contract.

The Portfolios also may write call options on foreign currencies for cross-hedging purposes. A call option on a foreign currency is for cross-hedging purposes if it is designed to provide a hedge against a decline due to an adverse change in the exchange rate in the U.S. dollar value of a security which a Portfolio owns or has the right to acquire and which is denominated in the currency underlying the option. Call options on foreign currencies which are entered into for cross-hedging purposes are not covered.

**Eurodollar Instruments.** Each Portfolio may make investments in Eurodollar instruments. Eurodollar instruments are U.S. dollar-denominated futures contracts or options thereon which are linked to the LIBOR, although foreign currency denominated instruments are available from time to time. Eurodollar futures contracts enable purchasers to obtain a fixed rate for the lending of funds and sellers to obtain a fixed rate for borrowingo po ofn[forty aptibationansactions in for)9.9(eign curr)9.9i(es contracts)

liquid assets. Effecting a closing transaction also will permit a Portfolio to use the cash or proceeds from the concurrent sale of any securities subject to the option for other investments. If a Portfolio desires to sell a particular security from its portfolio on which it has written a call option, such Portfolio will effect a closing transaction prior to or concurrent with the sale of the security.

A Portfolio will realize a profit from a closing transaction if the price of the purchase transaction is less than the premium received from writing the option or the price received from a sale transaction is more than the premium paid to buy the option. A Portfolio will realize a loss from a closing transaction if the price of the purchase transaction is more than the premium received from writing the option or the price received from a sale transaction is less than the premium paid to buy the option. Because increases in the market price of a call option generally will reflect increases in the market price of the underlying security, any loss resulting from the repurchase of a call option is likely to be offset in whole or in part by appreciation of the underlying security owned by a Portfolio.

An option position may be closed out only where a secondary market for an option of the same series exists. If a secondary market does not exist, a Portfolio may not be able to effect closing transactions in particular options and that Portfolio would have to exercise the options in order to realize any profit. If a Portfolio is unable to effect a closing purchase transaction in a secondary market, it will not be able to sell the underlying security until the option expires or it delivers the underlying

The Portfolios may purchase and sell exotic options that have values which are determined by the correlation of two or more underlying assets. These types of options include, but are not limited to, outperformance options, yield curve options, or other spread options.

- $O_t$ 3 . An option that pays the holder the difference in the performance of two assets. The value of an outperformance option is based on the relative difference, i.e. the percentage outperformance of one underlying security or index compared to another. Outperformance options allow a Portfolio to gain leveraged exposure to the percentage price performance of one security or index over another. The holder of an outperformance option will only receive payment under the option contract if a designated underlying asset outperforms the other underlying asset. If outperformance does not occur, the holder will not receive payment. The option may expire worthless despite positive performance by the designated underlying asset. Outperformance options are typically cash settled and have European-style exercise provisions.
- $Y = C_{\rm t} = O_{\rm S}$  An option whose value is based on the yield spread or yield differential between two securities. In contrast to other types of options, a yield curve option is based on the difference between the yields of designated securities, rather than the prices of the individual securities, and is settled through cash payments. Accordingly, a yield curve option is

the package on the swap execution facility. In that case, the Portfolio would need to trade certain components of the package on the swap execution facility and other components of the package in another manner, which could subject the Portfolio to the risk that certain of the components of the package would be executed successfully and others would not, or that the components would be executed at different times, leaving the Portfolio with an unhedged position for a period of time.

A Portfolio normally will not enter into any total return, equity, or interest rate swap, cap, or floor transaction unless the claims-paying ability of the other party thereto meets guidelines established by the Adviser. The Adviser's guidelines may be adjusted in accordance with market conditions. The Adviser will monitor the creditworthiness of all counterparties on an ongoing basis. Generally, parties that are rated in the highest short-term rating category by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization ("NRSRO") will meet the Adviser's guidelines. The ratings of NRSROs represent their opinions of the claims-paying ability of entities rated by them. NRSRO ratings are general and are not absolute standards of quality.

The swap market has grown substantially in recent years, with a large number of banks and investment banking firms acting both as principals and as agents utilizing standardized swap documentation. As a result, the swap market has become relatively liquid. Caps and floors may be less liquid than other types of swaps.

There is no limit on the number of total return, equity, or interest rate swap transactions that may be entered into by a Portfolio. The use of swaps is a highly specialized activity which involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. Swap transactions may in some instances involve the delivery of securities or other underlying assets by a Portfolio or its counterparty to collateralize obligations under the swap. A Portfolio may buy and sell (i.e., write) caps and floors, without limitation. Certain swaps, such as total return swaps, may add leverage to a Portfolio because, in addition to its total net assets, a Portfolio may be subject to investment exposure on the notional amount of the swap.

Another form of a swap agreement is the credit default swap. A Portfolio may enter into various types of credit default swap agreements (with notional values not to exceed 10% of the net assets of such Portfolio (with the exception of Flexible Bond Portfolio and the fixed-income portion of Balanced Portfolio)), including OTC credit default swap agreements. A Portfolio may enter into credit default swap agreements for various reasons, including to increase or decrease the Portfolio's exposure to an underlying reference obligation. As the seller in a credit default swap contract, the Portfolio would be required to pay either (i) the par value (the "notional value") (or other agreed-upon value) of a referenced debt obligation, or (ii) an amount equal to the difference between the face amount and the current market value of the referenced obligation, to the counterparty in the event of a default by a third party, such as a U.S. or foreign corporate issuer, on the debt obligation. In return, the Portfolio would receive from the counterparty a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract provided that no event of default has occurred. If no default occurs, the Portfolio would keep the stream of payments and would have no payment obligations. As the seller, the Portfolio would effectively add leverage to its portfolio because, in addition to its total net assets, that Portfolio would be subject to investment exposure on the notional value of the swap. The maximum potential amount of future payments (undiscounted) that the Portfolio as a seller could be required to make in a credit default transaction would be the notional amount of the agreement. A Portfolio may also purchase credit default swap contracts in order to hedge against the risk of default of debt securities held in its portfolio, in which case the Portfolio would function as the counterparty referenced in the preceding paragraph. Credit default swaps could result in losses if the Portfolio does not correctly evaluate the creditworthiness of the company or companies on which the credit default swap is based.

Credit default swap agreements may involve greater risks than if a Portfolio had invested in the reference obligation directly since, in addition to risks relating to the reference obligation, credit default swaps are subject to illiquidity risk, counterparty risk, and credit risk. A Portfolio will generally incur a greater degree of risk when it sells a credit default swap than when it purchases a credit default swap. As a buyer of a credit default swap, the Portfolio may lose its investment and recover nothing should no credit event occur and the swap is held to its termination date. As seller of a credit default swap, if a credit event were to occur, the value of any deliverable obligation received by the Portfolio, coupled with the upfront or periodic payments previously received, may be less than what it pays to the buyer, resulting in a loss of value to the Portfolio.

A Portfolio may invest in funded (notional value of contract paid up front) CDXs or other similarly structured products. CDXs are designed to track segments of the credit default swap market and provide investors with exposure to specific reference baskets of issuers of bonds or loans. These instruments have the potential to allow an investor to obtain the same investment exposure as an investor who invests in an individual credit default swap, but with the potential added benefit of diversification. The CDX reference baskets are normally priced daily and rebalanced every six months in conjunction with leading market makers in the credit industry. The liquidity of the market for CDXs is normally subject to liquidity in the secured loan and credit derivatives markets.

A portfolio investing in CDXs is normally only permitted to take long positions in these instruments. A portfolio holding a long position in CDXs typically receives income from principal or interest paid on the underlying securities. A portfolio also normally indirectly bears its proportionate share of any expenses paid by a CDX in addition to the expenses of the portfolio. By investing in CDXs, a portfolio could be exposed to risks relating to, among other things, the reference obligation, illiquidity risk, counterparty risk, and credit risk.

Regulations enacted by the CFTC under the Dodd-Frank Act require the Portfolios to clear certain interest rate and credit default index swaps through a clearinghouse or central counterparty ("CCP"). To clear a swap with a CCP, a Portfolio will submit the swap to, and post collateral with, an FCM that is a clearinghouse member. Alternatively, a Portfolio may enter into a swap with a financial institution other than the FCM (the "Executing Dealer") and arrange for the swap to be transferred to the FCM for clearing. A Portfolio may also enter into a swap with the FCM itself. The CCP, the FCM, and the Executing Dealer are all subject to regulatory oversight by the CFTC. A default or failure by a CCP or an FCM, or the failure of a swap to be transferred from an Executing Dealer to the FCM for clearing, may expose the Portfolios to losses, increase their costs, or prevent the Portfolios from entering or exiting swap positions, accessing collateral, or fully implementing their investment strategies. The regulatory requirement to clear certain swaps could, either temporarily or permanently, reduce the liquidity of cleared swaps or increase the costs of entering into those swaps.

**Options on Swap Contracts.** Certain Portfolios may purchase or write covered and uncovered put and call options on swap contracts ("swaptions"). Swaption contracts grant the purchaser the right, but not the obligation, to enter into a swap transaction at preset terms detailed in the underlying agreement within a specified period of time. Entering into a swaption contract involves, to varying degrees, the elements of credit, market, and interest rate risk, associated with both option contracts and swap contracts.

**Synthetic Equity Swaps.** A Portfolio may enter into synthetic equity swaps, in which one party to the contract agrees to pay the other party the total return earned or realized on a particular "notional amount" of value of an underlying equity security including any dividends distributed by the underlying security. The other party to the contract makes regular payments, typically at a fixed rate or at a floating rate based on LIBOR or other variable interest rate based on the notional amount. Similar to currency swaps, synthetic equity swaps are generally entered into on a net basis, which means the two payment streams are netted out and a Portfolio will either pay or receive the net amount. A Portfolio will enter into a synthetic equity swap instead of purchasing the reference security when the synthetic equity swap provides a more efficient or less expensive way of gaining exposure to a security compared with a direct investment in the security.

Structured Investments. A structured investment is a security having a return tied to an underlying index or other security or asset class. Structured investments generally are individually negotiated agreements and may be traded over-the-counter. Structured investments are organized and operated to restructure the investment characteristics of the underlying security. This restructuring involves the deposit with or purchase by an entity, such as a corporation or trust, or specified instruments (such as commercial bank loans) and the issuance by that entity of one or more classes of securities ("structured securities") backed by, or representing interests in, the underlying instruments. The cash flow on the underlying instruments may be apportioned among the newly issued structured securities to create securities with different investment characteristics, such as varying maturities, payment priorities, and interest rate provisions, and the extent of such payments made with respect to structured securities is dependent on the extent of the cash flow on the underlying instruments. Because structured securities typically involve no credit enhancement, their credit risk generally will be equivalent to that of the underlying instruments. Investments in structured securities are generally of a class of structured securities that is either subordinated or unsubordinated to the right of payment of another class. Subordinated structured securities typically have higher yields and present greater risks than unsubordinated structured securities. Structured securities are typically sold in private placement transactions, and there currently is no active trading market for structured securities.

Investments in government and government-related restructured debt instruments are subject to special risks, including the inability or unwillingness to repay principal and interest, requests to reschedule or restructure outstanding debt, and requests to extend additional loan amounts. Structured investments include a wide variety of instruments which are also subject to special risk such as inverse floaters and collateralized debt obligations. Inverse floaters involve leverage which may magnify a Portfolio's gains or losses. The risk of collateral debt obligations depends largely on the type of collateral securing the obligations. There is a risk that the collateral will not be adequate to make interest or other payments related to the debt obligation the collateral supports.

Structured instruments that are registered under the federal securities laws may be treated as liquid. In addition, many structured instruments may not be registered under the federal securities laws. In that event, a Portfolio's ability to resell such

a structured instrument may be more limited than its ability to resell other Portfolio securities. Accordingly, the Portfolios may treat such instruments as illiquid investments.

**ESG Exclusions Policy.** The Adviser has adopted a firmwide ESG exclusions policy that generally applies to the accounts it manages, including the Portfolios. Using third-party inputs, the Adviser applies exclusionary criteria to seek to avoid investing in securities of issuers that, in the determination of the Adviser, manufacture cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, chemical weapons, and biological weapons.

Regulatory Changes and Market Events and Risks. Federal, state, and foreign governments, regulatory agencies, and self-regulatory organizations may take actions that affect the regulation of the Portfolios or the instruments in which the Portfolios invest, or the issuers of such instruments, in ways that are unforeseeable. Future legislation or regulation or other governmental actions could limit or preclude the Portfolios' abilities to achieve their investment objectives or otherwise adversely impact an investment in the Portfolios. Furthermore, worsened market conditions, including as a result of U.S. government shutdowns or the perceived creditworthiness of the United States, could have a negative impact on securities markets.

Economic downturns can prompt various economic, legal, budgetary, tax, and regulatory reforms across the globe. In the aftermath of the 2007-2008 financial crisis, the financial sector experienced reduced liquidity in credit and other fixed-income markets, and an unusually high degree of volatility, both domestically and internationally. In response to the crisis, the United States and certain foreign governments, along with the U.S. Federal Reserve and certain foreign central banks,

- *Top Holdings.* Each Portfolio's top portfolio holdings, in order of position size and as a percentage of a Portfolio's total portfolio, are available monthly with a 15-day lag.
- Other Information. Each Portfolio may occasionally provide security breakdowns (e.g., industry, sector, regional, market capitalization, and asset allocation) and specific portfolio level performance attribution information and statistics monthly with a 15-day lag. Top/bottom equity securities and/or fixed-income issuers ranked by performance attribution, including the percentage attribution to Portfolio performance, average Portfolio weighting, and other relevant data points, may be provided monthly with a 15-day lag.

The Adviser may exclude from publication on its websites all or any portion of portfolio holdings or change the time periods of disclosure as deemed necessary to protect the interests of the Janus Henderson funds.

The Janus Henderson funds' Trustees, officers, and primary service providers, including investment advisers identified in this SAI, distributors, administrators, transfer agents, custodians, securities lending agents, and their respective personnel, may receive or have access to nonpublic portfolio holdings information. In addition, third parties, including but not limited to those that provide services to the Janus Henderson funds, the Adviser, and its affiliates, such as trade execution measurement systems providers, independent pricing services, proxy voting service providers, the portfolios' insurers, computer systems service providers, lenders, counsel, accountants/auditors, and rating and ranking organizations may also receive or have access to nonpublic portfolio holdings information. Other recipients of nonpublic portfolio holdings information may include, but may not be limited to, third parties such as consultants, data aggregators, and asset allocation services which calculate information derived from holdings for use by the Adviser, and which supply their analyses (but not the holdings themselves) to their clients. Such parties, either by agreement or by virtue of their duties, are required to maintain confidentiality with respect to such nonpublic portfolio holdings. Any confidentiality agreement entered into regarding disclosure of a Janus Henderson fund's portfolio holdings includes a provision that portfolio holdings are the confidential property of that Janus Henderson fund and may not be shared or used directly or indirectly for any purpose (except as specifically provided in the confidentiality agreement), including trading in portfolio shares.

Nonpublic portfolio holdings information may be disclosed to certain third parties upon a good faith determination made by the head of the applicable investment unit or a delegate, in consultation with the Portfolios' Chief Compliance Officer or a delegate, that a Janus Henderson fund has a legitimate business purpose for such disclosure and the recipient agrees to maintain confidentiality. Preapproval by the head of the applicable investment unit or a delegate, in consultation with the Portfolios' Chief Compliance Officer, or a delegate, is not required for certain routine service providers and in response to regulatory, administrative, and judicial requirements. The Portfolios' Chief Compliance Officer reports to the Janus Henderson funds' Trustees regarding material compliance matters with respect to the portfolio holdings disclosure policies and procedures.

Under extraordinary circumstances, the head of the applicable investment unit or a delegate, in consultation with the Portfolios' Chief Compliance Officer, or a delegate, has the authority to waive one or more provisions of, or make exceptions to, the Mutual Fund Holdings Disclosure Policies and Procedures when in the best interest of the Janus Henderson funds and when such waiver or exception is consistent with federal securities laws and applicable fiduciary duties. The frequency with which portfolio holdings are disclosed, as well as the lag time associated with such disclosure, may vary as deemed appropriate under the circumstances. All waivers and exceptions involving any of the Janus Henderson funds shall be preapproved by the head of the applicable investment unit or a delegate, in consultation with the Portfolios' Chief Compliance Officer or a delegate.

To the best knowledge of the Janus Henderson funds, as of March 27, 2023, the following non-affiliated third parties, which consist of service providers and consultants as described above under ongoing arrangements with the funds and/or the Adviser, receive or have access to nonpublic portfolio holdings information, which may include the full holdings of a fund.

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Acuity Knowledge Partners (UK) Limited	As needed	1 day or more
Adviser Compliance Associates, LLC	As needed	Current
Alpha Financial Markets Consulting	Monthly	Current
Barclays Risk Analytics and Index Solutions Limited	Daily	Current
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Boston Financial Data Services, Inc.	As needed	Current

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Thomson Reuters (Markets) LLC	Daily	Current
Tower Investment	As needed	30 days
TradingScreen Inc.	As needed	Current
TriOptima AB	Daily	Current
Wachovia Securities LLC	As needed	Current
Wilshire Associates Incorporated	As needed	Current
Wolters Kluwer Financial Services, Inc.	Monthly	30 days
Zephyr Associates, Inc.	Quarterly	Current

In addition to the categories of persons and names of persons described above who receive nonpublic portfolio holdings information, brokers executing portfolio trades on behalf of the portfolios may receive nonpublic portfolio holdings information. Under no circumstance does the Adviser, a Janus Henderson mutual fund, or other party receive any compensation in connection with the arrangements to release portfolio holdings information to any of the described recipients of the information.

The Adviser manages other accounts such as separately managed accounts, other pooled investment vehicles, non-U.S. registered investment companies, and portfolios sponsored by companies other than the Adviser. These other accounts may be managed in a similar fashion to certain Janus Henderson funds and thus may have similar portfolio holdings. Such accounts may be subject to different portfolio holdings disclosure policies that permit public disclosure of portfolio holdings information in different forms and at different times than the Portfolios' holdings disclosure policies. Additionally, clients of such accounts have access to their portfolio holdings, and may not be subject to the Portfolios' holdings disclosure policies.

The Portfolios pay a monthly investment advisory fee to the Adviser for its services. The fee is based on the average daily net assets of each Portfolio for Portfolios with an annual fixed-rate fee, and is calculated at the annual rate. The detail for Portfolios with this fee structure is shown below under "Average Daily Net Assets of the Portfolio." Portfolios that pay a fee that may adjust up or down based on the Portfolio's performance relative to its benchmark index over the performance measurement period have "N/A" in the "Average Daily Net Assets of the Portfolio" column below. The following table also reflects the Portfolios' contractual fixed-rate investment advisory fee rate for Portfolios with an annual fee based on average daily net assets and the "base fee" rate prior to any performance fee adjustment for Portfolios that have a performance fee structure.

Portfolio Name	Average Daily Net Assets of the Portfolio	Contractual Investment Advisory Fees/Base Fees (%) (annual rate)
Fixed Income		
Flexible Bond Portfolio	First \$300 Million Over \$300 Million	0.55 0.45
Global & International		
Global Research Portfolio	N/A	0.60
Global Sustainable Equity Portfolio	First \$2 Billion Over \$2 Billion	0.75 0.70
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Growth & Core		
Balanced Portfolio	All Asset Levels	0.55
Enterprise Portfolio	All Asset Levels	0.64
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Adjustment") calculated by applying a variable rate of up to 0.15% (positive or negative) to the Portfolio's average daily net assets based on the Portfolio's relative performance compared to the cumulative investment record of its benchmark index over a 36-month performance measurement period. The Base Fee Rate is calculated and accrued daily. The Performance Adjustment is calculated monthly in arrears and is accrued throughout the month. The investment advisory fee is paid monthly in arrears.

The Performance Adjustment may result in an increase or decrease in the investment advisory fee paid by a Portfolio, depending upon the investment performance of the Portfolio relative to its benchmark index over the performance measurement period. No Performance Adjustment is applied unless the difference between the Portfolio's investment performance and the cumulative investment record of the Portfolio's benchmark index is 0.50% or greater (positive or negative) during the applicable performance measurement period. The Base Fee Rate is subject to an upward or downward Performance Adjustment for every full 0.50% increment by which the Portfolio outperforms or underperforms its benchmark index. Because the Performance Adjustment is tied to a Portfolio's performance relative to its benchmark index (and not its absolute performance), the Performance Adjustment could increase the Adviser's fee even if the Portfolio's shares lose value during the performance measurement period and could decrease the Adviser's fee even if the Portfolio's shares increase in value during the performance measurement period. For purposes of computing the Base Fee Rate and the Performance Adjustment, net assets are averaged over different periods (average daily net assets during the previous month for the Base Fee Rate versus average daily net assets during the performance measurement period for the Performance Adjustment). Performance of a Portfolio is calculated net of expenses, whereas a Portfolio's benchmark index does not have any fees or expenses. Reinvestment of dividends and distributions is included in calculating both the performance of a Portfolio and the Portfolio's benchmark index. Under extreme circumstances involving underperformance by a rapidly shrinking Portfolio, the dollar amount of the Performance Adjustment could be more than the dollar amount of the Base Fee Rate. In such circumstances, the Adviser would reimburse the applicable Portfolio.

The application of an expense limit, if any, will have a positive effect upon a Portfolio's performance and may result in an increase in the Performance Adjustment. It is possible that the cumulative dollar amount of additional compensation ultimately payable to the Adviser may, under some circumstances, exceed the cumulative dollar amount of management fees waived by the Adviser.

The investment performance of a Portfolio's Service Shares ("Service Shares") is used for purposes of calculating the Portfolio's Performance Adjustment. After the Adviser determines whether a particular Portfolio's performance was above or below its benchmark index by comparing the investment performance of the Portfolio's Service Shares against the cumulative investment record of that Portfolio's benchmark index, the Adviser applies the same Performance Adjustment (positive or negative) across each other class of shares of the Portfolio.

The Trustees may determine that a class of shares of a Portfolio other than Service Shares is the most appropriate for use in calculating the Performance Adjustment. If a different class of shares is substituted in calculating the Performance Adjustment, the use of that successor class of shares may apply to the entire performance measurement period so long as the successor class was outstanding at the beginning of such period. If the successor class of shares was not outstanding for all or a portion of the performance measurement period, it may only be used in calculating that portion of the Performance Adjustment attributable to the period during which the successor class was outstanding, and any prior portion of the performance measurement period would be calculated using the class of shares previously designated. Any change to the class of shares used to calculate the Performance Adjustment is subject to applicable law.

The Trustees may from time to time determine that another securities index for a Portfolio is a more appropriate benchmark index for purposes of evaluating the performance of that Portfolio. In that event, the Trustees may approve the substitution of a successor index for the Portfolio's benchmark index. However, the calculation of the Performance Adjustment for any portion of the performance measurement period prior to the adoption of the successor index will still be based upon the Portfolio's performance compared to its former benchmark index. Any change to a particular Portfolio's benchmark index for purposes of calculating the Performance Adjustment is subject to applicable law. It is currently the position of the Staff that, with respect to Portfolios that charge a performance fee, changing a Portfolio's benchmark index used to calculate the performance fee will require shareholder approval. If there is a change in the Staff's position, the Trustees intend to notify shareholders of such change in position at such time as the Trustees may determine that a change in a Portfolio's benchmark index is appropriate.

Under certain circumstances, the Trustees may, without the prior approval of Portfolio shareholders, implement changes to the performance fee structure of a Portfolio as discussed above, subject to applicable law.

It is not possible to predict the effect of the Performance Adjustment on future overall compensation to the Adviser since it will depend on the performance of each Portfolio relative to the record of the Portfolio's benchmark index and future changes to the size of each Portfolio.

If the average daily net assets of a Portfolio remain constant during a 36-month performance measurement period, current net assets will be the same as average net assets over the performance measurement period and the maximum Performance Adjustment will be equivalent to 0.15% of current net assets. When current net assets vary from net assets over the 36-month performance measurement period, the Performance Adjustment, as a percentage of current assets, may vary significantly, including at a rate more or less than 0.15%, depending upon whether the net assets of the Portfolio had been increasing or decreasing (and the amount of such increase or decrease) during the performance measurement period. Note that if net assets for a Portfolio were increasing during the performance measurement period, the total performance fee paid, measured in dollars, would be more than if that Portfolio had not increased its net assets during the performance measurement period.

Suppose, for example, that the Performance Adjustment was being computed after the assets of a Portfolio had been shrinking. Assume its monthly Base Fee Rate was  $1/12^{th}$  of 0.60% of average daily net assets during the previous month. Assume also that average daily net assets during the 36-month performance measurement period were \$500 million, but that average daily net assets during the preceding month were just \$200 million.

The Base Fee Rate would be computed as follows:

 $$200 \text{ million } \times 0.60\% \div 12 = $100,000$ 

If the Portfolio outperformed or underperformed its benchmark index by an amount which triggered the maximum Performance Adjustment, the Performance Adjustment would be computed as follows:

\$500 million x  $0.15\% \div 12 = $62,500$ , which is approximately  $1/12^{th}$  of 0.375% of \$200 million.

If the Portfolio had outperformed its benchmark index, the total advisory fee rate for that month would be \$162,500, which is approximately  $1/12^{th}$  of 0.975% of \$200 million.

If the Portfolio had underperformed its benchmark index, the total advisory fee rate for that month would be \$37,500, which is approximately  $1/12^{th}$  of 0.225% of \$200 million.

Therefore, the total advisory fee rate for that month, as a percentage of average net assets during the preceding month, would be approximately  $1/12^{th}$  of 0.975% in the case of outperformance, or approximately  $1/12^{th}$  of 0.225% in the case of underperformance. Under extreme circumstances involving underperformance by a rapidly shrinking Portfolio, the dollar amount of the Performance Adjustment could be more than the dollar amount of the Base Fee Rate. In such circumstances, the Adviser would reimburse the applicable Portfolio.

By contrast, the Performance Adjustment would be a smaller percentage of current assets if the net assets of the Portfolio were increasing during the performance measurement period. Suppose, for example, that the Performance Adjustment was being computed after the assets of a Portfolio had been growing. Assume its average daily net assets during the 36-month performance measurement period were \$500 million, but that average daily net assets during the preceding month were \$800 million.

The Base Fee Rate would be computed as follows:

\$800 million x  $0.60\% \div 12 = $400,000$ 

If the Portfolio outperformed or underperformed its benchmark index by an amount which triggered the maximum Performance Adjustment, the Performance Adjustment would be computed as follows:

\$500 million x  $0.15\% \div 12 = $62,500$ , which is approximately  $1/12^{th}$  of 0.094% of \$800 million.

If the Portfolio had outperformed its benchmark index, the total advisory fee rate for that month would be \$462,500, which is approximately  $1/12^{th}$  of 0.694% of \$800 million.

If the Portfolio had underperformed its benchmark index, the total advisory fee rate for that month would be \$337,500, which is approximately 1/12<sup>th</sup> of 0.506% of \$800 million.

Example 3: Portfolio Underperforms Its Benchmark Index By 6.00%

If the Portfolio has underperformed the MSCI World Index by 6.00% during the preceding 36 months, the Portfolio would calculate the investment advisory fee as follows:

### **Examples: Mid Cap Value Portfolio**

The monthly maximum positive or negative Performance Adjustment of  $1/12^{th}$  of 0.15% of average net assets during the prior 36 months occurs if the Portfolio outperforms or underperforms its benchmark index by 4.00% over the same period. The Performance Adjustment is made in even increments for every 0.50% difference in the investment performance of the Portfolio's Service Shares compared to the cumulative investment record of the Russell Midcap Value Index.

Example 1: Portfolio Outperforms Its Benchmark Index By 4.00%

If the Portfolio has outperformed the Russell Midcap Value Index by 4.00% during the preceding 36 months, the Portfolio would calculate the investment advisory fee as follows:

Ba F Ra	$P: a A_{t} : s Ra$	TsaA F Ras : saMs
1/12th of 0.64%	1/12th of 0.15%	1/12th of 0.79%

Example 2: Portfolio Performance Tracks Its Benchmark Index

If the Portfolio performance has tracked the performance of the Russell Midcap Value Index during the preceding 36 months, the Portfolio would calculate the investment advisory fee as follows:

Example 3: Portfolio Underperforms Its Benchmark Index By 4.00%

If the Portfolio has underperformed the Russell Midcap Value Index by 4.00% during the preceding 36 months, the Portfolio would calculate the investment advisory fee as follows:

		Tsa A F Ras
Ba F Ra	P: a A; s s Ras	: saMs
1/12th of 0.64%	1/12th of -0.15%	1/12th of 0.49%

### **Examples: Research Portfolio**

The monthly maximum positive or negative Performance Adjustment of  $1/12^{th}$  of 0.15% of average net assets during the prior 36 months occurs if the Portfolio outperforms or underperforms its benchmark index by 5.00% over the same period. The Performance Adjustment is made in even increments for every 0.50% difference in the investment performance of the Portfolio's Service Shares compared to the cumulative investment record of the Russell 1000 Growth Index.

Example 1: Portfolio Outperforms Its Benchmark Index By 5.00%

If the Portfolio has outperformed the Index by 5.00% during the preceding 36 months, the Portfolio would calculate the investment advisory fee as follows:

Ba F Ra	P: a A; s sRa	is a M s
1/12th of 0.64%	1/12th of 0.15%	1/12th of 0.79%

Example 2: Portfolio Performance Tracks Its Benchmark Index

If the Portfolio performance has tracked the performance of the Index during the preceding 36 months, the Portfolio would calculate the investment advisory fee as follows:

Ba F Ra	P: a A; s s Ra	Tsa A F Ras : sa M s
1/12th of 0.64%	0.00	1/12th of 0.64%

Example 3: Portfolio Underperforms Its Benchmark Index By 5.00%

If the Portfolio has underperformed the Index by 5.00% during the preceding 36 months, the Portfolio would calculate the investment advisory fee as follows:

Ba F Ra	P: a A; s sRa	TsaA F Ras
1/12th of 0.64%	1/12th of -0.15%	1/12th of 0.49%

### **Examples: Overseas Portfolio**

The monthly maximum positive or negative Performance Adjustment of  $1/12^{\rm th}$  of 0.15% of average net assets during the prior 36 months occurs if the Portfolio outperforms or underperforms its benchmark index by 7.00% over the same period. The Performance Adjustment is made in even increments for every 0.50% difference in the investment performance of the Portfolio's Service Shares compared to the cumulative investment record of the MSCI All Country World ex-USA Index.

Example 1: Portfolio Outperforms Its Benchmark Index By 7.00%

If the Portfolio has outperformed the MSCI All Country World ex-USA Index by 7.00% during the preceding 36 months, the Portfolio would calculate the investment advisory fee as follows:

Ba F Ra	P: a A; sRas	TsaA F Ra : saMs
1/12th of 0.64%	1/12th of 0.15%	1/12th of 0.79%

Example 2: Portfolio Performance Tracks Its Benchmark Index

If the Portfolio performance has tracked the performance of the MSCI All Country World ex-USA Index during the preceding 36 months, the Portfolio would calculate the investment advisory fee as follows:

Ba F Ra	P: a A <sub>t</sub> s s Ras	TsaA F Ra : saMs
1/12th of 0.64%	0.00	1/12th of 0.64%

Example 3: Portfolio Underperforms Its Benchmark Index By 7.00%

If the Portfolio has underperformed the MSCI All Country World ex-USA Index by 7.00% during the preceding 36 months, the Portfolio would calculate the investment advisory fee as follows:

		Tsa A F Ras
Ba F Ra	P: a A; s s Ras	: saMs
1/12th of 0.64%	1/12th of -0.15%	1/12th of 0.49%

### **Examples: Forty Portfolio**

The monthly maximum positive or negative Performance Adjustment of  $1/12^{th}$  of 0.15% of average net assets during the prior 36 months occurs if the Portfolio outperforms or underperforms its benchmark index by 8.50% over the same period. The Performance Adjustment is made in even increments for every 0.50% difference in the investment performance of the Portfolio's Service Shares compared to the cumulative investment record of the Russell 1000 Growth Index.

Example 1: Portfolio Outperforms Its Benchmark Index By 8.50%

If the Portfolio has outperformed the Russell 1000 Growth Index by 8.50% during the preceding 36 months, the Portfolio would calculate the investment advisory fee as follows:

Ba F Ra	$P: a A_t s s Ra$	isa A F Ras
1/12th of 0.64%	1/12th of 0.15%	1/12th of 0.79%

Example 2: Portfolio Performance Tracks Its Benchmark Index

If the Portfolio performance has tracked the performance of the Russell 1000 Growth Index during the preceding 36 months, the Portfolio would calculate the investment advisory fee as follows:

Ba F Ra	P: a A; s s Ra	TsaA F Ras
1/12th of 0.64%	0.00	1/12th of 0.64%

# Example 3: Portfolio Underperforms Its Benchmark Index By 8.50%

If the Portfolio has underperformed the Russell 1000 Growth Index by 8.50% during the preceding 36 months, the Portfolio would calculate the investment advisory fee as follows:

Ba F Ra	P: a A: s Ras	TsaA F Ra : saMs
1/12th of 0.64%	1/12th of -0.15%	1/12th of 0.49%

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Portfolio Name	Advisory Fees	Waivers(-)	Advisory Fees	Waivers(-)	Advisory Fees	Waivers(-)	
Global & International							
Global Research Portfolio	\$ 4,099,295	N/A	\$ 6,078,903	N/A	\$ 5,385,071	N/A	
Global Sustainable Equity Portfolio	\$ 32,021 <sup>(1)</sup>	-\$ 32,021 <sup>(1)</sup>	(2) N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Overseas Portfolio	\$ 5,147,426	N/A	\$ 5,692,276	N/A	\$ 4,383,159	N/A	
Growth & Core							
Balanced Portfolio	\$42,839,760	N/A	\$41,924,613	N/A	\$31,406,892	N/A	
Enterprise Portfolio	\$ 9,456,266	N/A	\$11,179,646	N/A	\$ 9,490,207	N/A	
Forty Portfolio	\$ 4,324,698	N/A	\$ 8,257,681	N/A	\$ 6,377,205	N/A	
Research Portfolio	\$ 2,471,248	N/A	\$ 3,482,270	N/A	\$ 2,881,717	N/A	
Specialty Equity							
Global Technology and Innovation Portfolio	\$ 4,209,296	\$ 0	\$ 5,612,789	\$ 0	\$ 3,984,163	\$ 0	
Value							
Mid Cap Value Portfolio	\$ 600,193	\$ 0	\$ 656,650	\$ 0	\$ 645,106	\$ 0	

<sup>(1)</sup> January 26, 2022 (effective date) to December 31, 2022.

# PAYMENTS TO FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES BY THE ADVISER OR ITS AFFILIATES

The Adviser and its affiliates pay fees, from their own assets, to selected insurance companies, qualified plan service providers or their affiliates, or other financial intermediaries that distribute, market or promote the Portfolios, or perform related services for contract owners or plan participants. The amount of these payments is determined from time to time by the Adviser, may be substantial, and may differ for different financial intermediaries. The Adviser and its affiliates consider a number of factors in making payments to financial intermediaries.

In addition, the Adviser, Janus Henderson Distributors US LLC (the "Distributor"), or their affiliates pay, from their own assets, to selected insurance companies, qualified plan service providers or their affiliates, and other financial intermediaries fees for providing recordkeeping, subaccounting, transaction processing, and other shareholder or administrative services, the Advi s, eted

<sup>(2)</sup> The fee waiver by the Adviser exceeded the advisory fee.

From time to time, certain financial intermediaries approach the Adviser to request that the Adviser make contributions to certain charitable organizations. In these cases, the Adviser's contribution may result in the financial intermediary, or its salespersons, recommending Janus Henderson funds over other mutual funds (or non-mutual fund investments).

The payment arrangements described above will not change the price a contract owner or plan participant pays for Shares nor the amount that a Janus Henderson fund receives to invest on behalf of the contract owner or plan participant. You should consider whether such arrangements exist when evaluating any recommendations from an intermediary to purchase or sell Shares of the Portfolios and, if applicable, when considering which share class of a Portfolio is most appropriate for you. Please contact your insurance company or plan sponsor for details on such arrangements.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADVISER

The Adviser has adopted procedures (including trade allocation procedures described in the "Portfolio Transactions and Brokerage" section of this SAI) that it believes are reasonably designed to mitigate potential conflicts and risks. For example, the Adviser manages long and short portfolios. The simultaneous management of long and short portfolios creates potential conflicts of interest in fund management and creates potential risks such as the risk that short sale activity could adversely affect the market value of long positions in one or more Janus Henderson funds (and vice versa), the risk arising from the sequential orders in long and short positions, and the risks associated with the trade desk receiving opposing oVISER

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position of trust and responsibility; and (vi) refrain from using any material nonpublic information in securities trading. The Personal Code of Ethics is on file with and available from the SEC through the SEC website at http://www.sec.gov.

Under the Personal Account Dealing Policy, all Adviser and Distributor personnel, as well as the Trustees and Officers of the Portfolios, are required to conduct their personal investment activities in a manner that the Adviser believes is not detrimental to the Portfolios. In addition, Adviser and Distributor personnel are not permitted to transact in securities held by the Portfolios for their personal accounts except under circumstances specified in the Personal Account Dealing Policy. All personnel of the Adviser, the Distributor, and the Portfolios, as well as certain other designated employees deemed to have access to current trading information, are required to pre-clear all transactions in securities not otherwise exempt. Requests for trading authorization will be denied when, among other reasons, the proposed personal transaction would be contrary to the provisions of the Personal Account Dealing Policy.

In addition to the pre-clearance requirement described above, the Personal Account Dealing Policy subjects such personnel to various trading restrictions and reporting obligations. All reportable transactions are reviewed for compliance with the Personal Account Dealing Policy and under certain circumstances Adviser and Distributor personnel may be required to forfeit profits made from personal trading.

## PROXY VOTING POLICY AND PROCEDURES

The Trustees of the Trust have delegated to the Adviser the authority to vote all proxies relating to such Portfolio's securities in accordance with the Adviser's own policies and procedures.

Complete copies of the Adviser's proxy voting policies and procedures, including specific voting guidelines, are available at janushenderson.com/proxyvoting.

The Adviser or its affiliates will publicly disclose vote reporting in line with local market requirements or practices and/or where in the Adviser's view, it is appropriate. Each Portfolio's proxy voting record for the one-year period ending each June 30th is available, free of charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-525-1093, through janushenderson.com/proxyvoting, or from the SEC through the SEC website at http://www.sec.gov.

# JANUS HENDERSON INVESTORS US LLC PROXY VOTING SUMMARY

The Adviser seeks to vote proxies in the best interest of its shareholders and without regard to any other relationship that the Adviser or an affiliate may have with the issuer or personnel of the issuer. Janus Henderson's Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures (the "Proxy Voting Procedures") apply to the Adviser's proxy voting on behalf of the Portfolios and set forth how proxy voting policy is developed, how proxy votes are cast, how conflicts of interest are addressed, and how the proxy voting process is overseen. The Proxy Voting Procedures include proxy voting guidelines (the "Guidelines") that outline how the Adviser generally votes proxies on securities held by the portfolios the Adviser manages.

Janus Henderson's Proxy Voting Committee (the "Proxy Voting Committee") develops Janus Henderson's positions on all major corporate issues, maintains and updates the Guidelines, manages conflicts of interest related to proxy voting, and oversees the voting process generally, including by reviewing results of diligence on ISS, the Adviser's proxy advisory firm. The Proxy Voting Committee is comprised of representatives from the Office of the Treasurer, Asset Servicing, Compliance, as well as the Governance and Stewardship team and equity portfolio management who provide input on behalf of the investment team.

Where the Guidelines address the proxy matter being voted on, votes will be cast in accordance with the Guidelines unless directed otherwise. The Adviser's portfolio managers, assistant portfolio managers, and analysts (together, "Portfolio Management") may vote contrary to the Guidelines at their discretion and with sufficient rationale documented in writing. Where (i) the Guidelines call for Portfolio Management input and/or (ii) the proxy matter being voted on relates to a company and/or an issue for which ISS does not have research, analysis, and/or a recommendation available, ISS will refer proxy voting questions to the Adviser for further instruction. In the event Portfolio Management is unable to provide input on a referred proxy item, the Adviser will abstain from voting the proxy item.

The Adviser relies on pre-populated and/or automated voting to cast votes for the Portfolios. That means ISS will automatically populate the proxy voting system in accordance with the Guidelines. For those proxy proposals with a default

policy position, the votes will be cast as populated in the system by ISS unless directed otherwise by the Adviser. For those proxy proposals without a default policy position (i.e., refer items), the votes will be cast as populated in the system by the Adviser.

From time to time, issuers and/or ballot issue sponsors may publicly report additional information that may be relevant to the application of the Guidelines or the exercise of discretion by Portfolio Management ("supplemental materials"). To the extent ISS identifies such supplemental materials, it will review that information and determine whether it has a material effect on the application of the Guidelines. ISS is then responsible for ensuring that any votes pre-populated in the proxy voting system are appropriately updated and the Adviser is provided appropriate notice of such changes, including through availability of an updated research report. In all events, ISS will notify the Adviser of any supplemental materials identified so that they can be considered as part of the voting process, including with respect to items requiring Portfolio Management input.

The Adviser recognizes that in certain circumstances the cost to Portfolios associated with casting a proxy vote may exceed the benefits received by clients from doing so. In those situations, the Adviser may decide to abstain from voting. For instance, in many countries, shareholders who vote proxies for shares of an issuer are not able to trade in that company's stock within a given period of time on or around the shareholder meeting date ("share blocking"). In countries where share blocking is practiced, the Adviser will only vote proxies if the Adviser determines that the benefit of voting the proxies outweighs the risk of not being able to sell the securities. Similarly, certain Portfolios may participate in a securities lending program. Generally, if shares of an issuer are on loan, the voting rights are transferred and the lending party cannot vote the shares. In deciding whether to recall securities on loan, the Adviser will evaluate whether the benefit of voting the proxies outweighs the cost of recalling them. Furthermore, in circumstances where a Portfolio holds a security as of record date, but the holdings were sold prior to the shareholder meeting, the Adviser may abstain from voting that proxy.

Because the Guidelines preestablish voting positions, the default application of the Guidelines should, in most cases,

### **Board of Directors Issues**

The Adviser: (i) will generally vote in favor of director candidates that result in the board having a majority of independent directors; (ii) will generally vote in favor of proposals to increase the minimum number of independent directors; and (iii) will generally oppose non-independent directors who serve on the audit, compensation, and/or nominating committees of the board.

### **Auditor Issues**

The Adviser will generally oppose proposals asking for approval of auditors that have a financial interest in or association with the company and are therefore not independent.

### **Compensation Issues**

The Adviser will generally vote in favor of equity-based compensation plans unless they create an inconsistent relationship between long-term share performance and compensation, do not demonstrate good stewardship of investors' interests, or contain problematic features. Proposals regarding the re-pricing of underwater options (stock options in which the price the employee is contracted to buy shares is higher than the current market price) and the issuance of reload options (stock options that are automatically granted if outstanding stock options are exercised during a window period) will generally be opposed. The Adviser will generally vote with management with regard to advisory votes on executive compensation (say-on-pay), unless problematic pay practices are maintained.

# Capitalization, Issuances, Transactions, Shareholder Rights, and other Corporate Matters

The Adviser: (i) will generally oppose proposals regarding supermajority voting rights (for example, to approve acquisitions or mergers); (ii) will generally oppose proposals for different classes of stock with different voting rights; and (iii) will generally oppose shareholder rights plans or other proposals designed to prevent or obstruct corporate takeovers (includes poison pills), unless such measures are proposed in a transparent and independent fashion and designed primarily as a short-term means to protect a tax benefit, or are structured in such a way that they give shareholders the ultimate decision on any proposal or offer. The Adviser will evaluate proposals regarding mergers, acquisitions, tender offers or changes in control on a case-by-case basis, including any related proposals such as share issuances or advisory votes on golden parachutes.

### **Environmental and Social Issues**

The Adviser believes that good management of stakeholder relationships contributes to business success and long-term shareholder value. These stakeholders include not only shareholders but also employees, consumers, debtholders, business partners, neighbors and the wider global community. The Adviser also recognizes the importance of environmental issues such as climate change and social issues such as diversity and inclusion to all these stakeholder groups.

As a fiduciary for its clients, the Adviser is primarily concerned with the impact of proposals on a company's performance and economic value. The Adviser recognizes that environmental and social issues are associated with risks, costs, and benefits which can have a significant impact on company performance over the short and long term. When evaluating the merits of proposals on environmental and social issues, the Adviser will weigh the risks, costs, and benefits of supporting the proposals against those presented by alternatives, including potentially seeking similar outcomes through direct engagement activities with management. The Adviser will generally support management proposals addressing environmental and social issues unless the Adviser identifies significant weaknesses relative to market practice or peers. The Adviser will generally support shareholder proposals addressing environmental and social issues where we identify significant areas of weakness or

# CUSTODIAN, TRANSFER AGENT, AND CERTAIN AFFILIATIONS

BNP Paribas, acting through its New York branch ("BNP(NY)"), 787 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York 10019 is the custodian of the domestic securities and cash of the Portfolios. BNP(NY) is the designated Foreign Custody Manager (as the term is defined in Rule 17f-5 under the 1940 Act) of the Portfolios' securities and cash held outside the United States. The Portfolios' Trustees have delegated to BNP(NY) certain responsibilities for such assets, as permitted by Rule 17f-5. BNP(NY) and the foreign subcustodians selected by it hold the Portfolios' assets in safekeeping and collect and remit the income thereon, subject to the instructions of each Portfolio.

Janus Henderson Services US LLC (the "Transfer Agent"), 151 Detroit Street, Denver, Colorado 80206-4805, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Adviser, is the transfer agent for the Portfolios. The Transfer Agent receives an administrative services fee at an annual rate of 0.05% of the average daily net assets of the Shares for arranging for the provision by participating insurance companies and qualified plan service providers of administrative services, including recordkeeping, subaccounting, order processing, or other shareholder services provided on behalf of contract holders or plan participants investing in the Portfolios. Other shareholder services may include the provision of order confirmations, periodic account statements, forwarding prospectuses, shareholder reports, and other materials to existing customers, and answering inquiries regarding accounts. The Transfer Agent expects to use this entire fee to compensate insurance companies and qualified plan service providers for providing these services to their customers who invest in the Portfolios. Any unused portion will be reimbursed to the applicable share class at least annually. In addition, the Transfer Agent provides or arranges for the provision of certain other internal administrative, recordkeeping, and shareholder relations services for the Portfolios. The Transfer Agent is not compensated for these internal services related to the Shares, except for out-of-pocket costs.

Institutional Shares of each Portfolio pay the Transfer Agent an administrative services fee at an annual rate of 0.05% of the average daily net assets of the Shares for arranging for the provision by participating insurance companies and qualified plan service providers of administrative services. The total amounts paid by Institutional Shares of each Portfolio to the Transfer Agent for administrative services, for the fiscal years ended December 31, are summarized below. The Transfer Agent pays out all or substantially all of the amounts reflected to insurance companies and qualified plan service providers for arranging for the provision of administrative services to its customers who invest in the Portfolios. Amounts for certain Portfolios may include the reimbursement of unused portions of administrative services fees.

separate accounts of participating insurance companies and certain qualified retirement plans. The Distributor is registered as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and is a member of FINRA. The cash-compensation amount or rate at which the Distributor's registered representatives are paid for sales of products may differ based on a type of fund or a specific trust or the distribution channel or platform. The receipt of (or prospect of receiving) compensation described above may provide an incentive for a registered representative to favor sales of funds, or certain share classes of a fund, for which they receive a higher compensation amount or rate. You should consider these arrangements when evaluating any recommendations of your registered representative.

# SECURITIES LENDING

Certain Portfolios may seek to earn additional income through lending their securities to certain qualified broker-dealers and institutions. JPMorgan Chase Bank acts as securities lending agent and a limited purpose custodian or subcustodian to receive and disburse cash balances and cash collateral, hold short-term investments, hold collateral, and perform other custodian functions in accordance with the Non Custodial Securities Lending Agreement.

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, the securities lending services provided by JPMorgan Chase Bank included negotiating the terms of loans; monitoring approved borrowers; recalling and arranging the return of loaned securities to the Portfolios upon termination of the loan; marking to market loans; providing recordkeeping services; reporting on the Portfolios' securities lending activities; and related services. The following table summarizes the income and fees from securities lending activities for the fiscal year for those Portfolios that participated in securities lending.

			Fees and/or compensation for securities lending activities and related services:						
	Gross income from securities lending activities	Fees paid to securities lending agent from revenue split	Fees paid for any cash collateral management services (including fees deducted from a pooled cash collateral reinvestment vehicle) that are not included in the revenue split	Administrative fees not included in the revenue split	Indemnification fees not included in the revenue split	Rebate (paid to borrower)	Other fees not included in revenue split	Aggregate fees and/or compensation for securities lending activities	Net income from securities lending activities
Fixed Income									
Flexible Bond Portfolio	\$ 68,357	\$ (4,138)	\$ (926)	\$—	\$—	\$(15,707)	\$—	\$(20,771)	\$ 47,586
Global & International									
Global Research Portfolio	\$ 23,560	\$ (484)	\$ (547)	\$—	\$—	\$(16,963)	S	\$(17,993)	\$ 5,567
Overseas Portfolio	\$200,471	\$(13,098)	\$(1,426)	\$—	\$—	\$(35,321)	\$—	\$(49,846)	\$150,625
Growth & Core									
Enterprise Portfolio	\$ 60,467	\$ (1,318)	\$(1,118)	\$—	\$—	\$(42,870)	\$—	\$(45,306)	\$ 15,161
Forty Portfolio	\$ 65,137	\$ (3,517)	\$ (811)	\$—	\$—	\$(20,370)	\$—	\$(24,697)	\$ 40,440
Research Portfolio	\$ 34,584	\$ (2,038)	\$ (459)	\$—	\$—	\$ (8,647)	\$—	\$(11,144)	\$ 23,439
Special Equity									
Global Technology and Innovation Portfolio	\$ 26,691	\$ (1,771)	\$ (770)	\$—	\$—	\$ (3,789)	\$—	\$ (6,330)	\$ 20,361

The Adviser has client commission agreements ("CCAs") and, for certain Portfolios, RCC Agreements ("RCCA") with certain broker-dealers. These agreements allow the Adviser to instruct broker-dealers to pool commissions or research charges, respectively, generated from equity security orders executed at that broker-dealer. RCCAs are utilized for accounts for which Janus Henderson is subject to MiFID II and instead of using a portion of the commission for research, an additional research charge is added to the execution commission for equity transactions. Pursuant to these agreements, the broker-dealer retains the execution component of the brokerage commission as compensation for execution services and segregates the other portion of the commission (or additional research charge for RCCAs) for research services. Such commissions (and charges) are then used, upon the Adviser's direction, to pay such broker-dealers for such broker-dealers' proprietary research or to pay third parties that provide the Adviser with brokerage or research services, as permitted under Section 28(e), and for RCCAs, as permitted under MiFID II and FCA regulation. All portfolio transactions directed to these broker-dealers are subject to the Adviser's best execution obligations.

The Adviser establishes a research budget annually for each investment strategy, and the research portion of the commission (or additional research charge for RCCAs) is collected until a Portfolio's pro rata portion of the research budget for its investment strategy is reached. Typically, it is expected that a Portfolio's proportionate share of the budget for its strategy will be based on the amount of assets held in its account relative to overall assets in the strategy. Once the pro rata budget of any account within an investment strategy is reached, such account will transact at the execution only rate for the remainder of the applicable period. If the costs for external research or brokerage services for an investment strategy exceed the amount collected from accounts within that strategy, the Adviser or its affiliates may adjust the research portion of commissions (or research charges) up or down within such strategy, continue to acquire external research for such accounts using its own resources, or cease to purchase external research for such accounts until the next applicable period. If research commissions characti,, t, the AdvviTnt wit y o brfnouhenthe roe entCusesde-1.2 TDnn. A y(eisactiont sser)-9chnsacti,, teJT\*dAdtleT\*s Hem.ymstms ed

allocation procedures may adversely affect the price paid or received by an account or the size of the position obtained or liquidated for an account. In others, however, the accounts' ability to participate in volume transactions may produce better executions and prices for the accounts. The Adviser may adjust allocations to eliminate fractional shares or odd lots, or to account for minimum trade size requirements and has the discretion to deviate from its allocation procedures in certain circumstances.

Portfolios may from time to time participate in IPOs or other types of limited offerings such as secondary placements of common stock, private equity offerings, or other private placement offerings. To the extent that a Portfolio, such as a new Portfolio, has only affiliated shareholders, such as portfolio management or an adviser, and the Portfolio wishes to participate in an IPO, those shareholders may be perceived as receiving a benefit and, as a result, may have a conflict with management of the Portfolio and thus may not be eligible to participate in the offering. Portfolios may also, from time to time, participate as an anchor or Cornerstone Investor in an IPO. A Cornerstone Investor agrees, prior to a company's IPO, to acquire a certain dollar amount of the IPO securities. Such agreement provides the Cornerstone Investor with an agreed and known allocation in the IPO. Shares allocated to the Cornerstone Investor in such IPOs may be restricted from trading for up to six months post the IPO and participation by any Adviser account as a Cornerstone Investor could preclude any other account from participating in the IPO as a non-Cornerstone Investor. The Adviser utilizes a dual book IPO indication process. More specifically, in order to provide issuers with a level of flexibility to address the diverse styles, needs, and relationships of our global investment teams, the Adviser has assigned each investment team to either a U.S. or EMEA/APAC IPO indication group (each an "IPO Indication Group") and places two separate indications with a broker for any one limited offering. The Adviser's allocation procedures generally require all securities of an offering allocated to an IPO Indication Group be allocated to all accounts within a strategy based on participating portfolio management in such IPO Indication Group based on their initial indications and on a pro rata basis to all participating eligible accounts based on the total assets of each account. When more than one portfolio manager across the firm indicates interest in a primary or secondary limited offering, a limit on the allowable bid will be applied. In addition, with respect to private equity offerings, the Adviser limits the amount that any one portfolio can own, in the aggregate, of all private companies. Deviations from these procedures are permitted provided such deviations are documented and approved by the relevant Asset Class Head or his delegate. A deviation could occur, for example, in order to allocate additional securities to ensure that accounts receive sufficient securities to satisfy specialized investment objectives or policies, to account for allocation sizes that are deemed by the Adviser to be de minimis for certain eligible accounts, to address market conditions, to address situations specific to individual accounts ( $J_{\cdot \cdot \cdot}$  cash limitations, position weightings, liquidity profiles of the investment, redemption history of the account, etc.), or to address certain jurisdictional requirements relating to Cornerstone IPOs. Additionally, for primary and secondary offerings of common stock, additional shares may be allocated to the applicable accounts of portfolio management with a preexisting position in that security. Deviations from pro rata allocations may contribute to differences in performance among eligible accounts within the same strategy. The Adviser cannot assure, in all instances, participations in IPOs or limited offerings by all eligible accounts. In the event an eligible account does not participate in an offering, the Adviser generally does not reimburse for opportunity costs.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, the total brokerage commissions paid by the Portfolios to brokers and dealers in transactions identified for execution primarily on the basis of research and other services provided to the Portfolios are summarized below.

Portfolio Name	Commissions	Transactions
Global & International		
Global Research Portfolio	\$259,908	\$ 506,212,126
Global Sustainable Equity Portfolio <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 1,491	\$ 4,958,906
Overseas Portfolio	\$255,194	\$ 462,132,338
Growth & Core		
Balanced Portfolio	\$292,533	\$12,662,305,889
Enterprise Portfolio	\$163,977	\$ 525,521,846
Forty Portfolio	\$124,981	\$ 716,120,968
Research Portfolio	\$ 84,688	\$ 353,716,249
Specialty Equity		
Global Technology and Innovation Portfolio	\$108,854	\$ 591,008,239

Portfolio Name	Commissions	Transactions
Value		
Mid Cap Value Portfolio	\$ 51,113	\$ 120,653,646

<sup>(1)</sup> January 26, 2022 (effective date) to December 31, 2022.

Note: Portfolios that are not included in the table did not pay any commissions related to research for the stated period.

The following table lists the total amount of brokerage commissions paid by each Portfolio for the fiscal years ended December 31, unless otherwise noted.

Portfolio Name	2022	2021	2020
Fixed Income			
Flexible Bond Portfolio	\$ 11,776	\$ 77	\$ 68
Global & International			
Global Research Portfolio	\$343,365	\$286,009	\$361,648
Global Sustainable Equity Portfolio	\$ 2,297 <sup>(1)</sup>	N/A	N/A
Overseas Portfolio	\$469,890	\$431,999	\$518,534
Growth & Core			
Balanced Portfolio	\$561,884	\$403,674	\$519,304
Enterprise Portfolio	\$221,874	\$210,453	\$208,580
Forty Portfolio	\$209,040	\$198,839	\$218,089
Research Portfolio	\$111,171	\$122,450	\$136,194
Specialty Equity			
Global Technology and Innovation Portfolio	\$192,013	\$213,393	\$170,980
Value			
Mid Cap Value Portfolio	\$ 73,919	\$ 73,681	\$ 57,071

<sup>(1)</sup> January 26, 2022 (effective date) to December 31, 2022.

Brokerage commissions paid by a Portfolio may vary significantly from year to year because of portfolio turnover rates, contract owner and plan participant purchase/redemption activity, varying market conditions, changes to investment strategies or processes, and other factors.

As of December 31, 2022, certain Portfolios owned securities of their regular broker-dealers (or parents) as shown below:

Portfolio Name	Name of Broker-Dealer	Value of Securities Owned
Fixed Income		
Flexible Bond Portfolio	Barclays Capital Inc. Citigroup Global Markets Inc. Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC JP Morgan Securities LLC Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. Morgan Stanley	\$ 1,781,783 1,584,190 931,867 6,788,633 5,503,259 8,647,295
Global & International		
Global Research Portfolio	JP Morgan Securities LLC Morgan Stanley Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc.	\$14,942,629 6,203,059 7,289,447

Portfolio Name	Name of Broker-Dealer	Value of Securities Owned
Growth & Core		
Balanced Portfolio	Barclays Capital Inc. Citigroup Global Markets Inc. Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC JP Morgan Securities LLC Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. Morgan Stanley	\$ 4,402,048 22,047,097 12,549,835 51,730,789 135,178,848 132,794,981 115,711,676
Enterprise Portfolio	RBC Capital Markets, LLC	\$ 1,399,492
Value		
Mid Cap Value Portfolio	ING Financial Markets LLC Jefferies LLC	\$ 2,000,000 924,943

#### **NET ASSET VALUE DETERMINATION**

As stated in the Portfolios' Prospectuses, the net asset value ("NAV") of the Shares of each class of each Portfolio is determined once each day the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") is open, as of the close of its trading session (normally 4:00 p.m., New York time, Monday through Friday). The per share NAV for each class of each Portfolio is computed by dividing the total value of securities and other assets allocated to the class, less liabilities allocated to that class, by the total number of outstanding shares for the class. Securities held by the Portfolios are valued in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Adviser pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and approved by and subject to the oversight of the Trustees (the "Valuation Procedures"). In determining NAV, equity securities traded on a domestic securities exchange are generally valued at readily available market quotations, which arer (i) the official close prices or (ii) last sale prices on the primary market or exchange in which the securities trade. If such price is lacking for the trading period immediately preceding the time of determination, such securities are valued at their current bid price. Equity securities that are traded on a foreign exchange are generally valued at the closing prices on such markets. In the event that there is not current trading volume on a particular security in such foreign exchange, the bid price from the primary exchange is generally used to value the security. Securities that are traded on the over-the-counter markets are generally valued at their latest bid prices as available. Foreign securities and currencies are converted to U.S. dollars using the applicable exchange rate in effect at the close of the NYSE. The Adviser will determine the market value of individual securities held by it by using prices provided by one or more Adviser-approved professional pricing services or, as needed, by obtaining market quotations from independent broker-dealers. Most debt securities are valued in accordance with the evaluated bid price supplied by the pricing service that is intended to reflect market value. The evaluated bid price supplied by the pricing service is an evaluation that may consider factors such as security prices, yields, maturities, and ratings. Certain short-term securities maturing within 60 days or less may be evaluated and valued on an amortized cost basis provided that the amortized cost determined approximates market value.

Securities for which market quotations or evaluated prices are not readily available or are deemed unreliable are valued at fair value determined in good faith by the Adviser pursuant to the Valuation Procedures. Circumstances in which fair valuation may be utilized include, but are not limited to: (i) a significant event that may affect the securities of a single issuer, such as a merger, bankruptcy, or significant issuer-specific development; (ii) an event that may affect an entire market, such as a natural disaster or significant governmental action; (iii) a nonsignificant event such as a market closing early or not opening, or a security trading halt; and (iv) pricing of a non-valued security and a restricted or nonpublic security. Special valuation considerations may apply with respect to "odd-lot" fixed-income transactions which, due to their small size, may receive evaluated prices by pricing services which reflect a large block trade and not what actually could be obtained for the odd-lot position. The Valuation Procedures provide for the use of systematic fair valuation models provided by an independent pricing service to value foreign equity securities in order to adjust for stale pricing, which may occur between the close of certain foreign exchanges and the close of the NYSE.

Trading in securities on European and Far Eastern securities exchanges and over-the-counter markets is normally completed well before the close of business on each business day in New York (i.e., a day on which the NYSE is open). In addition, European or Far Eastern securities trading generally or in a particular country or countries may not take place on all business days in New York. Furthermore, trading takes place in Japanese markets on certain Saturdays and in various foreign markets on days which are not business days in New York and on which a Portfolio's NAV is not calculated. A Portfolio calculates its NAV per share, and therefore effects sales, redemptions, and repurchases of its shares, as of the close of the NYSE once each day on which the NYSE is open. Such calculation may not take place contemporaneously with the determination of the prices of the foreign portfolio securities used in such calculation. If an event that is expected to affect the value of a portfolio security occurs after the close of the principal exchange or market on which that security is traded, and before the close of the NYSE, then that security may be valued in good faith under the Valuation Procedures.

If an error is discovered that impacts a Portfolio's NAV calculation, the Adviser will take corrective action if necessary and appropriate pursuant to the Trust's net asset value and shareholder account corrections policy.

**PURCHASES** 

(except for holidays and weekends); (ii) the SEC permits such suspension and so orders; or (iii) an emergency exists as determined by the SEC so that disposal of securities or determination of NAV is not reasonably practicable.

equity securities may result in the receipt of cash in excess of the REIT's earnings. If the Portfolio distributes such amounts, such distribution could constitute a return of capital to shareholders for federal income tax purposes.

Some REITs are permitted to hold "residual interests" in real estate mortgage investment conduits ("REMICs"). Pursuant to an IRS notice, a portion of a Portfolio's income from a REIT that is attributable to the REIT's residual interest in a REMIC (referred to in the Internal Revenue Code as an "excess inclusion") will be subject to federal income tax in all events. Excess inclusion income of a regulated investment company will normally be allocated to shareholders of the regulated investment company in proportion to the dividends received by such shareholders with the same consequences as if the shareholders held the related REMIC residual interest directly. There may be instances in which a Portfolio may be unaware of a REIT's

### Trustees and officers

The following are the Trustees and officers of the Trust, together with a brief description of their principal occupations during the last five years (principal occupations for certain Trustees may include periods over five years). As of the date of this SAI, none of the Trustees are "interested persons" of the Adviser as that term is defined by the 1940 Act.

Each Trustee has served in that capacity since he or she was originally elected or appointed. The Trustees do not serve a specified term of office. Each Trustee will hold office until the termination of the Trust or his or her earlier death, resignation, retirement, incapacity, or removal. Under the Portfolios' Governance Procedures and Guidelines, the policy is for Trustees to retire no later than the end of the calendar year in which the Trustee turns 75. The Trustees review the Portfolios' Governance Procedures and Guidelines from time to time and may make changes they deem appropriate. The Portfolios' Nominating and Governance Committee will consider nominees for the position of Trustee recommended by shareholders. Shareholders may submit the name of a candidate for consideration by the Committee by submitting their recommendations to the Trust's Secretary. Each Trustee is currently a Trustee of one other registered investment company advised by the Adviser: Janus Investment Fund. As of the date of this SAI, collectively, the two registered investment companies consist of 51 series or funds, referred to herein as the "Fund Complex".

The Trust's officers are elected annually by the Trustees for a one-year term. Certain officers also serve as officers of Janus Investment Fund. Certain officers of the Portfolios may also be officers and/or directors of the Adviser. Except as otherwise disclosed, Portfolio officers receive no compensation from the Portfolios, except for the Portfolios' Chief Compliance Officer, as authorized by the Trustees.

	TRUSTEES				
Name, Address, and Age Independent Trustee	Positions Held with the Trust	Length of Time Served	Principal Occupations During the Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios/Funds in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee	Other Directorships Held by Trustee During the Past Five Years
Diane L. Wallace 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1958	Trustee	6/17-Present	Retired. Formerly, Chief Operating Officer, Senior Vice President-Operations, and Chief Financial Officer for Driehaus Capital Management, LLC (1988-2006) and Treasurer for Driehaus Mutual Funds (1996-2002).	51	Formerly, Director of Family Service of Lake County (2019-2021), Independent Trustee, Henderson Global Funds (13 portfolios) (2015-2017), Independent Trustee, State Farm Associates' Funds Trust, State Farm Mutual Fund Trust, and State Farm Variable Product Trust (28 portfolios) (2013-2017).

	OFFICERS						
Name, Address, and Age	Positions Held with the Trust	Term of Office* and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupations During the Past Five Years				
Jeremiah Buckley 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1976	Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager Balanced Portfolio	12/15-Present	Portfolio Manager for other Janus Henderson accounts.				
Hamish Chamberlayne 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1980	Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager Global Sustainable Equity Portfolio	1/22-Present	Head of Global Sustainable Equities of Janus Henderson Investors and Portfolio Manager for other Janus Henderson accounts.				
Jonathan Cofsky 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1983	Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager Global Technology and Innovation Portfolio	3/22-Present	Portfolio Manager for other Janus Henderson accounts and Analyst for the Adviser.				
Brian Demain 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1977	Executive Vice President and Lead Portfolio Manager Enterprise Portfolio	11/07-Present	Portfolio Manager for other Janus Henderson accounts.				
Denny Fish 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1971	Executive Vice President and Lead Portfolio Manager Global Technology and Innovation Portfolio	1/16-Present	Head of Technology Sector of Janus Henderson Investors and Portfolio Manager for other Janus Henderson accounts.				
Michael Keough 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1978	Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager Flexible Bond Portfolio  Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager Balanced Portfolio	12/15-Present 12/19-Present	Portfolio Manager for other Janus Henderson accounts.				
Julian McManus 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1970	Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager Overseas Portfolio	1/18-Present	Portfolio Manager for other Janus Henderson accounts and Analyst for the Adviser.				

<sup>\*</sup> Officers are elected at least annually by the Trustees for a one-year term and may also be elected from time to time by the Trustees for an interim period.

	OFFICERS		
Name, Address, and Age	Positions Held with the Trust	Term of Office* and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupations During the Past Five Years
George P. Maris 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1968	Executive Vice President and Lead Portfolio Manager Overseas Portfolio	1/16-Present	Co-Head of Equities – Americas of Janus Henderson Investors and Portfolio Manager for other Janus Henderson accounts.
Matthew Peron 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1968	Executive Vice President Global Research Portfolio Executive Vice President Research Portfolio	4/20-Present 4/20-Present	Director of Research of the Adviser and Portfolio Manager for other Janus Henderson accounts. Formerly, Chief Investment Officer for City National Rochdale (2018-2020), Executive Vice President and Managing Director of Global Equity at Northern Trust (2005-2018).
Kevin Preloger 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1975	Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager Mid Cap Value Portfolio	4/13-Present	Portfolio Manager for other Janus Henderson accounts.
A. Douglas Rao 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1974	Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager Forty Portfolio	6/13-Present	Portfolio Manager for other Janus Henderson accounts.
Brian Recht 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1987	Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager Forty Portfolio	3/22-Present	Portfolio Manager for other Janus Henderson accounts and Analyst for the Adviser.
Nick Schommer 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1978	Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager Forty Portfolio	1/16-Present	Portfolio Manager for other Janus Henderson accounts.
Aaron Scully 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1976	Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager Global Sustainable Equity Portfolio	1/22-Present Denver, CO 80 DOB: 1978 Denver, CO 80	Portfolio Manager for other Janus 206
Justin Tugman 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1973	Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager Mid Cap Value Portfolio		91612.5(Portfolio Manager fCody Wheat[Analyst for the)

	OFFICERS					
Name, Address, and Age	Positions Held with the Trust	Term of Office* and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupations During the Past Five Years			
Michelle Rosenberg 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1973						

**Alan A. Brown:** Service as Executive Vice President and as Chief Marketing Officer of a leading investment management firm, a corporate and fund director, and as an executive with a private equity real estate investment management firm, and a Portfolio Independent Trustee since 2013 and Independent Chairman of the Board of Trustees since 2022.

**Cheryl D. Alston:** Service as Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer of a large public pension fund, and service on not-for-profit and corporate boards.

**William D. Cvengros:** Service as Chief Executive Officer and President of a leading publicly traded investment management firm, Chief Investment Officer of a major life insurance company, a corporate and fund director, and in various capacities with private investment firms, and a Portfolio Independent Trustee since 2011.

Raudline Etienne: Service as Deputy Controller and Chief Investment Officer of a large public pension fund, Senior Vice

### Committees of the Board

The Board of Trustees has six standing committees that each perform specialized functions: an Audit Committee, Investment Oversight Committee, Nominating and Governance Committee, Operations Committee, Product and Distribution Committee, and Trading and Pricing Committee. The table below shows the committee members as of the date of this SAI. The composition of certain committees was different throughout the fiscal year. Each committee is comprised entirely of

Summary of Functions	Members (Independent Trustees)	Number of Meetings Held During Last Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2022

Name of Person, Position	Aggregate Compensation from the Portfolios for fiscal year ended December 31, 2022	Total Compensation from the Fund Complex for calendar year ended December 31, 2022 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>
Independent Trustees		
Alan A. Brown, Chairman and Trustee (3)(4)	\$7,769	\$450,827
Cheryl D. Alston, Trustee <sup>(5)</sup>	\$2,297	\$133,364
William D. Cvengros, Trustee <sup>(4)</sup>	\$5,835	\$338,500
Raudline Etienne, Trustee <sup>(4)</sup>	\$5,801	\$336,500
Darrell B. Jackson, Trustee <sup>(5)</sup>	\$2,470	\$143,364
William F. McCalpin, Trustee and Former Chairman <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	\$6,977	\$404,673
Gary A. Poliner, Trustee <sup>(4)</sup>	\$5,852	\$339,500
Diane L. Wallace, Trustee <sup>(4)</sup>	\$6,334	\$367,500
Linda S. Wolf, Former Trustee <sup>(6)</sup>	\$6,015	\$349,000

<sup>(1)</sup> For all Trustees, includes compensation for service on the boards of two Adviser trusts comprised of 51 portfolios.
(2) Total Compensation received from the Fund Complex includes any amounts deferred under the ed under lex incl2618(Al. T thes.)T5

		Other Registered Investment Companies	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	Other Accounts
A. Douglas Rao	Number of Other Accounts Managed	4 <sup>(15)</sup>	4 <sup>(16)</sup>	18 <sup>(17)</sup>
	Assets in Other Accounts Managed	\$15,331.71M	\$1,197.93M	\$3,791.09M
Brian Recht	Number of Other Accounts Managed	4 <sup>(15)</sup>	4 <sup>(16)</sup>	16 <sup>(18)</sup>
	Assets in Other Accounts Managed	\$15,331.71M	\$1,197.93M	\$3,300.71M
Nick Schommer	Number of Other Accounts Managed	5 <sup>(19)</sup>	5 <sup>(16)</sup>	20 <sup>(20)</sup>
	Assets in Other Accounts Managed	\$19,412.82M	\$1,216.03M	\$3,801.26M
Aaron Scully	Number of Other Accounts Managed Assets in Other Accounts Managed	\$ 119.66M	4 \$3,306.30M	\$ 52.78M
Justin Tugman	Number of Other Accounts Managed Assets in Other Accounts Managed	4 <sup>(21)</sup> \$ 4,865.39M	2 \$ 172.36M	\$ 184.17M
Cody Wheaton	Number of Other Accounts Managed	5 <sup>(5)</sup>	None	8 <sup>(6)</sup>
	Assets in Other Accounts Managed	\$19,041.62M	None	\$1,627.07M
Greg Wilensky	Number of Other Accounts Managed	6 <sup>(1)</sup>	8 <sup>(7)</sup>	9 <sup>(23)</sup>
	Assets in Other Accounts Managed	\$28,681.95M	\$7,900.96M	\$ 988.43M

- (1) Two accounts included in the total, consisting of \$2,303.84M of the total assets of the category, have performance-based advisory fees.
- (2) One account included in the total, consisting of \$72.35M of the total assets of the category, has a performance-based advisory fee.
- (3) One account included in the total, consisting of \$54.51M of the total assets of the category, has a performance-based advisory fee.
- (4) One account included in the total, consisting of \$106.77M of the total assets of the category, has a performance-based advisory fee.
- (5) Four accounts included in the total, consisting of \$2,554.69M of the total assets of the category, have performance-based advisory fees.
- (6) Seven accounts included in the total, consisting of \$1,598.56M of the total assets of the category, have performance-based advisory fees.
- (7) Two accounts included in the total, consisting of \$407.22M of the total assets of the category, have performance-based advisory fees.
- (8) Eleven accounts included in the total, consisting of \$1,195.82M of the total assets of the category, have performance-based advisory fees.
- (9) One account included in the total, consisting of \$2,044.72M of the total assets of the category, has a performance-based advisory fee.
- (10) Two accounts included in the total, consisting of \$16,889.46M of the total assets of the category, have performance-based advisory fees.
- (11) Three accounts included in the total, consisting of \$458.88M of the total assets of the category, have performance-based advisory fees.
- (12) Ten accounts included in the total, consisting of \$813.49M of the total assets of the category, have performance-based advisory fees.
- (13) Two accounts included in the total, consisting of \$2,173.87M of the total assets of the category, have performance-based advisory fees. (14) Three accounts included in the total, consisting of \$100.55M of the total assets of the category, have performance-based advisory fees.
- (15) Four accounts included in the total, consisting of \$15,331.71M of the total assets of the category, have performance-based advisory fees.
- (16) One account included in the total, consisting of \$55.52M of the total assets of the category, has a performance-based advisory fee. (17) Fifteen accounts included in the total, consisting of \$2,977.33M of the total assets of the category, have performance-based advisory fees.
- (18) Fourteen accounts included in the total, consisting of \$2,517.29M of the total assets of the category, have performance-based advisory fees.
- (19) Five accounts included in the total, consisting of \$19,412.82M of the total assets of the category, have performance-based advisory fees.
- (20) Seventeen accounts included in the total, consisting of \$2,987.50M of the total assets of the category, have performance-based advisory fees.
- (21) Three accounts included in the total, consisting of \$4,776.60M of the total assets of the category, have performance-based advisory fees.
- (22) Four accounts included in the total, consisting of \$184.17M of the total assets of the category, have performance-based advisory fees.
- (23) Eight accounts included in the total, consisting of \$886.29M of the total assets of the category, have performance-based advisory fees.

#### **Material Conflicts**

As shown in the table above, portfolio management generally manages other accounts, including accounts that may hold the same securities as or pursue investment strategies similar to the Portfolios. Those other accounts may include separately managed accounts, model or emulation accounts, Janus Henderson mutual funds and ETFs, private-label funds for which the Adviser or an affiliate serves as subadviser, or other Janus Henderson pooled investment vehicles, such as hedge funds, which to take full advantage of that opportunity due to the need to allocate that opportunity among other accounts also managed by such portfolio management. A conflict may also arise if portfolio management executes transactions in one or more accounts that adversely impact the value of securities held by a Portfolio.

The Adviser believes that these and other conflicts are mitigated by policies, procedures, and practices in place, including those governing personal trading, proprietary trading and seed capital deployment, aggregation and allocation of trades, allocation of limited offerings, cross trades, and best execution. In addition, the Adviser generally requires portfolio management to manage accounts with similar investment strategies in a similar fashion, subject to a variety of exceptions, including, but not limited to, investment restrictions or policies applicable only to certain accounts, certain portfolio holdings that may be transferred in-kind when an account is opened, differences in cash flows and account sizes, and similar factors. The Adviser monitors accounts with similar strategies for any holdings, risk, or performance dispersion or unfair treatment.

The Adviser and its affiliates generate trades throughout the day, depending on the volume of orders received from portfolio management, for all of its clients using trade system software. Trades are pre-allocated to individual clients and submitted to selected brokers via electronic files, in alignment with the Adviser's best execution policy. If an order is not completely filled, executed shares are allocated to client accounts in proportion to the order. In addition, the Adviser has adopted trade allocation procedures that govern allocation of securities among various Janus Henderson accounts. Trade allocation and personal trading are described in further detail under "Additional Information About the Adviser".

# JANUS HENDERSON PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT COMPENSATION INFORMATION

The following describes the structure and method of calculating portfolio management's compensation as of December 31, 2022.

Portfolio management is compensated for managing a Portfolio and any other funds, portfolios, or

Portfolio Managers	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Portfolio(s) Managed	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund Complex
Jeremiah Buckley	None	Over \$1,000,000
Hamish Chamberlayne	None	None
Jonathan Cofsky	None	\$500,001-\$1,000,000
Brian Demain	None	Over \$1,000,000
Denny Fish	None	Over \$1,000,000
Michael Keough	None	Over \$1,000,000
Julian McManus	None	Over \$1,000,000
George P. Maris	None	Over \$1,000,000
Matthew Peron	None	Over \$1,000,000
Kevin Preloger	None	Over \$1,000,000
A. Douglas Rao	None	Over \$1,000,000
Brian Recht	None	\$500,001-\$1,000,000
Nick Schommer	None	Over \$1,000,000
Aaron Scully	None	\$500,001-\$1,000,000
Justin Tugman	None	Over \$1,000,000
Cody Wheaton	None	Over \$1,000,000
Greg Wilensky	None	Over \$1,000,000

Portfolio Name	Shareholder and Address of Record	Percentage Ownership
Overseas Portfolio	Pruco Life Insurance Company Newark, NJ	26.98%
	American General Life Insurance Co. Houston, TX	13.41%
	Jefferson National Life Insurance Louisville, KY	13.04%
	GE Life & Annuity Company (GELAAC) Richmond, VA	12.66%
	Transamerica Life Insurance Company TPLIC – Acct B Cedar Rapids, IA	5.94%
	Annuity Investors Life Insurance Co. Cincinnati, OH	5.83%
Balanced Portfolio	Zurich American Life Insurance Co. Variable Annuity Separate Account Mercer Island, WA	14.81%
	GE Life & Annuity Company (GELAAC) Richmond, VA	14.01%
	Jefferson National Life Insurance Louisville, KY	12.28%
	Allstate Life Insurance Palatine, IL	9.51%
	Annuity Investors Life Insurance Co. Cincinnati, OH	8.85%
	Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. Lincoln Life Flexible Premium Variable Life Account S Fort Wayne, IN	5.31%
Enterprise Portfolio	Jefferson National Life Insurance Louisville, KY	12.17%
	Fidelity Investments Institutional Operations Co. Inc. As Agent for Certain Employee Ben Plans Covington, KY	10.17%
	NYLife Distributors Jersey City, NJ	9.98%
	Allstate Life Insurance Palatine, IL	9.12%
	Zurich American Life Insurance Co. Variable Annuity Separate Account Mercer Island, WA	8.82%
	GE Life & Annuity Company (GELAAC) Richmond, VA	7.88%
	Transamerica Life Insurance Company TPLIC – Acct B Cedar Rapids, IA	5.46%

Portfolio Name	<b>Shareholder and Address of Record</b>	Percentage Ownership
Forty Portfolio	Farmers New World Life Ins. Co. Mercer Island, WA	10.19%
	GE Life & Annuity Company (GELAAC) Richmond, VA	9.83%
	Mass Mutual Life Insurance Co. Springfield, MA	8.93%
	Farmers New World Life Ins. Co. Mercer Island, WA	8.24%
	Transamerica Life Insurance Company TPLIC - Acct B Cedar Rapids, IA	6.96%
	Connecticut Mutual Life Ins. Co. Springfield, MA	5.29%
Research Portfolio	Pruco Life Insurance Company Newark, NJ	20.89%
	Pruco Life Insurance Company Newark, NJ	11.30%
	GE Life & Annuity Company (GELAAC) Richmond, VA	10.67%
	Allstate Life Insurance Palatine, IL	10.49%
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# DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE TO THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF JANUS ASPEN SE (AUDITED)

The following audited financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2022 are hereby incorporated into this SAI by reference to the Portfolios' Annual Reports dated December 31, 2022, as applicable.

- Schedules of Investments as of December 31, 2022
- Statements of Assets and Liabilities as of December 31, 2022
- Statements of Operations for the period ended December 31, 2022
- Statements of Changes in Net Assets for each of the periods indicated
- Financial Highlights for each of the periods indicated
- · Notes to Schedules of Investments
- Notes to Financial Statements
- Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The portions of an Annual Report that are not specifically listed above are not incorporated by reference into this SAI and are not part of the Registration Statement.

# **EXPLANATION OF RATING CATEGORIES**

The following information provided is a general summary of credit ratings issued by the three major credit rating agencies. Additional information regarding each credit rating agency's rating methodology can be found by visiting that credit rating agency's respective website.

# STANDARD & POOR'S RATINGS SERVICES

<b>Bond Rating</b>	Explanation
Investment Grade	
AAA	Highest rating; extremely strong capacity to meet financial commitment.
AA	High quality; very strong capacity to meet financial commitment.
A	Strong capacity to meet financial commitment, but more subject to adverse economic conditions.
BBB	Adequate capacity to meet financial commitment, but more subject to adverse economic conditions.
Non-Investment Grade	
BB	 Less vulnerable in the near term but faces major ongoing uncertainties to adverse business, financial, or economic conditions.
B	$. \ . More \ vulnerable \ to \ adverse \ business, \ financial, \ or \ economic \ conditions \ but \ currently \ has \ the \ capacity \ to \ meet \ financial \ commitment.$
CCC	Currently vulnerable and dependent on favorable business, financial, and economic conditions to meet its financial commitment.
CC	Highly vulnerable; default has not yet occurred, but is expected to be a virtual certainty.
C	$. \ . Currently \ highly \ vulnerable \ to \ nonpayment; \ ultimate \ recovery \ is \ expected \ to \ be \ lower \ than \ that \ of \ higher \ rated \ obligations.$
D	 Payment default on a financial commitment or breach of an imputed promise; also used when a bankrupt cypetition has been filed.
FITCH, INC.	
Long-Term Bond Rating	Explanation
Investment Grade	
AAA	$. \ . Highest \ credit \ quality. \ Denotes \ the \ lowest \ expectation \ of \ credit \ risk. \ Exceptionally \ strong \ capacity \ for \ payment \ of \ financial \ commitments.$
AA	Very high credit quality. Denotes expectations of very low credit risk. Very strong capacity for payment of financial commitments.
A	High credit quality. Denotes expectations of low credit risk. Strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. May be more vulnerable to changes in circumstances or in economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings.
BBB	Good credit quality. Currently expectations of low credit risk. Capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered adequate, but adverse changes in circumstances and economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity than is the case for higher ratings.

BB	.Speculative. Indicates possibility of credit risk developing, particularly as the result of adverse economic change over time. Business or financial alternatives may be available to allow financial commitments to be met.
B	.Highly speculative. May indicate distressed or defaulted obligations with potential for extremely high recoveries.
CCC	.May indicate distressed or defaulted obligations with potential for superior to average levels of recovery.
CC	.May indicate distressed or defaulted obligations with potential for average or below-average levels of recovery.
$C\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots$	.May indicate distressed or defaulted obligations with potential for below-average to poor recoveries.
D	In default

### MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE, INC.

Bond Rating*	Explanation
Investment Grade	
Aaa	. Judged to be of the highest quality, with minimal risk.
Aa	. Judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk.
A	Considered upper-medium grade and are subject to low credit risk.
Baa	Subject to moderate credit risk; considered medium-grade and as such may possess speculative characteristics.
Non-Investment Grade	
Ba	. Judged to have speculative elements and are subject to substantial credit risk.
В	Considered speculative and are subject to high credit risk.
Caa	. Judged to be in poor standing and are subject to very high credit risk.
Ca	Highly speculative and are likely in or very near default with some prospect of recovery in principal and interest.
C	Lowest rated class of bonds and are typically in default with little prospect for recovery of principal and interest.

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.

Unrated securities will be treated as non-investment grade securities unless portfolio management determines that such securities are the equivalent of investment grade securities. When calculating the quality assigned to securities that receive different ratings from two or more agencies ("split-rated securities"), the security will receive: (i) the middle rating from the three reporting agencies if three agencies provide a rating for the security or (ii) the lowest rating 9.4nyn1cies pr

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