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This brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. If you have any questions, you can contact us in writing at 280 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017 or call (212) 832-3232. The information that follows has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") or by any state securities authority.

Additional information about Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. is also available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

Any reference to Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. as a registered investment advisor or registered entity refers to registration with the SEC or other regulatory agency and does not imply a certain level of skill or training.

### Item 2: **Material Changes**

This section of the Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. (“Cohen & Steers” or the “firm”) brochure highlights and discusses only specific material changes that have been made to this brochure since its last update.

**Items 6 and 8** – Removed the description of the Global Real Estate Long-Short Strategy in these Items and various other references to this strategy throughout the document.

**Item 10** – Removed the reference to Cohen & Steers Europe S.A. as an affiliated investment advisor as this entity no longer provides subadvisory services or other support to Cohen & Steers or its clients.

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### Item 4: **Advisory Business**

Cohen & Steers is a global investment manager with a focus on real assets, including real estate, infrastructure and commodities. Headquartered in New York City, with offices in Tokyo and Seattle and affiliated investment advisors located in London, Brussels and Hong Kong, Cohen & Steers serves institutional and individual investors through a wide range of investment vehicles, including institutional accounts, registered mutual funds in the US, Luxembourg, and Australia, and private funds. Certain of the strategies offered and services discussed throughout this brochure may be offered and performed by affiliates of Cohen & Steers.

Cohen & Steers provides discretionary investment advisory services to clients pursuant to written agreements. The terms of such advisory services, including any restrictions on investments in certain types of securities, are established by the firm, as modified through negotiations with clients, and they are set forth in the agreement and/or any offering documents, organizational documents and/or other documentation applicable to certain investment vehicles. Generally, client portfolios follow Cohen & Steers' standard guidelines, but the client may customize portfolios in certain situations. Examples of such customization include the use of a benchmark different from that of the strategy's standard benchmark or the exclusion of certain securities from the portfolio.

Cohen & Steers is a wholly owned subsidiary of Cohen & Steers, Inc., a public company in which Martin Cohen and Robert Steers, co-chairmen and co-chief executive officer, each have a controlling interest. Cohen & Steers was registered with the SEC on July 1986. As of June 30, 2013, Cohen & Steers, together with its affiliates, managed \$47.8 billion in client assets, all of which is managed on a discretionary basis.

### Item 5: **Fees and Compensation**

#### *Separate Accounts*

For institutional separate accounts (hereinafter referred to as "accounts" or "portfolios"), Cohen & Steers generally charges fees based on contractually specified percentages of the assets of each client's portfolio. In certain circumstances Cohen & Steers may additionally receive a performance-based fee. An account's assets upon which fees are assessed may include positions that are "fair valued" by Cohen & Steers based upon the firm's internal written procedures when market quotations are not readily available. Cohen & Steers also receives compensation for other products and services, as described below.

#### *Registered Funds*

Cohen & Steers provides investment advisory and administrative services to the Cohen & Steers U.S. registered investment companies and sponsors pooled investment vehicles registered in Australia and Luxembourg (collectively the "Funds"). In connection with these services,

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Cohen & Steers receives fees as described in the Funds' offering documents filed with the applicable regulator. Such fees are typically assessed on a Fund's asset size.

### *Alternative Investment Strategies*

Cohen & Steers may serve as the advisor or sub-advisor of various unregistered privately offered pooled investment vehicles including non-U.S. corporations and U.S. limited partnerships offering private real estate opportunity and active commodities investment strategies. For its services, Cohen & Steers or its affiliates typically receive an asset-based fee and may also receive a performance-based fee as described in the product offering documents or as agreed to with certain investors in those products (see Item 6 for additional details regarding performance-based fees).

### *Model Portfolios*

Cohen & Steers provides investment manager services in one or more unified managed account programs or other model portfolio arrangements (collectively, "Model Portfolios") offered by various sponsors and/or other investment advisors. In connection with these Model Portfolios, Cohen & Steers provides investment recommendations in the form of model portfolios to a third party, who is responsible for executing trades for participating client accounts. These Model Portfolios differ from other client relationships in that the firm solely provides investment portfolio recommendations and no other services (i.e., trading or account administration). Cohen & Steers receives a fee based on the assets under management for the Model Portfolios.

### *UIT Consulting and Supervisory Services*

Cohen & Steers provides portfolio consulting and supervisory services to various unit investment trusts. In this role, Cohen & Steers constructs a portfolio of securities for the unit investment trust, and in certain cases, provides a license to use its name. For its services, Cohen & Steers receives a fee based upon a percentage of the trust's assets during the life of the trust.

### *Cohen & Steers Proprietary Indexes*

Cohen & Steers maintains proprietary indexes that are the basis for Exchange Traded Funds ("ETFs") sponsored by third parties and listed on foreign and/or domestic stock exchanges. In connection with each ETF, Cohen & Steers receives a license fee based upon a percentage of the ETF's assets for the use of the firm's indices.

## Fee Payments

For institutional separate accounts, Cohen & Steers receives a fee, generally billed and payable quarterly in arrears, equal to one-fourth of the annual management fee on all investment assets comprising the account at the close of business on the last day of the preceding calendar quarter or as otherwise provided in the investment management agreement. The fee is calculated on a trade-date basis using asset values provided by the account's custodian and includes accrued but unpaid dividends and interest and receivables, net of payables.

The fee is pro-rated for any billing period during which only a portion of the account is open. In general, Cohen & Steers promptly following the end of each quarter issues a statement to the client setting forth the fee for such quarter and the basis on which the fee calculation was made. The client is required to pay the fee within 30 days of receipt of the fee statement. Clients do not pay fees in advance of Cohen & Steers' providing services.

In most cases, either Cohen & Steers or the client may unilaterally terminate the investment advisory agreement on prior written notice to the other party. If an advisory relationship is terminated at a point other than the end of the specified period used to determine the market value of the account for the purposes of calculating compensation, fees will be prorated and an adjustment will be made by Cohen & Steers.

In connection with Cohen & Steers' investment advisory services, clients may pay other fees or expenses such as taxes, brokerage and custodian fees. For global accounts, custodian fees may also include fees payable to sub-custodians in local markets or individual trade ticket charges. All such fees are negotiated and payable by the client to the third party directly and do not involve Cohen & Steers. Clients will also incur brokerage and other transaction costs as part of the investment advisory services provided by Cohen & Steers. Please see Item 12 for a detailed discussion regarding such costs.

For the Funds, Cohen & Steers is paid fees as described in the Funds' offering documents.

### **Item 6: Performance-Based Fees and Side-by-Side Management**

As mentioned in Item 5 above, Cohen & Steers may be paid a performance-based fee for managing certain portfolios.

Side-by-side management of accounts with different fee structures could incentivize Cohen & Steers to favor the accounts that pay performance-based fees, or to choose investments that are riskier or more speculative than might otherwise have been chosen for those accounts. Similarly, Cohen & Steers may also have an incentive to favor accounts in which it and/or its employees may own a substantial interest. To mitigate these conflicts, the firm's policies and procedures seek to ensure that investment personnel make decisions based on the best interests of clients, without consideration of the firm's personal or pecuniary interests.

### **Item 7: Types of Clients**

Cohen & Steers serves a wide range of institutional clients, including endowments and foundations, corporate and public defined benefit and defined contribution plans, insurance, Taft-Hartley plans, sub-advisory relationships and registered and unregistered pooled investment vehicles such as mutual funds, closed-end funds and private funds. Cohen & Steers' Funds are used by institutions, registered investment advisors, and individuals. Cohen & Steers' U.S.

registered funds are distributed in the U.S. by Cohen & Steers Securities, LLC, affiliate of Cohen & Steers and an SEC registered broker-dealer.

Separate account minimums vary by strategy and are generally \$10 million or greater. Limits may be waived, at the firm's discretion. Funds impose minimum initial investment and subsequent minimum investment amounts as stated in their offering documents.

### **Item 8: Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss**

Below is a description of the current investment strategies managed by Cohen & Steers.

#### **Real Estate Securities**

Cohen & Steers manages various strategies that invest in global real estate investment trusts ("REITs") and other publicly traded real estate companies worldwide. We offer a Global Real Estate Securities strategy, a U.S. Real Estate Securities strategy and non-U.S. real estate securities strategies including International (Global ex-U.S.), Europe and Emerging Market Real Estate Securities strategies. The firm also manages custom portfolios which take into account specific client guidelines.

*Method of Analysis:* In managing client portfolios, the real estate team adheres predominately to a bottom-up, relative value investment process. To guide the portfolio construction process, the real estate team uses a proprietary valuation model that quantifies relative valuation of real estate securities based on price-to-net asset value (NAV), and a dividend discount model (DDM), which we believe are the primary determinants of real estate security valuation. Analysts incorporate both quantitative and qualitative analysis in their NAV and DDM estimates. The research process includes an evaluation of management, strategy, property quality, financial strength and corporate structure of each company. The team also uses a macroeconomic framework that guides implementation of country or sector over/underweights and adjusts for unique stock drivers. Judgments with respect to risk control, diversification, liquidity and other factors are considered along with the model's output and drive the portfolio managers' investment decisions.

#### **Global Listed Infrastructure**

Cohen & Steers' Global Listed Infrastructure strategy invests in securities of companies worldwide that exhibit key infrastructure characteristics, including stable cash flows, largely regulated and monopolistic businesses, and high barriers to entry. Our infrastructure subsectors include airports, pipelines, marine ports, railroads, telecommunications infrastructure, toll roads, utilities and water.

*Method of Analysis:* Cohen & Steers believes that success in global listed infrastructure investing requires a balance of top-down industry sector research and bottom-up company specific analysis. Our investment process begins with the identification of the core global infrastructure investment universe and our analysts formulate independent views on fundamentals, regulatory trends and company financials on all companies in our universe. We use a proprietary macro sector overlay,

which ranks the attractiveness of the infrastructure sub-sectors based on several key drivers—industry fundamentals, economic sensitivity, commodity price leverage, capital markets and valuation. After we establish our sector-level over- and under-weights, the portfolio managers determine appropriate security level weightings based upon the output of our analyst-driven fundamental research and valuation models.

### Large Cap Value

Cohen & Steers' Large Cap Value strategy targets high-quality stocks with sustainable cash flows and growing dividends that are trading at a discount to their long-term earnings multiple. Stocks with these qualities tend to produce superior returns with lower volatility than other diversified equity strategies. In focusing on dividend growers, the team employs a process that invests in higher-quality businesses.

*Method of Analysis:* The Large Cap Value team uses a bottom-up process to identify stocks that it believes offer the greatest potential for total return through sustainable dividend increases and capital appreciation. The investment team ranks each company based on its business model, market position and management, as well as key industry drivers, to determine its quality relative to peers. Stocks are then analyzed to determine their dividend growth potential, followed by a consistent cash-flow valuation analysis to find those that are most discounted relative to a target price. Portfolio buy and sell decisions also take into account risk controls and diversification factors. The nucleus of the portfolio consists of core value holdings that we believe represent long-term value over an investment horizon of approximately three to five years. In addition, roughly one quarter of the portfolio is allocated to opportunistic holdings that we believe offer enhanced return potential over a shorter time frame.

### Preferred Securities

Cohen & Steers' Preferred Securities strategy offers the potential for above-average income and attractive total returns, accessing the full spectrum of the preferred securities issued by U.S. and non-U.S. companies, including traditional preferred securities; hybrid preferred securities that have investment and economic characteristics of both preferred stock and debt securities; floating rate preferred securities; corporate debt securities; convertible securities; and securities of other open-end, closed-end or exchange-traded funds that invest primarily in preferred and/or debt securities markets, while managing long-term credit and interest-rate risks. The investment team conducts rigorous fundamental research by analyzing traditional credit metrics, valuing the structural features of individual securities and assessing external market values.

*Method of Analysis:* This strategy pursues its objective primarily by investing in issues of preferred and debt securities believed to be undervalued relative to credit quality and other investment characteristics. In making this determination, the firm evaluates the fundamental characteristics of an issuer, including an issuer's creditworthiness, and also takes into account prevailing market factors. In analyzing credit quality, the firm considers not only fundamental analysis, but also an issuer's corporate and capital structure and the placement of the preferred or debt securities within that structure. In evaluating relative value, the firm also takes into account call, conversion and



other structural security features, in addition to such factors as the likely directions of an issue's credit rating and relative value versus other income security classes.

### Private Real Estate Opportunity

The Global Realty Partners team manages private real estate portfolios that are diversified across countries, property types, managers and strategies. This strategy invests in distressed commercial properties often overlooked by the “mega” funds through experienced and proven, fully integrated, local operator-focused funds and co-investments, secondary fund investments and preferred equity investments. The team seeks to monitor global real estate cycles, identify successful local operators and investment managers, and target investments believed to be effectively positioned to address the real estate market's most attractive opportunities. This diversified investment strategy is designed to achieve diversification across real estate managers, property types, geographies and strategies. The team believes the key to successful real estate investing is tied to market selection and timing, knowledge of local markets and prudent manager diligence, selection and monitoring.

*Method of Analysis:* This strategy employs a top-down approach that incorporates extensive third-party macroeconomic research, the firm's proprietary global real estate market research and the investment team's direct knowledge of private market funds and managers, including comprehensive due diligence. Numerous on- and off-site meetings, detailed track record analysis, rigorous due diligence processes, and careful partner selection are also key components of the team's investment approach.

### Portfolios of Closed-End Funds

The investment objective of this strategy is total return, consisting of high current income and potential capital appreciation. The strategy seeks to achieve its objective by investing in a diversified portfolio of closed-end funds that are invested in a balanced mix of equity and fixed income securities.

*Method of Analysis:* This strategy considers a number of different factors in determining allocations to equity and fixed income investments, including fundamental, technical and quantitative analysis to assess the relative investment potential and risk of various equity/fixed income asset classes and funds. As a consequence, the percentage allocated to equity and fixed income asset classes is expected to vary. In general, this strategy seeks to identify closed-end funds that meet one or more of the following characteristics: (i) strong fundamentals, including income coverage and leverage/risk management, (ii) relatively high current income, (iii) share prices at a discount to NAV, (iv) well-regarded asset managers with strong track records, and (v) diversification of sectors and asset classes. There is no requirement that any investment satisfy all the criteria set forth above, and the portfolio manager will use discretion in selecting a portfolio of closed-end funds that the manager believes will help the portfolio meet its investment objective.

### Real Assets

Cohen & Steers Real Assets strategy (the “Real Assets strategy”) seeks to achieve attractive total returns over the long-term and to maximize real returns during inflationary periods. “Real returns” are defined as total returns adjusted for the effects of inflation. The strategy pursues its objective through investments offering exposure to “real assets,” which the strategy defines as (i) tangible assets such as commodities, real estate, natural resources, gold and other precious metals, and infrastructure; (ii) companies that own or derive a significant portion of their value from such tangible assets or the production thereof; and (iii) other assets expected to perform well during periods of high inflation. Under normal market conditions, the strategy seeks to achieve its investment objective by allocating at least 80% of its net assets to U.S. and non-U.S. investments providing exposure to or investment in the following real asset classes: (i) commodities; (ii) real estate companies, including real estate investment trusts (“REITs”); (iii) natural resource companies; (iv) gold and other precious metals; and (v) infrastructure companies. The strategy may also invest in certain short-term fixed income securities and currencies which would be expected to perform well during periods of high inflation and to reduce portfolio volatility.

*Method of Analysis:* The Real Assets strategy is actively managed by Cohen & Steers. Cohen & Steers’ investment philosophy, based upon its in-depth research into the historical performance, characteristics and long-term fundamental outlook of real assets, is to construct a diversified portfolio comprised of a combination of real asset classes. Cohen & Steers employs a committee consisting of senior management (the “Allocation Committee”) to determine the percentage of the strategy’s assets to be allocated to each asset class within established allocation ranges. On a periodic basis the Allocation Committee will review and may adjust the specific allocation ranges based upon its judgment of economic, market and regulatory conditions.

### Master Limited Partnerships

Cohen & Steers Master Limited Partnerships (“MLPs”) strategy invests in publicly traded partnerships primarily in the North American midstream energy sector. We define the midstream energy sector as companies whose principal source of revenue is activities related to the storage, transportation, and/or processing of crude oil, natural gas, and/or natural gas liquids. Many of the companies that operate in these industries are structured as MLPs and as a result, offer an investment opportunity that is distinct from other types of securities.

*Method of Analysis:* In managing client portfolios, the MLP team adheres to a combination of bottom-up and top-down investment analysis. Our analysts formulate independent views on fundamentals (e.g. business mix, geographic footprint, contract types, commodity exposure), regulatory trends and financial outlooks on all companies in our universe. Our primary valuation metric is a proprietary distribution discount model, which the portfolio managers use to identify relative value within the universe and which ultimately helps determine security-level weightings. Our secondary valuation metrics include EV-to-EBITDA multiples and price-to-distributable cash flow multiples. We also overlay our macro views on the various businesses within the midstream energy sector.

### Active Commodities

Cohen & Steers Active Commodities strategy invests in commodities primarily through exchange listed commodity futures contracts. Commodities have tangible properties and are used in commerce, such as fuels (e.g., crude oil, natural gas or gasoline), precious and industrial metals, livestock and agricultural products. In addition to investing in futures, the team may opportunistically invest in commodities by utilizing other derivatives, such as options or swaps, or by utilizing exchange traded products (ETPs).

*Method of Analysis:* The team begins with a universe of commodities that meet their screens for liquidity. From that universe, they conduct in-depth fundamental analysis into global supply and demand, marginal cost, inventories, market participant analysis and pricing trends. External research sources include sell side research, strategic relationships with independent commodity specialists, and physical market participants (producers and consumers). Based on a thorough and on-going discussion of this bottom-up research, the team expresses their conviction level through active positioning via over- and underweights relative to the benchmark, out-of-benchmark positions, relative long-short spread trades, dynamic rolling, and optimal curve positioning. As this is an actively managed strategy, changes to portfolio position weights may occur daily based on varying fundamentals impacting the underlying commodities.

### Risk of Loss

Investing in securities and other financial instruments involves a risk of loss, including the potential loss of the entire investment, that clients should be prepared to bear. All investment strategies carry some degree of investment, regulatory, market, and political risk. Additional risks apply specifically to particular investment strategies or investments in different types of securities. Material risks related to each of the firm's strategies are set forth in [Appendix A](#). Investors in registered investment companies or private funds should review the prospectuses and offering documents for additional information about risks associated with investment in those products.

### Item 9: Disciplinary Information

Cohen & Steers, including its affiliated entities and management persons<sup>1</sup>, has not engaged in any activities or events resulting in legal or disciplinary action.

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<sup>1</sup> Management persons include anyone with the power to exercise, directly or indirectly, a controlling influence over the firm's management policies, or to determine the general advice given to the clients of the firm.

### Item 10: Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

Cohen & Steers, including its affiliated entities or a third party may, when acting in commercial capacities, take steps in their own interests which may be adverse to a client's interests.

#### Affiliated Broker-Dealer

Cohen & Steers Securities, LLC ("Securities"), an affiliate of Cohen & Steers, is registered with the SEC as a broker-dealer and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"). Securities is a limited purpose broker-dealer, functioning primarily as the distributor of the Cohen & Steers U.S.-registered mutual funds as well as engaging in sales and servicing activities for private funds sponsored by Cohen & Steers.

Funds distributed by Securities may pay investment management, administrative or distribution fees or sales commissions (including 12b-1 fees, loads or contingent deferred sales charges) to Securities.

FINRA-licensed personnel of Securities conduct sales activity in accordance with firm procedures. Cohen & Steers does not direct any trades to trading partners because of Fund sales, and the compliance department monitors trading activity for evidence of this prohibited practice. The firm carefully manages this affiliation and does not believe it would lead to any conflicts of interest with the investment management of client accounts.

#### Affiliated Investment Advisors

There are currently two (2) registered investment advisors affiliated with Cohen & Steers: Cohen & Steers Asia Limited ("CSAL") and Cohen & Steers UK Limited ("CSUK"), who may serve as investment subadvisor or provide other services to Cohen & Steers, Funds sponsored by Cohen & Steers, and separate accounts managed by Cohen & Steers pursuant to sub-advisory agreements and other arrangements between Cohen & Steers and these entities. In this capacity, these affiliated investment advisors provide investment advisory, trading and/or research services in connection with managing the investments of a client's account. For their services, Cohen & Steers pays each affiliated advisor an advisory fee based on a portion of the account's average assets, as agreed among these entities.

The affiliated investment advisors above share common resources with the firm, including but not limited to legal and compliance, investment administration, human resources and corporate finance support. CSUK and CSAL also employ trading desks that may execute transactions in the global markets for the firm's Funds and accounts pursuant to the sub advisory arrangements mentioned above. All affiliated investment advisors conduct their activities on the same instance of Cohen & Steers' trade order management and compliance systems facilitating global compliance oversight.

#### Affiliated Funds and Limited Partnerships

Certain employees of Cohen & Steers may serve as officers and directors for Funds in which the firm serves as investment advisor or sponsor. Officers and employees of Cohen & Steers also serve as officers and directors of certain private funds that pay fees to Cohen & Steers, including

performance fees. It is possible that the Cohen & Steers officers and employees who serve as officers and directors may have potential conflicts of interest with these Funds or private funds. Each Cohen & Steers officer or employee who serves as an officer or director of a Fund or private fund is mindful of his or her obligations to the Fund or private fund and will endeavor to ensure that such conflicts are resolved fairly.

In addition, affiliated entities of Cohen & Steers may also act as the general partner for limited partnerships managed by Cohen & Steers in which clients may be solicited to invest.

Cohen & Steers sponsors a Luxembourg-based investment fund with multiple portfolios for which an affiliate serves as investment advisor and distributor. Cohen & Steers is also the sub-advisor for various other unaffiliated pooled investment vehicles.

### Unaffiliated Third Parties

Subject to applicable law, Cohen & Steers may from time to time and without notice to its clients retain third parties to provide certain services in connection with the administration, analysis or management of client accounts. This may result in additional conflicts of interest.

Cohen & Steers may make information about portfolio positions available to unrelated third parties without identifying the client. These third parties may use that information to provide additional market analysis and research to Cohen & Steers. Cohen & Steers may use that market analysis and research to provide investment advice to clients other than the client whose portfolio positions were used for the analysis.

Cohen & Steers may purchase access to information such as subscriptions to periodicals, participation in conferences, research papers, and access to surveys from organizations affiliated with professional consultant firms that advise potential Cohen & Steers clients. Cohen & Steers does not make payments to these firms conditioned on favorable evaluations of Cohen & Steers and payments are not made to reward these firms for client referrals. Nonetheless, these firms may believe that they have a financial incentive to give favorable evaluations of Cohen & Steers to their clients and may therefore operate as if they are faced with a conflict of interest. Clients should inquire of their consultants as to whether Cohen & Steers purchases or receives any information from such consultant or an affiliate thereof.

## Item 11: Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Personal Trading

### Code of Ethics

Cohen & Steers has adopted a Code of Ethics (the "Code"), which sets forth guidelines regarding the conduct of the firm and its employees. The Code, among other restrictions, prohibits employees from owning real estate securities and requires employees to obtain preclearance from the compliance department for most personal transactions. Employees are also subject to a 30-day

holding period and investment personnel are subject to a blackout period when trading the same security in both personal and client accounts. Using an automated system, Cohen & Steers' legal and compliance department oversees employee personal securities trading activities. Employees who violate the Code may be subject to remedial actions, including, but not limited to, verbal or written reprimand, profit disgorgement, fines, censure, demotion, suspension or dismissal. Employees are also required to promptly report any violation of the Code of which they become aware.

A copy of the Code is available upon request by contacting Cohen & Steers in writing at 280 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017 or by calling (212) 832-3232.

### Participation or Interest in Client Transactions

Cohen & Steers generally does not act as principal buying securities from (or selling securities to) client accounts. However, Cohen & Steers may recommend to clients securities in which the firm has a material financial interest. A description of these situations is set forth below.

#### *Cohen & Steers Investment Companies*

Cohen & Steers provides investment advisory and administrative services to U.S. registered investment companies in which clients are solicited to invest. As investment advisor, Cohen & Steers furnishes a continuous investment program for each Fund's portfolio and manages the Fund's investments in accordance with the stated policies of the Fund, subject to the general supervision of the board of directors of each Fund. As administrator, Cohen & Steers provides administrative services necessary for the operations of the Fund, including furnishing office space and facilities required for conducting the business of the Fund. In connection with these services, Cohen & Steers receives fees as described in the Funds' registration statements filed with the SEC. Such fees are assessed on an account's assets under management that may include positions that are "fair valued" by Cohen & Steers, based upon the firm's internal written procedures, when market quotations are not readily available.

Cohen & Steers also sponsors pooled investment vehicles registered in Australia and Luxembourg, acts as the advisor or sub-advisor to certain of the portfolios within these vehicles and receives a management fee based upon a percentage of assets. It also acts as distributor to these investment vehicles and may collect a fee for these distribution services that it may share with sub-distributors or investors who assist in distribution of interests in these vehicles or otherwise provide services to these vehicles. In addition, certain employees of Cohen & Steers may provide administration, marketing, and legal and compliance assistance to these entities. Investment in these vehicles is currently limited to retail investors in select non-U.S. countries and non-U.S. persons who qualify as institutional or professional investors under relevant local law.

#### *Private Funds*

Investment opportunities in Private Funds sponsored by Cohen & Steers may be offered to existing clients. For its services to these Private Funds, Cohen & Steers receives an asset-based



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management fee and it, or an affiliate, may receive a performance-based incentive allocation fee provided a Fund's performance exceeds certain disclosed thresholds.

### *Cohen & Steers Proprietary Indexes*

Cohen & Steers may make revisions to its clients' portfolios that correlate, either wholly or partly, to changes that the firm makes in the indexes which are maintained by the firm and independently calculated by Standard & Poor's ("S&P"). Cohen & Steers restricts trading in client accounts for the period between the time when decisions have been made to modify the indexes (additions and deletions) and when those modifications have been made public either through press release or posting on the S&P website. Any delay in posting to the S&P website or issuing a press release, however, could negatively impact client portfolios to the extent Cohen & Steers is delayed in effecting changes the firm otherwise would make in a client's portfolio.

### Proprietary/Personal Trading

#### *Cohen & Steers Advisor Accounts*

Cohen & Steers maintains one or more accounts ("Advisor Accounts") that may be cash or investment accounts or seeded or incubating investments intended to build an investment track record. These Advisor Accounts are managed by portfolio managers who may also manage certain client accounts. Securities held and traded in the Advisor Accounts also may be held and traded in one or more client accounts. It is the firm's policy, however, not to put the interests of the Advisor Accounts ahead of the interests of client accounts. Because certain Advisor Accounts may be managed with different objectives and time horizons, it is possible that a security will be sold out of the Advisor Accounts but continue to be held for one or more client accounts. There may also be situations in which the reverse is true. In situations when this occurs, such security will remain in a client account only if Cohen & Steers, acting in its reasonable judgment and consistent with its fiduciary duties, believes this is appropriate and consistent with the objectives and profile of the client account.

#### *Cohen & Steers Employee Transactions*

The Code of Ethics places restrictions on securities that Cohen & Steers' employees may buy or sell for their own accounts which may also be bought or sold for client accounts. These restrictions include: (i) no personal trading in real estate securities, (ii) no buying or selling securities other than real estate securities on the same day there is a pending client order for such security, and (iii) for investment personnel only, no buying or selling securities in a personal account for three days before and one day after a transaction in the same security in a client portfolio they manage. These restrictions also apply to related securities including warrants, options and futures.

#### *Material Non-Public Information*

In connection with its activities, Cohen & Steers may receive information that is not generally available to the public. Cohen & Steers is not obligated to make such information available to its

clients or to use such information to effect transactions for its clients. Also, at times, the firm's officers or employees may come into possession of material, non-public information. Under applicable law, Cohen & Steers is prohibited from improperly disclosing or using such information, including for the benefit of a client. When it is in possession of material non-public information, Cohen & Steers may be prohibited from making certain securities transactions for its clients even when it would be beneficial to those clients to do so. The firm's procedures include, but are not limited to, restricting firm trading in certain securities while the firm is in possession of material, non-public information, mandatory annual training on inside information for all firm employees, and reporting of the receipt of material, non-public information by employees to the legal and compliance department in order to minimize the impact this information may have on trading in client accounts.

### Item 12: Brokerage Practices

#### Broker Selection

Cohen & Steers considers a range of factors when deciding where and how to place orders for execution on behalf of its clients, including price, cost, speed, liquidity, likelihood of settlement, the nature of the order, transparency of the market and other market considerations. The firm also considers the full range of a broker's services, including execution capabilities, commission rates, financial responsibility, administrative resources, quality of research and responsiveness.

The Trading Committee oversees all policies and procedures related to the trading process including best execution, broker approvals, research services, trade allocation and the resolution of trade errors. New brokers are approved by the Trading Committee prior to initiating a trading relationship and reviewed on an annual basis thereafter. A tiered structure has been put in place whereby only the most stable brokers, as determined by the Trading Committee, are authorized to trade the highest risk security or transaction types such as OTC derivatives or trades in emerging market regions. At the time of initial approval, the Trading Committee reviews broker financials, available regulatory filings and firm-level credit rating, if any, and the results of a background check performed by the compliance department.

#### Research and Other Soft Dollar Benefits

Cohen & Steers uses client brokerage commissions to obtain investment research or brokerage services ("soft dollar services") and obtains a benefit because the firm does not have to produce or pay for such research or services. Cohen & Steers may have an incentive to select or recommend a broker-dealer based on its interest in receiving the research or other products or services in addition to the interests of clients in receiving most favorable execution. However, in all instances, the primary consideration when placing an order with a broker is overall best execution.

All soft dollar services qualify for the safe harbor in section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and other applicable laws and regulations and include proprietary research provided by full



service brokers as well as eligible services provided by third parties. Such services include research reports on companies, industries and securities; meetings with company management; conferences with industry professionals; economic and financial data; financial publications; web or computer based market data; research-oriented computer software and services; and brokerage services facilitating the communication of trade order information to counterparties and custodians.

Some services for which soft dollars are utilized are used across multiple strategies, others are strategy specific. Proprietary research is provided by certain brokers with whom we trade. Those brokers who provide proprietary research receive commissions at the “full service” rate.

Cohen & Steers pays these brokers in accordance with its standard, full service commission schedule that is higher than the schedule for those brokers providing only execution services. In addition to providing proprietary research, brokers receiving commissions in accordance with the full service commission schedule may also exhibit a willingness to commit capital, provide best in class service for execution, access to liquidity, market intelligence and other capabilities we believe warrant additional compensation. In all cases, all accounts participating in a transaction will pay the same commission rate regardless of counterparty.

Cohen & Steers has negotiated Client Commission Arrangements (“CCAs”) with several large, well known brokerage firms. Our CCAs are linked to the electronic trading venues of these brokers, and the negotiated commission rates for these arrangements are lower than those for full service brokers. Pursuant to the CCAs, a predetermined portion of the commission goes towards execution of the trade and the remainder is applied to a commission credit account which is used to pay for eligible third party soft dollar services. Cohen & Steers may compensate brokers through CCA’s rather than directing trades to the proprietary trading desks of certain research providers. The soft dollar services received may benefit multiple clients, including those whose commissions were not utilized to purchase the service.

Cohen & Steers may utilize soft dollars to purchase services that are not 100% eligible for the Rule 28(e) safe harbor. In these circumstances, a mixed-use allocation is proposed to and approved by the Trading Committee. The allocation would designate the percentage portion of the service that is eligible for payment with soft dollars and the percentage portion of the service that must be paid utilizing hard dollars.

The Trading Committee maintains primary responsibility for overseeing the soft dollar activities of the firm. This includes: (i) determining whether the proposed product or service is eligible as defined in Section 28(e); (ii) assessing the extent to which certain expenditures may be “non-research” and determining the proper allocation between hard and soft dollars for a particular expenditure; (iii) assessing the execution quality of brokers who are currently providing soft dollar services; and (iv) approving all new soft dollar arrangements and reviewing all expenditures at least annually.

### Brokerage for Client Referrals

In selecting a broker, Cohen & Steers does not consider whether the firm or a related person receives client referrals from a broker or third party.

### Directed Brokerage

Cohen & Steers generally trades client accounts in the same strategy in a single block when possible and allocates executions accordingly. The firm believes that this method is the most efficient in achieving best execution for its clients and as a result the firm does not generally participate in client directed brokerage programs requiring a set percentage of participation. Clients who request brokerage to be directed to a particular broker-dealer risk the loss of purchasing power of larger transaction sizes and can suffer less-than-optimal execution quality as a result. When a client participates in a commission recapture network of counterparties with whom the firm regularly trades, Cohen & Steers will establish accounts at participating counterparties to ensure the client receives credit for any trades done with that counterparty. Additionally, there are certain circumstances when an account is trading separate from other client accounts due to specific account issues, such as cash needs or the initial construction of the portfolio, in which the firm will consider utilizing a client directed brokerage program, subject to our duty to provide best execution.

### Trade Aggregation

In making decisions regarding the placement and execution of client trades, the firm's goal is to provide fair and equitable treatment over time to all clients. However, in terms of priority of execution and allocation of shares, and the timeliness and efficiency of execution, it is possible, although unlikely, that a specific trade may have the effect of benefiting one account versus another when viewed in isolation. Consistent with its duty to seek best execution for each of its clients, Cohen & Steers seeks to aggregate trade orders that could be effected concurrently for more than one client account.

Although allocating orders among clients accounts may create potential conflicts of interest because Cohen & Steers may receive greater fees or compensation from some clients than other clients, or because Cohen & Steers may be affiliated or have other relationships with certain clients, Cohen & Steers has policies that are intended to monitor and oversee that allocation decisions are not based on these differing interests, greater fees or compensation.

Cohen & Steers' policy is to aggregate and execute as a block order equity trades for the same security or contract with consistent attributes. Orders in the same security with different execution limits set by the portfolio manager will not be aggregated unless the trade can be executed in accordance with each portfolio manager's limits. Where a block order is executed at multiple prices, all accounts participating in the order will receive the same average price, including trading costs. In the event that an aggregated order, including shares offered in an initial public offering, can only be partially filled, participating client accounts will receive proportionate allocations on the basis of their order size subject to certain minimum trade values at the account level. In the event of a partially filled order, Cohen & Steers may determine that the proportionate allocation to a particular account is not material to that account or inefficient relative to the size of the order with respect to the cost of settling the transaction, and so may waive that account's allocation. If this occurs, the account's allocation will be reallocated to other participating accounts on a proportionate basis. In addition, Cohen & Steers may determine that an account should not

participate in a transaction, for example, because of cash flow or account-specific tax considerations or diversification or other portfolio management considerations. By not participating in an aggregate order clients may pay higher commissions or other fees on the transaction. It is also possible that participation in an aggregated order itself might result in a poorer execution than if a particular account's order had been executed by itself.

Allocations of fixed income securities may be made on an account-by-account basis based upon predetermined criteria in lieu of designating a pre-order allocation for each trade. Predetermined criteria may include the degree to which the security has similar characteristics with other securities held in the portfolio such as, duration, cash flows, credit quality and liquidity. Contemporaneous orders for the same security are consolidated by the fixed income trader and executed as a block trade.

Certain accounts managed by Cohen & Steers may compensate the firm using performance based fees. Orders for these accounts will be aggregated, to the extent possible, with other accounts managed by Cohen & Steers, regardless of the method of compensation. In the event such orders are aggregated, allocation of partially-filled orders will be made on a pro-rata basis in accordance with pre-trade indications. An account's fee structure is not considered when making allocation decisions.

Cohen & Steers may aggregate orders of client accounts with those of Advisor Accounts; however, under no circumstances will preferential treatment be given to Advisor Accounts. For orders in equity securities involving Advisor Accounts, purchases or sales will be allocated prior to trade placement, and orders that are only partially filled will be allocated across all accounts in proportion to the shares each account, including the Advisor Accounts, was designated to receive prior to trading. As a result, it is expected that the Advisor Accounts will receive the same average price as other accounts included in the aggregated order. Shares will not be allocated or re-allocated to the Advisor Accounts after trade execution or after the average price is known. In the event a pro-rata allocation is not practical, a rotational system of allocation may be used; however, the Advisor Accounts will not be part of that rotation or receive shares of a partially filled order other than on a pro-rata basis.

For the Model Portfolios, Cohen & Steers maintains procedures designed to deliver portfolios on a fair and equitable basis in relation to the firm's other accounts. Model updates are sequentially transmitted to individual UMA Programs and advisors on a rotational basis and then the sponsors of the UMA Programs or other third parties, not Cohen & Steers, execute the trades recommended in the model. Trades for Cohen & Steers' discretionary managed accounts are worked contemporaneously with the delivery of updated model information. The Model Portfolios may achieve a security weighting ahead of that weighting being achieved in our discretionary managed accounts.

### Item 13: Review of Accounts

#### Account Review

Portfolio managers are responsible for reviewing the holdings in their client accounts daily and the compliance department monitors client accounts for compliance with account guidelines and restrictions on a daily basis. The performance department is responsible for reviewing the performance of an account relative to the account's pre-established benchmark and the account's conformity with its investment objectives and restrictions.

In addition, all accounts are reviewed by the investment administration department for the purpose of reconciling the firm's records with those of the respective accounts' custodians. Cash and portfolio holdings are reconciled by the investment administration department on a daily basis and the investment administration department prepares month-end separate account reconciliations (including cash, security positions, local market values, prices and accruals, where applicable) to a client's custodian bank account statement.

#### Client Reporting

Separate account generally receive a monthly report within 15 business days after month-end which includes performance, market values, attribution analysis, characteristics, largest holdings, largest overweight and underweight positions, and an investment commentary. In addition, clients also receive a monthly preliminary performance and market value report within five business days after month-end. Clients generally receive electronic notifications. Hard copies are also available upon request. In addition to our standard reports, Cohen & Steers can provide additional reports upon request as needed. Investors in Funds typically receive the relevant Fund's annual and semiannual financial statements and monthly commentaries and quarterly fund fact sheets are available on the Cohen & Steers website at [www.cohenandsteers.com](http://www.cohenandsteers.com). Investors in private funds receive quarterly investment commendataries and periodic account statements.

### Item 14: Client Referrals and Other Compensation

Cohen & Steers has entered into a contractual relationship with Ambassador Funds Management Services ("Ambassador") pursuant to which Ambassador markets the firm's separate account management services and interests in Cohen & Steers-sponsored Australian collective investment vehicles to institutional investors located in Australia and New Zealand. Pursuant to this relationship, Cohen & Steers pays Ambassador an annual retainer, a success fee equal to the first year revenue associated with a new client relationship in the first year for which the firm enters into such a relationship with a referred client or investor, and an ongoing servicing fee, equal to the firm's revenue associated with such client or investor, in years two and after with respect to any continuing relationship.

Many Cohen & Steers clients work with pension or other institutional investment consultants (collectively, "Investment Consultants"). Investment Consultants provide a wide array of services to

pension plans and other institutions, including assisting in the selection and monitoring of investment advisors such as Cohen & Steers. From time to time, Cohen & Steers and/or its affiliates may work with Investment Consultants and their affiliates to provide investment management and/or risk management services, creating possible conflicts of interest.

Securities markets and engages in sales activity for the U.S. mutual funds and private funds as described in Item 10 above.

### **Item 15: Custody**

Cohen & Steers does not maintain custody of client funds or securities except for certain private funds for which affiliates of Cohen & Steers serve as the general partner. Separate account clients determine their own custodial arrangements. The firm works with a number of different custodian banks, including most of the major providers in this arena and several regional providers as well. Clients receive statements directly from the custodian banks and should carefully review and compare these statements with statements received from Cohen & Steers.

For the Funds, the firm has designated third party custodians to custody all assets of the Funds and to maintain the official books and records of the Funds.

### **Item 16: Investment Discretion**

Subject to pre-determined investment objectives, benchmarks, and guidelines and the execution of a written investment management agreement, Cohen & Steers has full discretionary authority to manage securities and cash held in accounts on behalf of its clients.

Decisions to buy and sell investments for clients advised by Cohen & Steers are made with a view to achieving each client's investment objectives, and so it is possible that a particular investment may be bought or sold for only one client or in different amounts and at different times for more than one but less than all clients, even though it could have been bought or sold for other clients at the same time. Likewise, a particular investment may be bought for one or more clients when one or more other clients are selling the investment. In addition, purchases or sales of the same investment may be made for two or more clients on the same date. There can be no assurance that a client will not receive less (or more) of a certain investment than it would otherwise receive if Cohen & Steers did not manage accounts on behalf of multiple clients. In effecting transactions, it may not be possible, or consistent with the investment objectives of Cohen & Steers' various clients, to purchase or redeem securities at the same time or at the same prices.

Clients may restrict the firm from transacting in certain securities or with certain executing brokers. Such restrictions are typically reflected in the investment management agreement. In addition, for certain accounts, clients may instruct Cohen & Steers to execute foreign currency exchange ("FX") transactions to settle trades in the currency of local markets and repatriate the proceeds of such

trades, as well as income and dividends and the result of corporate actions, to the base currency of the account. Some clients may require, or for certain types of FX transactions circumstances may dictate, that these FX currency transactions be executed by the clients' custodian bank, in which case Cohen & Steers assumes no responsibility for the execution or oversight of these transactions. The decision as to whether the custodian or Cohen & Steers will execute the FX transactions is at the discretion of the client and will be incorporated into the client's investment advisory agreement or amendments thereto.

Furthermore, certain investment and regulatory restrictions may limit Cohen & Steers' freedom of action with respect to an account and, as a result, the performance of accounts for which investment restrictions are imposed may differ from, and are often worse than, the performance of accounts within the same strategy that lack such restrictions.

### **Item 17: Voting of Client Securities**

Separate account clients may grant Cohen & Steers the authority to vote or not vote the proxies of securities held in client accounts at the discretion of Cohen & Steers in accordance with the firm's proxy voting guidelines. If a client appoints Cohen & Steers to vote proxies on its behalf, this authority is complete and Cohen & Steers does not allow clients to direct how Cohen & Steers votes in a particular situation. We also do not vote proxies in accordance with any client's own guidelines, unless such guidelines are substantially similar to the Cohen & Steers guidelines.

The firm maintains policies and controls to govern its proxy voting activities. It is our objective to vote proxies in the best interests of our clients. To this end, the firm maintains an internal proxy voting committee that is responsible for overseeing the proxy voting process and ensuring that the firm meets its regulatory and corporate governance obligations for voting proxies. The committee is composed of portfolio managers and research analysts from the firm's various investment teams, as well as members of the legal and compliance department. The firm also has a dedicated proxy administration team that is responsible for communicating proxies to the respective portfolio manager and/or analyst for consideration and maintaining the required documentation.

Cohen & Steers has retained a proxy voting administration vendor, Institutional Shareholder Services ("ISS"), to assist in the voting of proxies. The proxy voting vendor is responsible for coordinating with client custodians to ensure that proxy materials received by custodians relating to client portfolio securities are processed in a timely fashion. In addition, ISS is responsible for maintaining copies of all proxy statements received by issuers and promptly providing such materials to the firm upon request. Portfolio managers and analysts may review research reports provided by ISS or other vendors but votes are cast in accordance with the firm's, not ISS's, guidelines.

The firm's proxy voting policy includes procedures that address material conflicts of interest that may arise between the investment advisor's interests and those of its clients. Examples of such material conflicts of interest that could arise include circumstances in which:



- management of a client is soliciting proxies and failure to vote in favor of management may harm Cohen & Steers' relationship with the client and materially impact Cohen & Steers' business; or
- a personal or familial relationship between an employee or director at Cohen & Steers and management of an issuer could impact Cohen & Steers' voting decision.

When a potential material conflict is identified, the Proxy Committee will evaluate the situation and determine whether an actual material conflict of interest exists. In the event the Proxy Committee determines that a material conflict does exist, the Proxy Committee shall make a recommendation on how Cohen & Steers shall vote the proxy.

Depending on the nature of the material conflict of interest, the Proxy Committee, in the course of addressing the material conflict, may elect to take one or more of the following measures, or other appropriate action:

- removing certain Cohen & Steers personnel from the proxy voting process;
- "walling off" personnel with knowledge of the material conflict to ensure that such personnel do not influence the relevant proxy vote;
- voting in accordance with the applicable Cohen & Steers guidelines, if any, if the application of the guidelines would objectively result in the casting of a proxy vote in a predetermined manner; or
- deferring the vote to ISS which will vote in accordance with its own recommendation.

Clients that grant Cohen & Steers authority to vote proxies on the client's behalf may request periodic reports from the firm detailing their proxy record and how such votes were cast. In addition, a copy of the firm's proxy voting policy is available upon request by contacting Cohen & Steers in writing at 280 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017 or by calling (212) 822-3232.

### Item 18: Financial Information

As discussed in Item 5 above, Cohen & Steers does not require pre-payment of client fees and therefore is not required to include a balance sheet herein. Furthermore, no current financial condition exists at the firm that is reasonably likely to impair our ability to meet contractual commitments to clients. Cohen & Steers has never been the subject of a bankruptcy petition.

#### Risks

Investing in securities and other financial instruments involves a risk of loss, including the potential loss of the entire investment that clients should be prepared to bear. All investment strategies carry some degree of investment, legal, tax and regulatory risk. Additional risks apply specifically to particular investment strategies or investments in different types of securities. Material risks related to each of the firm's strategies are set forth below. Investors in registered investment companies or private funds should review the prospectuses, offering memorandums and constitute documents for additional information about risks associated with those products.

##### *Investment Risk*

A client's investment represents an investment in the securities of companies. The value of these securities, like other investments, may move up or down, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably, as a result of market volatility. An investment at any point in time may be worth less than the amount invested. A client's portfolio is subject to investment risk, including the possible loss of the entire principal amount of the investment.

##### *Legal, Tax and Regulatory Risk*

Cohen & Steers and certain client accounts and investments are subject to legal, tax and regulatory oversight. In the future, there may be legislative, tax and regulatory changes that may apply to the activities of Cohen & Steers that may require material adjustments to the business and operations of, or have other material adverse effects on client accounts. Any rules, regulations and other changes may result in increased costs and reduced investment and trading opportunities, all of which may negatively impact the performance of client accounts.

##### *Inflation/Deflation Risk*

Although a portfolio is intended to provide a measure of protection against inflation, it is possible that it will not do so to the extent intended. A portfolio may be adversely affected to a greater extent than other investments during deflationary periods.

##### *Real Estate Market Risk*

Accounts in the real estate strategies concentrate their assets in the real estate industry so investments in these strategies will be closely linked to the performance of the real estate markets. To a more limited extent, other strategies may invest in real estate securities, exposing these strategies to similar risks on a lesser scale. Property values may fall for a number of reasons including increasing vacancies or declining rents resulting from unanticipated economic, legal, cultural or technological developments. Real estate company prices also may drop for many reasons, including the failure of borrowers to pay their loans or poor management. Residential



developers, in particular, could be negatively impacted by falling home prices, slower mortgage origination and rising construction costs.

### *REIT Risk*

The performance of REITS is generally dependent upon the quality of internal management. Most REITs are not diversified and may be concentrated by region and/or property type. REITs are also subject to heavy cash flow dependency, defaults by borrowers and self-liquidation. In addition, REITs could possibly fail to qualify for pass-through of income under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended if they are not managed correctly. Other factors may also adversely affect a borrower's or a lessee's ability to meet its obligations to the REIT. In the event of a default by a borrower or lessee, the REIT may experience delays in enforcing its rights as a mortgagee or lessor and may incur substantial costs associated with protecting its investments which may have a negative impact on the share price of the security.

### *Non-U.S. Companies*

Risks of investing in non U.S. securities include currency risks, future political and economic developments and possible imposition of foreign withholding taxes on income payable on the securities. In addition, there may be less publicly available information about a foreign issuer than about a domestic issuer, and foreign issuers may not be subject to the same accounting, auditing and financial recordkeeping standards and requirements as domestic issuers.

### *Non-Base Currency Risk*

A strategy may invest in securities that are denominated in currencies other than the base currency of the account. The value of any particular currency may change in relation to the base currency. Among the factors that may affect currency values are political events, trade balances, the level of short-term interest rates, differences in relative values of similar assets in different currencies, long-term opportunities for investment and capital appreciation. Changes in currency values may affect the net asset value of the account and the account's value could decline as a result.

### *Emerging Markets Risk*

Securities of companies in emerging markets may be more volatile than those of companies in more developed markets. Emerging market countries generally have less developed markets and economies and, in some countries, less mature governments and governmental institutions. Investing in securities of companies in emerging markets may entail special risks relating to potential economic, political or social instability and the risks of expropriation, nationalization, confiscation or the imposition of restrictions on foreign investment, the lack of hedging instruments, and on repatriation of capital invested.

### *Common Stock Risk*

While common stock has historically generated higher average returns than fixed-income securities, common stock has also experienced significantly more volatility in those returns.

Common stock prices fluctuate for many reasons, including changes in investors' perceptions of the financial condition of an issuer or the general condition of the relevant stock market, or the occurrence of political or economic events affecting issuers. In addition, common stock prices may be sensitive to interest rate fluctuations which affect the cost of capital and borrowing costs. An adverse event, such as an unfavorable earnings report, may depress the value of common stock held by the account. Also, the price of common stock is sensitive to general movements in the stock market. A drop in the stock market may depress the price of common stock held by the account.

### *Infrastructure Securities Risk*

Securities and instruments of infrastructure companies are more susceptible to adverse economic or regulatory occurrences affecting their industries. Infrastructure companies may be subject to a variety of factors that may adversely affect their business or operations, including high interest costs in connection with capital construction programs, high leverage, costs associated with environmental and other regulations, the effects of economic slowdown, surplus capacity, increased competition from other providers of services, uncertainties concerning the availability of fuel at reasonable prices, the effects of energy conservation policies and other factors. Infrastructure companies may also be affected by or subject to:

- regulation by various government authorities;
- government regulation of rates charged to customers;
- service interruption due to environmental, operational or other mishaps;
- the imposition of special tariffs and changes in tax laws, regulatory policies and accounting standards; and
- general changes in market sentiment towards infrastructure and utilities assets.

### *Master Limited Partnership (MLP) Risk*

An investment in MLP units involves some risks that differ from an investment in the common stock of a corporation. Holders of MLP units have limited control on matters affecting the partnership. Investing in MLPs involves certain risks related to investing in the underlying assets of the MLPs and risks associated with pooled investment vehicles. MLPs holding credit-related investments are subject to interest rate risk and the risk of default on payment obligations by debt issuers. MLPs that concentrate in a particular industry or a particular geographic region are subject to risks associated with such industry or region. The benefit derived from the account's investment in MLPs is largely dependent on the MLPs being treated as partnerships for Federal income tax purposes.

### *Preferred Securities Risk*

There are various risks associated with investing in preferred securities, including credit risk, interest rate risk, deferral and omission of distributions, subordination to bonds and other debt

securities in a company's capital structure, limited liquidity, limited voting rights and special redemption rights.

### *Fixed Income Securities Risk*

Fixed income securities generally present two types of risk—interest rate risk, which is the risk that bond prices will decline because of rising interest rates, and credit risk, which is the chance that a bond issuer will fail to timely pay interest and principal or that a bond's price declines because of negative perceptions of an issuer's ability to pay interest and principal.

### *Below Investment Grade Securities Risk*

Below investment grade securities, or equivalent unrated securities, generally involve greater volatility of price and risk of loss of income and principal, and may be more susceptible to real or perceived adverse economic and competitive industry conditions than higher grade securities. It is reasonable to expect that adverse economic conditions could disrupt the market for below investment grade securities, have an adverse impact on the value of those securities and adversely affect the ability of the issuers of those securities to repay principal and interest on those securities.

### *Short Sales Risk*

In a short sale, the seller sells a security that it does not own, typically a security borrowed from a broker or dealer. Because the seller remains liable to return the underlying security that it borrowed from the broker or dealer, the seller must purchase the security prior to the date on which delivery to the broker or dealer is required. Selling securities short exposes the account to the risk of liability for the market value of the security that is sold, which is an unlimited risk due to the lack of an upper limit on the price to which a security may rise. In addition, there can be no assurance that securities necessary to cover a short position will be available for purchase or that securities will be available to be borrowed by the account at reasonable costs. If a request for return of borrowed securities occurs at a time when other short sellers of the security are receiving similar requests, a "short squeeze" can occur, and the account may be compelled to replace borrowed securities previously sold short with purchases on the open market at the most disadvantageous time, possibly at prices significantly in excess of the proceeds received in originally selling the securities short.

### *Derivatives Risks*

The use of derivatives presents risks different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in traditional securities. Among the risks presented are market risk, credit risk, counterparty risk, leverage risk and liquidity risk. The use of derivatives can lead to losses because of adverse movements in the price or value of the underlying asset, index or rate, which may be magnified by certain features of the derivatives. Transactions in certain derivatives are subject to clearance on a U.S. national exchange and to regulatory oversight, while other

derivatives are subject to risks of trading in the over-the-counter (OTC) markets or on non-U.S. exchanges.

### *Availability of Investment Strategies*

Identification and exploitation of the investment strategies to be pursued by certain strategies involve a high degree of uncertainty. No assurance can be given that the firm will be able to identify suitable investment opportunities in which to deploy capital. A reduction in overall market volatility and liquidity, as well as other market factors, such as interest rate fluctuations, may reduce the pool of profitable investment strategies.

### *Quantitative Model Risks*

Quantitatively-based financial/analytical models are employed to aid in the selection of investments and to determine the risk profile of the strategy. The success of the strategy's investment and trading activities depends, to some degree, on the viability of these analytical models. There can be no assurance that the models are currently viable, or, if the models are currently viable, that they will remain viable during the term of the strategy. Also, there can be no assurance that the investment professionals utilizing the models will be able to (i) determine that any model is or will remain fully or partially viable, or (ii) notice, predict or adequately react to any change in the viability of a model. The use of a model that is not viable or not completely viable could, at any time, have a material adverse effect on the performance of the account.

### *Concentration Risk*

A strategy that invests at least 25% of its net assets in a particular sector or industry will be more susceptible to adverse economic or regulatory occurrences affecting this sector or industry, such as changes in interest rates, loan concentration and competition. Accordingly, a negative development in the particular sector or industry could adversely impact the strategy because it is not diversified across asset classes.

### *Lack of Liquidity in Markets*

The markets for some securities and instruments have limited liquidity and depth. This limited liquidity and lack of depth could be a disadvantage to the strategy, both in the realization of the prices which are quoted and in the execution of orders at desired prices.

### *Illiquid Credit Markets*

There is no guarantee that the credit markets will not experience a lack of liquidity or increased volatility in the future. Further, there can be no assurance that the markets will, in the future, continue to be more liquid. It is also possible that illiquidity in the market could cause prices to decline further, which may have the result of forcing the strategy or its underlying investments to sell assets to satisfy requirements under borrowing arrangements or to meet margin calls, which could, in turn, create further downward price pressure. If there is a substantial decline in the market value of the strategy's portfolio of investments, investments may need to be liquidated quickly, and

perhaps not at fair value. Upheavals in the credit markets may cause margin borrowing costs and securities borrowing costs to increase. Such increases in borrowing costs may impact the strategy's ability to generate returns.

### *Suspensions of Trading*

Each securities exchange or commodities (including futures) contract market typically has the right to suspend or limit trading in all securities or commodities which it lists. Such a suspension would render it impossible for the strategy to liquidate positions and, accordingly, expose the strategy to losses and delays in its ability to effect withdrawals by investors. Individual securities can also face trading suspensions prior to significant news events or when that security is subject to significant market fluctuations.

### *Securities/Positions Believed to be Undervalued or Incorrectly Valued*

Securities which the strategy believes are fundamentally undervalued or incorrectly valued may not ultimately be correctly valued in the opinion of the portfolio manager at prices within the time frame the strategy anticipates. As a result, the strategy may lose all or substantially all of its investment in any particular instance.

### *Hedging Risk*

Certain investment strategies may involve hedging certain risks, such as market risk, interest rate risk and real estate market risk, through the use of various derivative instruments. However, it is generally not possible to eliminate all risk of adverse market movement. Suitable hedging transactions may not be available in all circumstances, and there can be no assurance that the account will engage in these transactions to reduce exposure to risks when that would be beneficial. The use of hedging instruments may enable the account to increase its profits from favorable market price movements and diminish its exposure to market volatility. However, any reduction or increase in the hedge from the theoretical neutral hedge also increases the exposure of the account to adverse market price movements, and at times could present material risk to the capital of the account.

### *Frequent Trading Risk*

Frequent trading of securities in an account or portfolio can affect performance, particularly through increased brokerage and other transaction costs and taxes.

### *Commodities Risk*

The value of commodity-linked derivative instruments may be affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs and international economic, political and regulatory developments. The energy sector can be significantly affected by changes in the prices and supplies of oil and other energy fuels, energy conservation, the success of exploration projects, and tax and other government regulations,

policies of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (“OPEC”) and relationships among OPEC members and between OPEC and oil importing nations. The metals sector can be affected by sharp price volatility over short periods caused by global economic, financial and political factors, resource availability, government regulation, economic cycles, changes in inflation or expectations about inflation in various countries, interest rates, currency fluctuations, metal sales by governments, central banks or international agencies, investment speculation and fluctuations in industrial and commercial supply and demand. In addition, commodity-linked derivative instruments carry the risk loss of the entire investment or more than the value of the entire investment as well as the risk of physical delivery of commodities and associated illiquidity factors and safekeeping costs.