

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Fund seeks to maximize total return from capital appreciation and dividends, with capital preservation during market downturns as a secondary goal.

## SUB-ADVISER BACKGROUND

Vontobel Asset Management Inc. (Vontobel) is a globally active investment manager with Swiss roots, specializing in wealth management, active asset management and investment solutions. As an investment-led, multi-boutique asset manager, each of its boutiques draw on specialized investment talent, strong performance culture and robust risk management. Vontobel seeks to deliver leading-edge solutions for institutional and private clients.

## Asset Class Recap

The positive sentiment for US stocks continued into the start of the most recent fiscal year. However, economic data has weakened, highlighted by a sharper-than-expected decline in the ISM Services Index, though it still signals economic growth. Demand for risk-bearing assets generally remained high during the fiscal quarter but ebbed somewhat as investors closely watched for signals of further easing by ventral banks. The capital market environment became slightly clouded toward the end of December following the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) monetary policy decision, which saw the key interest rate lowered by 25 basis points to a range of 4.25 percent to 4.50 percent, as anticipated. During the subsequent press conference, Fed Chair Jerome Powell stated that the US economy continues to grow at a steady pace, unemployment remains "low," and inflation is "somewhat elevated." He emphasized the need for a "cautious" approach. The most impactful announcement was the revision of rate cut forecasts: the Fed now expects only two 0.25 percent rate cuts. Consequently, stock markets suffered significant losses, with the three main US indices seeing their biggest one-day drops in months. This decline also impacted European and Asian stocks and bond markets into the final days of December. These concerns persisted into January, as increased interest rate concerns followed by a surprisingly strong US job market report reduced the demand for risk-bearing assets. Additionally, the University of Michigan's consumer sentiment index revealed rising consumer inflation expectations. During the fiscal quarter, the CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) surged to 27.6 in mid-December, then abated before jumping up to 19.5 in mid-January. However, this increase in implied volatility was short-lived as the decline in US core inflation and easing tensions in the Middle East provided positive impulses to global stock prices. Additionally, Donald Trump's economic program was presented in Davos, which envisages deregulation and tax relief for companies producing in the US. This broadly helped stock indices reach new highs and the VIX ended the fiscal quarter lower at 16.4. Global equities, as measured by the MSCI All Country World Index (net), increased 4.7 percent during the most recent fiscal quarter while US equities, as measured by the S&P 500 Index, increased 6.2 percent, and foreign equities, as measured by the MSCI All Country World Index ex US (net), rose 1.1 percent. As expected, the US Fed left its key interest rate unchanged at the meeting at the end of January. The central bankers justified their decision, among other things, with the "slightly increased" inflation. They also spoke of a generally robust economy and job market. There was also no surprise from the European Central Bank, which lowered its central deposit rate by 25 basis points to 3.00 percent. Bond markets, as measured by the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Unhedged Index, decreased 1.3 percent during the most recent fiscal quarter. Broad commodities, as measured by the S&P GSCI Commodity Dynamic Roll index, increased 5.2 percent during the three-month period ended January 31, 2025.

## Allocation Review

The Sub-Adviser utilizes a highly active allocation strategy, which involves large shifts in exposures across three broad asset classes: equities, bonds, and commodities. At the start of the most recent fiscal quarter the Fund had an approximate 44 percent exposure to equities. The equity allocation was steadily reduced to approximately 30 percent, and then in late December and throughout January it was substantially reduced to end the fiscal quarter at slightly higher than 9 percent. The term spread remained the dominant factor driving the equity overweight. In December, the equity allocation held steady, showing no significant fluctuations. However, it decreased sharply in January, primarily due to changes in the term spread. By the end of this period, the equity allocation had dwindled to less than 10 percent. In regard to the Fund's allocation to bonds, the fiscal quarter started with a duration of 0.7 years, but the Sub-Adviser quickly shifted it to a slightly negative duration, primarily driven by momentum, reflecting the market dynamics coming into the fiscal quarter. In December, there was a slight increase, albeit on a low level, suggesting a slow recovery. Especially the positions in European bonds increased again, driven by slight improvements in all indicators from the Sub-Adviser's model. This brought overall fund duration above zero in December. January remained relatively stable, with the duration slightly higher than 0, indicating a marginal improvement in the market conditions, ending the fiscal quarter with the overall duration at 0.9 years. Although there was a brief period in the previous fiscal year when the commodity allocation ventured into positive territory, this did not occur at all during the most recent fiscal quarter.

## Holdings Insights

Equities generally experienced a positive fiscal quarter, particularly the exposures to US equities, which means that the Fund's US-focused ETF holdings generally increased. Within the US equity exposure, the Fund continued to maintain holdings in the SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust (SPY) (holding weight\*: 9.36 percent) and the Invesco Nasdaq 100 ETF (QQQM) (holding weight\*: 8.61 percent) to get exposure to the more tech-oriented side of US equities. SPY returned 6.2 percent over the most recent fiscal quarter while QQQM rose 8.1 percent. Although they did not detract on an absolute basis, the foreign exposures generally experienced a less positive fiscal quarter. For example, the Fund continued to hold the Franklin FTSE United Kingdom ETF (FLGB) (holding weight\*: 3.90 percent), the Franklin FTSE Japan ETF (FLJP) (holding weight\*: 5.22 percent), and the SPDR EURO STOXX 50 ETF (FEZ) (holding weight\*: 4.06 percent). During the most recent fiscal quarter, FLGB and FLJP increased 3.0 percent and 1.9 percent, respectively, while FEZ increased 4.1 percent.

Derivatives in the equity allocation primarily included futures contracts, such as the CME E-Mini Standard & Poor's 500 Index Future 3/21/2025 (ESH5 IND) (holding notional weight\*: -7.75 percent) to quickly adjust the Fund's exposure to US stocks. Since this futures contract was initiated during the fiscal quarter, the S&P 500 Index slightly decreased after the

addition, resulting in a slight contribution to Fund performance since the Fund had a short exposure to the futures contracts. The Sub-Adviser also used futures contracts on foreign stock indices, including the TSE TOPIX Future 3/13/2025 (TPH5 IND) (holding notional weight\*: -2.19 percent), the Eurex EURO STOXX 50 Future 3/21/2025 (VGH5 IND) (holding notional weight\*: -2.60 percent), and the FTSE 100 Index Future 3/21/2025 (Z H5 IND) (holding notional weight\*: -2.35 percent). Each of these futures contracts detracted from performance since they were added to the Fund towards the end of the fiscal quarter. None of these futures contracts impacted overall performance of the Fund positively or negatively by more than 0.2 percent during the fiscal quarter.

### Sub-Adviser Outlook

The Sub-Adviser believes that the financial markets may persist in being significantly shaped by expectations of monetary policy and geopolitical shifts. It also believes that despite the European Central Bank (ECB) future actions being clear, the path of the Federal Reserve in the United States remains uncertain. This generally adds an element of unpredictability to the economic landscape. Despite this uncertainty, it currently appears that market participants are anticipating two rate cuts from the US Fed this year. In addition, market participants appear to be keenly observing the unfolding of Donald Trump's policies, which have already caused some short-lived bouts of volatility. While the implementation of proposed tariffs on imports from Canada and Mexico has been deferred by a month, the present circumstances indicate a heightening of tensions with China. In the Sub-Adviser's models, the term spread remains the main driver, measuring economic health. The Sub-Adviser is keenly aware that the current low equity exposure may result in a lag in the event of a sudden rally, but it remains confident that its model has appropriately calibrated to the current risks and exposures.

\* Holdings percentage(s) of total investments, cash and unsettled trades excluding collateral for securities loaned as of 1/31/2025.

### Index Definitions

**Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index Unhedged** - The Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index is a flagship measure of global investment grade debt from a multitude of local currency markets. This multi-currency benchmark includes treasury, government-related, corporate and securitized fixed-rate bonds from both developed and emerging markets issuers.

**CBOE Volatility Index (VIX Index)** - The VIX Index is a calculation designed to produce a measure of constant, 30-day expected volatility of the U.S. stock market, derived from real-time, mid-quote prices of S&P 500® Index (SPX<sup>SM</sup>) call and put options. On a global basis, it is one of the most recognized measures of volatility -- widely reported by financial media and closely followed by a variety of market participants as a daily market indicator.

**ISM Services Index** - The Institute of Supply Management (ISM) Non-Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) (also known as the ISM Services PMI) report on Business, a composite index is calculated as an indicator of the overall economic condition for the non-manufacturing sector. The NMI is a composite index based on the diffusion indexes for four of the indicators with equal weights: Business Activity (seasonally adjusted), New Orders (seasonally adjusted), Employment (seasonally adjusted) and Supplier Deliveries.

**MSCI All Country World Index** - The MSCI ACWI Index is a flagship global equity index, designed to represent performance of the full opportunity set of large- and mid-cap stocks across 23 developed and 24 emerging markets. As of June 2021, it covers more than 2,900 constituents across 11 sectors and approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each market. The index is built using MSCI's Global Investable Market Index (GIMI) methodology, which is designed to take into account variations reflecting conditions across regions, market cap sizes, sectors, style segments and combinations.

**MSCI All Country World ex US Index (net)** - The MSCI All Country World ex US Index (net) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index designed to measure equity market performance in the global developed and emerging markets excluding holdings in the United States and is net of any withholding taxes. Investors cannot invest directly in an index or benchmark.

**S&P 500** - The S&P 500, is a stock market index based on the market capitalizations of 500 large companies having common stock listed on the NYSE or NASDAQ. The S&P 500 Index components and their weightings are determined by S&P Dow Jones Indices. It differs from other U.S. stock market indices, such as the Dow Jones Industrial Average or the Nasdaq Composite index, because of its diverse constituency and weighting methodology. It is one of the most commonly followed equity indices, and many consider it one of the best representations of the U.S. stock market, and a bellwether for the U.S. economy. You cannot invest directly in an index.

**University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index** - The Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index (MCSI) is a monthly survey of consumer confidence levels in the United States conducted by the University of Michigan. The survey is based on telephone interviews that gather information on consumer expectations for the economy.

**S&P GSCI Dynamic Roll Index** - The S&P GSCI Dynamic Roll Index is a dynamic rolling commodity futures index that employs a flexible monthly futures contract rolling strategy. It is designed to meet the demands of investors seeking to alleviate the negative impact of rolling into contango and potentially limit volatility exposure to the commodity market.

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### Dynamic Macro Fund Performance Annualized Returns

DNAVX Class N Shares	As of 12/31/24	As of 1/31/25
Quarter	-0.26%	1.45%
1 Year	10.90%	9.03%
3 Year	4.21%	5.60%
5 Year	4.68%	5.09%
10 Year	3.20%	3.08%
Since Inception (4/29/10)	2.76%	2.79%

### Dynamic Macro Fund Top 10 Holdings as of 1/31/25

SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust	9.37%
Invesco Nasdaq 100 ETF	8.62%
Franklin FTSE Japan ETF	5.23%
Japanese Yen Future	4.11%
SPDR EURO STOXX 50 ETF	4.07%
Franklin FTSE United Kingdom ETF	3.91%
US Treasury N/B 0.50% 3/25	3.63%
US Treasury N/B 1.13% 2/25	3.34%
US Treasury Note 1.75% Due 03/15/2025	3.04%
US Treasury Note 2.125% Due 05/15/2025	3.03%

#### DNAVX Total Expense Ratio: 1.81%

*The Fund's Expense Ratio reflects that of Dunham's most recent prospectus. The Net Expense Ratio is net of fee waivers.*

Prices and returns quoted represent past results and are no guarantee of future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, so your shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. To obtain performance data current to the most recent month-end, call us at (800) 442-4358. Dunham Class N Shares have no initial sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC).

"Top 10 Holdings" are presented to illustrate examples of the securities in which the Fund may invest. Because they are represented as of the dates indicated and change from time to time, they may not be representative of the Funds' current or future investments. Top 10 Holdings do not include cash or money market investments.

*Investing in a mutual fund involves risks, including the possible loss of principal. Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the Dunham Funds carefully before investing. For this and other important information about the Dunham Funds, please speak to your financial advisor or call us at (800) 442-4358 to request a current summary prospectus and/or prospectus and read it carefully before investing.*

#### **Primary Risks of the Dunham Mutual Funds**

**Active Management Risk** – The Fund is subject to management risk because it is an actively managed investment portfolio. The Sub-Adviser will apply its investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions for the Fund, but there is no guarantee that its decisions will produce the intended result. The successful use of hedging and risk management techniques may be adversely affected by imperfect correlation between movements in the price of the hedging vehicles and the securities being hedged.

**Asset Allocation Risk** – In allocating the Fund's assets, the Sub-Adviser may favor markets or asset classes that perform poorly relative to other markets and asset classes. The Sub-Adviser's investment analysis, its selection of investments, and its assessment of the risk/return potential of asset classes and markets may not produce the intended results and/or can lead to an investment focus that results in the Fund underperforming other funds with similar investment strategies and/or underperforming the markets in which the Fund invests.

**Call or Redemption Risk** – If interest rates decline, issuers of debt securities may exercise redemption or call provisions. This may force the Fund to reinvest redemption or call proceeds in securities with lower yields, which may reduce Fund performance.

**Changing Fixed Income Market Conditions Risk** – During periods of sustained rising rates, fixed income risks will be amplified. If the U.S. Federal Reserve's Federal Open Market Committee ("FOMC") raises the federal funds interest rate target, interest rates across the U.S. financial system may rise. Rising rates tend to decrease liquidity, increase trading costs, and increase volatility, all of which make portfolio management more difficult and costly to the Fund and its shareholders.

**CLO Risk** – Negative economic trends nationally as well as in specific geographic areas of the United States could result in an increase

in loan defaults and delinquencies. There is a material possibility that economic activity will be volatile or will slow significantly, and the CLO performance will likely be significantly and negatively impacted by such conditions. Such effects may include an inability for Obligor to obtain refinancing of their debt obligations. A decreased ability of Obligor to obtain refinancing may cause a deterioration in loan performance generally and for CLOs. It is not possible to determine whether or when such trends will improve or worsen in the future. CLOs may include underlying securities, which are investments in foreign countries. These factors could detract from CLO's performance.

**Commodity Risk** – Investing in the commodities markets may subject the Fund to greater volatility than investments in traditional securities. Commodity prices may be influenced by unfavorable weather, animal and plant disease, geological and environmental factors as well as changes in government regulation such as tariffs, embargoes or burdensome production rules and restrictions.

**Corporate Loans Risk** — Derivatives or other similar instruments (referred to collectively as "derivatives"), such as futures, forwards, options, swaps, structured securities and other instruments, are financial contracts whose value depends on, or is derived from, the value of an underlying asset, reference rate or index. Derivatives may involve costs and risks that are different from, or possibly greater than, the costs and risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. Derivatives prices can be volatile, may correlate imperfectly with price of the applicable underlying asset, reference rate or index and may move in unexpected ways, especially in unusual market conditions, such as markets with high volatility or large market declines. Some derivatives are particularly sensitive to changes in interest rates. Other risks include liquidity risk which refers to the potential inability to terminate or sell derivative positions and for derivatives to create margin delivery or settlement payment obligations for the Fund. Further, losses could result if the counterparty to a transaction does not perform as promised. Derivatives that involve a small initial investment relative to the risk assumed may be considered to be "leveraged," which can magnify or otherwise increase investment losses. In addition, the use of derivatives for non-hedging purposes (that is, to seek to increase total return) is considered a speculative practice and may present an even greater risk of loss than when used for hedging purposes. Derivatives are also subject to operational and legal risks.

**Credit Risk** – Issuers of debt securities may suffer from a reduced ability to repay their interest and principal obligations. They may even default on interest and/or principal payments due to the Fund. An increase in credit risk or a default will cause the value of Fund debt securities to decline. Issuers with lower credit quality are more susceptible to economic or industry downturns and are more likely to default.

**Currency Risk** - Adverse changes in currency exchange rates (relative to the U.S. dollar) may erode or reverse any potential gains from the Fund's investments denominated in a foreign currency or may widen existing losses. Exchange rate movements are volatile, and it may not be possible to effectively hedge the currency risks of many countries.

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**Distribution Policy Risk** – The Fund's distribution policy is not designed to generate, and is not expected to result in, distributions that equal a fixed percentage of the Fund's current net asset value per share. Shareholders receive

ing periodic payments from the Fund may be under the impression that they are receiving net profits. However, all or a portion of a distribution may consist of a return of capital (i.e., from your original investment). Shareholders should not assume that the source of a distribution from the Fund is net profit. Shareholders should note that return of capital will reduce the tax basis of their shares and potentially increase the taxable gain, if any, upon disposition of their shares.

**ETF Risk** – ETFs are subject to investment advisory and other expenses, which will be indirectly paid by the Fund. As a result, the cost of investing in the Fund will be higher than the cost of investing directly in ETFs and may be higher than other mutual funds that invest exclusively in common stocks. The ETFs in which the Fund invests will not be able to replicate exactly the performance of the indices they track and the market value of ETF shares may differ from their net asset value.

ETFs are subject to specific risks, depending on the nature of the fund. For instance, investing in inverse ETFs is similar to holding various short positions, or using a combination of advanced investment strategies to profit from falling prices. When the value of ETFs held by the Fund decline, the value of your investment in the Fund declines.

**ETN Risk** – ETNs are securities that combine aspects of a bond and an ETF. ETN returns are based upon the performance of a market index or other reference asset less fees, and can be held to maturity as a debt security. ETNs are traded on a securities exchange. Their value is based on their reference index or strategy and the credit quality of the issuer. Because ETNs are debt instruments of the issuer of the ETN, they are subject to the credit risk of the issuer. ETNs are also subject to the risk that they may trade at a premium or discount to value attributable to their reference index. When the Fund invests in an ETN, shareholders of the Fund bear their proportionate share of the ETN's fees and expenses, as well as their share of the Fund's fees and expenses. There may also not be an active trading market available for some ETNs. Additionally, trading of ETNs may be halted and ETNs may be delisted by the listing exchange.

**Emerging Markets Risk** – Emerging market countries may have relatively unstable governments, weaker economies, and less-developed legal systems which do not protect securities holders. Emerging market economies may be based on only a few industries and security

issuers may be more susceptible to economic weakness and more likely to default. Emerging market securities also tend to be less liquid.

**Event Risk** - Event risk is the risk that corporate issuers may undergo restructurings, such as mergers, leveraged buyouts, takeovers, or similar events financed by increased debt. As a result of the added debt, the credit quality and market value of a company's bonds and/or other debt securities may decline significantly.

**Financial Services Sector Risk** - The profitability of many types of financial services companies may be adversely affected in certain market cycles. For example, periods of rising interest rates may restrict availability and increase the cost of capital for these companies. Moreover, when interest rates rise, the value of securities issued by many types of financial services companies generally falls. Declining economic conditions may cause credit losses due to financial difficulties of borrowers. In addition, financial services companies often are regulated by governmental entities, which can increase costs for new services or products and make it difficult to pass increased costs on to consumers. In certain areas, deregulation of financial services companies has resulted in increased competition and reduced profitability.

**Floating Interest Rates Risk** - Certain of the Fund's investments, payment obligations and financing terms may be based on floating interest rates, such as the Euro Interbank Offer Rate ("EURIBOR"), the Sterling Overnight Interbank Average Rate ("SONIA"), the Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR") and other similar types of reference rates ("Reference Rates"). The elimination of a Reference Rate or any other changes or reforms to the determination or supervision of Reference Rates could have an adverse impact on the market for, or value of, any securities or payments linked to those Reference Rates. Any substitute Reference Rate and any pricing adjustments imposed by a regulator or by counterparties or otherwise may adversely affect the Fund's performance and/or net asset value.

**Foreign Investing Risk** – Investments in foreign countries are subject to currency risk and country-specific risks such as political, diplomatic, regional conflicts, terrorism, war, social and economic instability, and policies that have the effect of decreasing the value of foreign securities. Foreign countries may be subject to different trading settlement practices, less government supervision, less publicly available information, limited trading markets

and greater volatility than U.S. investments.

**Forward Contract Risk** – Forward contracts involve a number of the same characteristics and risks as futures contracts but there also are several differences. Forward contracts are not market traded, and are not necessarily marked to market on a daily basis. They settle only at the pre-determined settlement date. This can result in deviations between forward prices and futures prices, especially in circumstances where interest rates and futures prices are positively correlated. Second, in the absence of exchange trading and involvement of clearing houses, there are no standardized terms for forward contracts. Accordingly, the parties are free to establish such settlement times and underlying amounts of a security or currency as desirable, which may vary from the standardized provisions available through any futures contract. Finally, forward contracts, as two party obligations for which there is no secondary market, involve counterparty credit risk not present with futures.

**IBOR Risk** - The risk that the elimination of the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") or similar interbank offered rates ("IBORs"), such as the Euro Overnight Index Average ("EONIA"), or any other changes or reforms to the determination or supervision of such rates, could have an adverse impact on the market for, or value of, any securities or payments linked to those rates. While some instruments may contemplate a scenario where LIBOR or a similar rate is no longer available by providing for an alternative rate setting methodology, not all instruments have such fallback provisions. Moreover, the effectiveness of replacement rates is uncertain.

**Information Technology Sector Risk** – Investments in technology companies exposed to special risks, such as rapid advances in technology that might cause existing products to become obsolete. Companies in a number of technology industries are also subject to more government regulations and approval processes than many other industries. This fact may affect a company's overall profitability and cause its stock price to be more volatile. Additionally, technology companies are dependent upon consumer and business acceptance as new technologies evolve.

**Interest Rate Risk** – In general, the price of a debt security falls when interest rates rise. Debt securities have varying levels of sensitivity to changes in interest rates. Securities with longer maturities may be more sensitive to interest rate changes.

**IPO Risk** – The Fund invests in IPOs at the time of the initial offering and in post-IPO trading. The stocks of such companies are unseasoned equities lacking a trading history, a track record of reporting to investors and widely available research coverage. IPOs are thus often subject to extreme price volatility and speculative trading. These stocks may have above-average price appreciation in connection with the initial public offering prior to inclusion in the Fund. The price of stocks included in the Fund may not continue to appreciate. In addition, IPOs share similar illiquidity risks of private equity and venture capital. The free float shares held by the public in an IPO are typically a small percentage of the market capitalization. The ownership of many IPOs often includes large holdings by venture capital and private equity investors who seek to sell their shares in the public market in the months following an IPO when shares restricted by lock-up are released, causing greater volatility and possible downward pressure during the time that locked-up shares are released.

**Large Cap Stock Risk** – Because the investment focus of the Fund is on large cap stocks, the value of the Fund may be more volatile than the market as a whole and can perform differently from the value of the market as a whole.

**Leveraging Risk** – Using derivatives can create leverage, which can magnify the Fund's potential for gain or loss and, therefore, amplify the effects of market volatility on the Fund's share price.

**Limited History of Operations Risk** – The Fund is a new mutual fund and has a limited history of operations for investors to evaluate.

**Liquidity Risk** – Some securities may have few market-makers and low trading volume, which tend to increase transaction costs and may make it impossible for the Fund to dispose of a security position at all or at a price which represents current or fair market value.

**Long-Term Maturities/Durations Risk** – The risk of greater price fluctuations than would be associated with securities having shorter maturities or durations.

**Lower-Rated Securities Risk** – Securities rated below investment-grade, sometimes called “high-yield” or “junk” bonds, are speculative investments that generally have more credit risk than higher-rated securities. Companies issuing high-yield fixed-income securities are not as strong financially as those issuing securities with higher credit ratings and are more likely

to encounter financial difficulties. Lower rated issuers are more likely to default, and their securities could become worthless.

**Management Risk** – The Fund is subject to management risk because it is an actively managed investment portfolio. The Sub-Adviser will apply its investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions for the Fund, but there is no guarantee that its decisions will produce the intended result. The successful use of hedging and risk management techniques may be adversely affected by imperfect correlation between movements in the price of the hedging vehicles and the securities being hedged.

**Merger and Event-Driven Risk** – Investments in companies that are expected to be, or already are, the subject of a publicly announced merger, takeover, tender offer, leveraged buy-out, spin-off, liquidation or other corporate reorganizations carry the risk that the proposed or expected corporate event may not be completed or may be completed on less favorable terms than originally expected.

**Micro Capitalization Risk** – The purchase or sale of more than a limited number of shares of the securities of a micro-cap company may affect its market price. Micro-cap companies are generally followed by few, if any, securities analysts, and there tends to be less publicly available information about them. Their securities generally have even more limited trading volumes and are subject to even more abrupt or erratic market price movements than small and mid-capitalization companies. Such companies may also have limited markets, financial resources, or product lines, may lack management depth and may be more vulnerable to adverse business or market developments.

**Money Market/Short-Term Securities Risk** – To the extent the Fund holds cash or invests in money market or short-term securities, the Fund may be less likely to achieve its investment objective. In addition, it is possible that the Fund's investments in these instruments could lose money.

**Mortgage-Backed and Asset-Backed Securities Risk** – Mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities often involve risks that are different from or more acute than risks associated with other types of debt instruments. Generally, rising interest rates tend to extend the duration of fixed rate mortgage-backed securities, making them more sensitive to changes in interest rates. As a result, the Fund may exhibit additional volatility in a period of rising interest rates if it holds mortgage-backed securities

(known as “extension risk”). Mortgage-backed securities may also be subject to prepayment risk; when interest rates decline, borrowers may pay off their mortgages sooner than expected. This can reduce the Fund's returns because the Fund may have to reinvest that money at the lower prevailing interest rates. Non-agency mortgage-backed securities generally have greater credit risk than government issued mortgage-backed securities.

**Natural Disaster/Epidemic Risk** – Natural or environmental disasters, such as earthquakes, fires, floods, hurricanes, tsunamis, and other severe weather-related phenomena generally, and widespread disease and illness, including pandemics and epidemics (such as the novel coronavirus), have been and can be highly disruptive to economies and markets.

**Non-Diversification Risk** – A Fund that is a non-diversified investment company means that more of the Fund's assets may be invested in the securities of a single issuer than a diversified investment company. This may make the value of the Fund's shares more susceptible to certain risk than shares of a diversified investment company. As a non-diversified fund, the Fund has a greater potential to realize losses upon the occurrence of adverse events affecting a particular issuer.

**Options Risk** – The Fund may use options to enhance return and or mitigate risk. However, options can fall rapidly in response to developments in specific companies or industries and the Fund's investments may be negatively impacted by unexpected market conditions.

**Private Placement Risk** – Privately issued securities, including those which may be sold only in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, are restricted securities that are not registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). Accordingly, the liquidity of the market for specific privately issued securities may vary. Delay or difficulty in selling such securities may result in a loss to the Fund. Privately issued securities that the Sub-Adviser determines to be “illiquid” are subject to the Fund's policy of not investing more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities.

**Portfolio Turnover Risk** – The frequency of a Fund's transactions will vary from year to year. Increased portfolio turnover may result in higher brokerage commissions, dealer mark-ups and other transaction costs and may result in taxable capital gains. Higher costs associated with increased portfolio turnover may offset gains in a Fund's performance.

**Real Estate Industry Concentration Risk**

By concentrating in a single sector, the Fund carries much greater risk of adverse developments in that sector than a fund that invests in a wide variety of industries. Real estate values rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, including local, regional and national economic conditions, interest rates and tax considerations.

**Real Estate Investment Trust Risk**

A REIT's performance depends on the types and locations of the rental properties it owns and on how well it manages those properties. A decline in rental income may occur because of extended vacancies, increased competition from other properties, tenants' failure to pay rent or poor management.

**Risk of Investing in Asia**

The value of the Fund's assets may be adversely affected by political, economic, social and religious instability; inadequate investor protection; changes in laws or regulations of countries within the Asian region (including countries in which the Fund invests, as well as the broader region); international relations with other nations; natural disasters; corruption and military activity. The Asian region, and particularly China, Japan and South Korea, may be adversely affected by political, military, economic and other factors related to North Korea. In addition, China's long-running conflict over Taiwan, border disputes with many of its neighbors and historically strained relations with Japan could adversely impact economies in the region. The economies of many Asian countries differ from the economies of more developed countries in many respects, such as rate of growth, inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency, financial system stability, the national balance of payments position and sensitivity to changes in global trade.

**Risk of Investing in Japan**

The Fund may invest a significant portion of its assets in securities issued by Japanese issuers. The Japanese economy may be subject to considerable degrees of economic, political, and social instability, which could have a negative impact on Japanese securities. Since the year 2000, Japan's economic growth rate has remained relatively low, and it may remain low in the future. In addition, Japan is subject to the risk of natural disasters, such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, typhoons, and tsunamis, which could negatively affect the Fund.

**Senior Bank Loans Risk** - Senior loans are subject to the risk that a court could subordinate a senior loan, which typically holds the most senior position in the issuer's capital structure,

to presently existing or future indebtedness or take other action detrimental to the holders of senior loans. Senior loans settle on a delayed basis, potentially leading to the sale proceeds of such loans not being available to meet redemptions for a substantial period of time after the sale of the senior loans. The market prices of floating rate loans are generally less sensitive to interest rate changes than are the market prices for securities with fixed interest rates. Certain senior loans may not be considered "securities," and purchasers, such as the Fund, therefore, may not be entitled to rely on the protections of federal securities laws, including anti-fraud provisions.

**Securities Lending Risk**

The risk of securities lending is that the financial institution that borrows securities from the Fund could go bankrupt or otherwise default on its commitment under the securities lending agreement and the Fund might not be able to recover the loaned securities or their value.

**Short Selling Risk**

If the price of the security sold short increases between the time of the short sale and the time the Fund covers its short position, the Fund will incur a loss which may be unlimited. Also, the Fund is required to deposit collateral in connection with such short sales and may have to pay a fee to borrow particular securities.

**Small and Medium Capitalization Risk**

The Fund's investments in smaller and medium-sized companies carry more risks than investments in larger companies. Companies with small and medium-sized market capitalization often have narrower markets, fewer products or services to offer and more limited managerial and financial resources than larger, more established companies do. Investing in lesser-known, small and medium-sized capitalization companies involve a greater risk of volatility of the Fund's net asset value than is customarily associated with larger, more established companies. Often smaller and medium capitalization companies and the industries in which they are focused are still evolving and, while this may offer better growth potential than larger, more established companies, it also may make them more sensitive to changing market conditions.

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**Software Industry Risk** - Technological developments, fixed-rate pricing and the ability to attract and retain skilled employees can significantly affect the software industry. The success of companies in the industry is also subject to the continued demand for internet services.

**Stock Market Risk** - Stock markets can be volatile. In other words, the prices of stocks can fall rapidly in response to developments affecting a specific company or industry, or to changing economic, political or market conditions. The Fund's investment may decline in value if the stock markets perform poorly.

**Structured Note Risk** - Structured notes involve tracking risk, issuer default risk and may involve leverage risk.

**Tactical Asset Allocation Risk**

Tactical asset allocation is an investment strategy that actively adjusts a portfolio's asset allocation. The Fund's tactical asset management discipline may not work as intended. The Fund may not achieve its objective and may not perform as well as other funds using other asset management styles, including those based on fundamental analysis (a method of evaluating a security that entails attempting to measure its intrinsic value by examining related economic, financial and other factors) or strategic asset allocation (a strategy that involves periodically rebalancing the portfolio in order to maintain a long-term goal for asset allocation). The Sub-Adviser's evaluations and assumptions in selecting investments may be incorrect in view of actual market conditions and may result in owning securities that underperform other securities.

**Upside Participation Risk/Downside Loss Risk**

There can be no guarantee that the Fund will be successful in its strategy to provide shareholders with a total return that matches the increase of the underlying index over a given period. In the event an investor purchases shares of the Fund after securities transactions were entered into or does not stay invested in the Fund for the long term or a full-market cycle, the returns realized by the investor may not match those that the Fund seeks to achieve.

In addition, there can be no guarantee that the Fund will be successful in its strategy to provide protection against underlying index losses. The Fund's strategy seeks to deliver returns that participate in the returns of the underlying index while limiting downside losses if shares are held over long periods of time. The Fund does not provide principal protection or non-principal protection, and an investor may

experience significant losses on its investment, including the loss of its entire investment.

**U.S. Government Securities Risk** – The risk that U.S. Government securities in the Fund's portfolio will be subject to price fluctuations, or that an agency or instrumentality will default on an obligation not backed by the full faith and credit of the United States.

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