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**Oberweis International Opportunities Institutional Fund OBIIX**  
**(the “Fund”)**

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This Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) pertains to the Fund listed above, which is a separate series of The Oberweis Funds (the “Trust”), a Massachusetts business trust.

The SAI is not a Prospectus and should be read in conjunction with the Fund’s Prospectus dated May 1, 2018, which is incorporated by reference into this SAI and may be obtained from the Trust at the above address or phone number. This SAI contains additional and more detailed information about the Fund’s operations and activities than the Prospectus. The financial statements for the Fund for the fiscal period ended December 31, 2017 are incorporated by reference into this SAI from the Annual Report dated December 31, 2017. The Annual Report is also available, without charge, at the above address or phone number.

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## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICIES

The following information supplements the discussion of the Fund's investment objective and policies discussed in the Fund's Prospectus.

### Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to maximize long-term capital appreciation. The Fund intends to achieve its objective through investing primarily in common stocks of companies, which in the opinion of its investment adviser have a potential for above-average long-term growth in market value. The investment objective of the Fund is fundamental and, like all fundamental policies of the Fund, cannot be changed without the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund. As used in this SAI, "a majority of the outstanding voting securities" of the Fund means the lesser of (1) the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Fund, or (2) the holders of more than 67% of the shares of the Fund present if more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Fund are present at a meeting in person or by proxy.

### Investment Restrictions

The policies set forth below are fundamental policies of the Fund and may not be changed without approval of a majority of the Fund's outstanding shares. The Fund may not:

1. purchase or sell physical commodities unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities or other instrument; however, this restriction shall not prevent the Fund from engaging in transactions involving futures contracts, options or other derivative instruments, or investing in securities that are secured by physical commodities;
2. purchase or sell real estate unless the real estate is acquired as a result of ownership of securities or other instrument; and provided that this restriction does not prevent the Fund from investing in issuers that invest, deal, or otherwise engage in transactions in real estate or interests therein, or investing in securities that are secured by real estate or interest therein;
3. issue senior securities, except as the Investment Company Act of 1940, any rule or order thereunder, or SEC staff interpretation thereof may permit;
4. concentrate its investments in any one industry, except that the Fund may invest up to 25% of its total assets in any one industry;
5. make loans, provided that this restriction does not prevent the Fund from purchasing debt obligations, entering into repurchase agreements, loaning its assets to broker/dealers or institutional investors, and investing in loans, including assignments and participation interests;
6. borrow money, except as the Investment Company Act of 1940, any rule or order thereunder, or SEC staff interpretation thereof may permit; or
7. underwrite the securities of other issuers, except that the Fund may engage in transactions involving the acquisition, disposition, or resale of its portfolio securities under circumstances where it may be considered to be an underwriter under the Securities Act of 1933.

The policies set forth below may be changed by the Trust's Board of Trustees without shareholder approval, all such changes being subject to applicable law. The Fund may not:

1. invest in illiquid securities if, as a result of such investment, more than 15% of its net assets would be invested in illiquid securities;
2. sell securities short, unless the Fund owns or has the right to obtain securities equivalent in kind and amount to the securities sold short, or unless it covers such short sale as required by the current rules and positions of the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff and provided that transactions in futures contracts or other derivative instruments are not deemed to constitute selling securities short; or
3. purchase securities on margin, except that the Fund may obtain such short-term credits as are necessary for the clearance of transactions; and provided that margin deposits in connection with futures contracts or other derivative instruments shall not constitute purchasing securities on margin.

If a percentage restriction is adhered to at the time of investment, a later change in percentage resulting from changes in values or assets will not be considered a violation of such restriction nor will a disposition of any securities be required.

### **Other Restrictions**

Other investment restrictions are set forth in the Fund's Prospectus and elsewhere in this SAI.

### **Investment Strategies and Risks**

The following information supplements the discussion of the Fund's risk factors, discussed in the Fund's Prospectus.

*Cash Position.* As discussed in the Prospectus, when Oberweis Asset Management, Inc. ("OAM") believes that market conditions are unfavorable for profitable investing, or when it is otherwise unable to locate attractive investment opportunities, the Fund's cash or other similar investments may increase. Securities that the Fund may invest in as a means of receiving a return on idle cash include U.S. government obligations, certificates of deposit, commercial paper (rated prime 3 or better by Moody's Investor Services, Inc., ("Moody's") or the equivalent), corporate debt securities (rated A or better by Moody's or Standard & Poor's Corporation) and repurchase agreements.

*Repurchase Agreements.* The Fund may enter into so-called "repurchase agreements," whereby it purchases a security and the seller (a qualified bank or securities dealer) simultaneously commits to repurchase that security at a certain date at an agreed upon price, plus an agreed upon market rate of interest that is unrelated to the coupon rate or date of maturity of the security. This technique offers a method of earning income on idle cash. In these transactions, the securities purchased by the Fund have, at all times, a total value in excess of the value of the repurchase agreement and are held by the Trust's custodian bank until repurchased. Certain costs may be incurred by the Fund in connection with the sale of the securities purchased by it if the seller does not repurchase them in accordance with the repurchase agreement. OAM will consider on an ongoing basis the creditworthiness of the institutions with which it enters into repurchase agreements and will monitor the value of the underlying securities to ensure that additional securities are deposited by the seller if the value of the securities purchased decreases below the resale price at any time. Under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"), repurchase agreements may be considered loans by the Fund.

*Options.* Selling (or Writing) Covered Call Options—The Fund may write (sell) covered call options on its portfolio securities, the aggregate market value of which underlying securities is limited to 50% of the Fund's net assets. A call option gives the buyer (holder) the right to purchase the underlying security at a specified price (the "exercise price") within a certain time period. Where the writer (seller) of the option, in this case the Fund, already owns the underlying security, the call option is considered to be "covered." The Fund will receive a premium, which is the market value of the option, when it writes (sells) a call option. The premium provides a partial hedge (protection) against declining prices and enables the Fund to generate a higher return during periods when OAM does not expect the underlying security to make any major price moves in the near future but still deems the underlying security to be, over the long term, an attractive investment for the Fund. In determining whether to write (sell) a covered call option on one of the Fund's securities, OAM will consider the reasonableness of the anticipated premium in relation to the anticipated increase in market value of the underlying security over the option period. Although the writing (selling) of covered call options is believed by OAM to be a conservative investment technique that involves relatively little risk, risks involved in writing (selling) a covered call option include the possible inability to effect closing transactions at favorable prices and the inability to participate in any appreciation of the underlying security above the exercise price plus premium. The Fund may also be exposed to a possible price decrease in the underlying security that might otherwise have been sold while the Fund continues to hold such underlying security during the option period, although any such loss during such period would be reduced by the amount of the premium received. The Fund does not consider a security covered by a call to be "pledged" as that term is used in the Fund's investment policy limiting the pledging or mortgaging of its assets.

Buying Put and Call Options—The Fund may also invest up to 5% of its assets in the purchase of put and call options, primarily to minimize principal fluctuations. The Fund may enter into closing transactions, exercise their options or permit them to expire. The risks involved in purchasing put or call options include the possible loss of the premium.

The Fund may purchase put options on an underlying security owned by them. As the holder of a put option, the Fund would have the right to sell the underlying security at the exercise price at any time during the term of the option. While the Fund will not purchase options for leverage purposes, it may purchase put options for defensive purposes in order to protect against an anticipated decline (usually short-term) in the value of its securities. Such hedge protection is provided only during the life of the put option and only when the Fund, as the holder of the put option, is able to sell the underlying security at the put exercise price regardless of any additional decline in the security's market price. For example, a put option may be purchased in order to protect unrealized appreciation of a security where the Fund deems it desirable to continue to hold the security. The premium paid for the put option and any transaction costs would reduce any capital gain otherwise available for distribution when the security is eventually sold.

Except as discussed below with respect to options on stock indices, the Fund has no current intention of purchasing put options at a time when the Fund does not own the underlying security; however, it reserves the right to do so. By purchasing put options on a security it does not own, the Fund would seek to benefit from a decline in the market price of the underlying security. If such a put option is not sold when it has remaining value, and if the market of the underlying security remains equal to or greater than the exercise price during the life of the put option, the Fund would lose its entire investment in the put option (i.e., the entire premium paid by the Fund). In order for the purchase of a put option to be profitable, the market price of the underlying security must decline sufficiently below the exercise price to cover the premium and transaction costs, unless the put option is sold in a closing sale transaction.

The Fund may also repurchase call options previously written on underlying securities it already owns in order to preserve unrealized gains.

The Fund may also purchase call and put options on stock indices ("stock index options") for the purpose, in part, of partially hedging against the risk of unfavorable price movements adversely affecting the Fund's securities or securities the Fund intends to buy and the Fund may sell stock index options in related closing transactions.

The principal uses of stock index options would be to provide a partial hedge for a portion of the Fund's investment securities, and to offer a cash management tool. Purchasing stock index options could provide an efficient way to implement a partial decrease in portfolio market exposure in response to changing market conditions. Although techniques other than the purchase of options could be used to hedge the Fund's investments, the Fund may be able to hedge its exposure more effectively, and perhaps at a lower cost, through the use of stock index options.

The Fund proposes to invest only in stock index options for which the underlying index is a broad market index such as the Standard & Poor's Index, the Major Market Index, or the Russell 2000 Index. The Fund would propose to purchase broad stock index options only if they are listed on a national securities exchange and traded, in the opinion of the Fund's investment adviser, with some significant volume.

The Fund will not enter into a stock index option if, as a result thereof, more than five percent (5%) of the Fund's total assets (taken at market value at the time of entering into the contract) would be committed to options, whether options on individual securities or options on stock indices.

There are several risks in connection with the Fund's use of stock index options as a hedging device. One risk arises because of the imperfect correlation between movements in the prices of the stock index options and movements in the prices of securities held by the Fund. Successful use of stock index options by the Fund for hedging purposes is also subject to the Fund's adviser's ability to correctly predict movements in the direction of the market. In addition, due to market distortions, the price movements of the stock index options might not correlate perfectly with price movements in the underlying stock index. Increased participation by speculators in the options market might also cause temporary price distortions.

The ability to establish and close out positions on options will be subject to the liquidity of the index options market. Absence of a liquid market on an exchange may be due to: (i) insufficient trading interest in certain options; (ii) restrictions imposed by an exchange on opening transactions or closing transactions, or both; (iii) trading halts, suspensions or other restrictions imposed with respect to particular classes or series of options, or underlying securities; (iv) unusual or unforeseen circumstances, such as severe stock market

fluctuations, interrupting normal exchange operations; (v) inadequacy of an exchange's or a clearing corporation's facilities to handle increased trading volume; or (vi) discontinuance of the trading of options (or a particular class or series of options) by an exchange, for economic or other reasons. Higher than anticipated trading activity or other unforeseen events also could cause an exchange or clearing corporation to institute special procedures which may interfere with the timely execution of customers' orders.

Stock index options may be closed out only on an exchange which provides a market for such options. For example, OEX stock index options currently can be purchased or sold only on the Chicago Board Options Exchange ("CBOE"). Although the Fund intends to purchase or sell stock index options only on exchanges where there appear to be active markets, there is no assurance that a liquid market will exist for any particular options contract at any particular time. In such event, it might not be possible to close a stock index option position.

*Lending of Securities.* The Fund may lend its investment securities in an amount up to 30% of its total assets (including value of collateral received) to qualified institutional investors who need to borrow securities in order to complete certain transactions. By lending its investment securities, the Fund attempts to increase its income through the receipt of interest on the loan. While the securities are being lent, the Fund will continue to receive the equivalent of any dividends or interest paid by the issuer thereof as well as interest on the collateral. Any gain or loss in the market price of the securities loaned that might occur during the term of the loan would be for the account of the Fund.

The Fund may lend its portfolio securities to qualified brokers, dealers, domestic and foreign banks or other financial institutions, so long as the terms and the structure of such loans are not inconsistent with the 1940 Act, or the Rules and Regulations or interpretations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") thereunder, which currently require that (a) the borrower pledge and maintain with the Fund collateral consisting of cash, an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a domestic U.S. bank, or securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government having a value at all times of not less than 100% of the value of the securities loaned, (b) the borrower add to such collateral whenever the price of the securities loaned rises (i.e., the borrower "marks to the market" on a daily basis), (c) the loan be made subject to termination by the Fund at any time, (d) the Fund receives reasonable interest on the loan or its collateral (which may include the Fund investing any cash collateral in interest-bearing short-term investments), any dividends and distributions paid on the loaned securities and any increase in their market value, and (e) while voting rights on the loaned securities may pass to the borrower, the Board of Trustees be able to terminate the loan and regain the right to vote the securities if a material event adversely affecting the investment occurs.

As with any extension of credit, portfolio security loans involve certain risks in the event a borrower should fail financially, including delays or inability to recover the loaned securities or foreclosure against the collateral. The Fund will consider on an ongoing basis the creditworthiness of the borrowers to which it makes portfolio security loans.

*Foreign Securities.* Foreign securities involve currency risks. The U.S. Dollar value of a foreign security tends to decrease when the value of the U.S. Dollar rises against the foreign currency in which the security is denominated and tends to increase when the value of the U.S. Dollar falls against such currency. Fluctuations in exchange rates may also affect the earning power and asset value of the foreign entity issuing the security. Dividend and interest payments may be repatriated based upon the exchange rate at the time of disbursement or payment, and restrictions on capital flows may be imposed. Losses and other expenses may be incurred in converting between various currencies.

Foreign securities may be subject to foreign government taxes that reduce their attractiveness. Other risks of investing in such securities include political or economic instability in the country involved, the difficulty of predicting international trade patterns and the possible imposition of exchange controls. The prices of such securities may be more volatile than those of domestic securities and the markets for such securities may be less liquid. In addition, there may be less publicly available information about foreign issuers than about domestic issuers. Many foreign issuers are not subject to uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards comparable to those applicable to domestic issuers. There is generally less regulation of stock exchanges, brokers, banks and listed companies abroad than in the United States. With respect to certain foreign countries, there is a possibility of expropriation or diplomatic developments that could affect investment in these countries.

*China Securities.* Investing in securities of issuers in The People's Republic of China, Hong Kong or Taiwan (collectively, referred to as "China") involves special risks. First, the Fund's investment focus on that region makes the Fund particularly subject to political, social, or economic conditions experienced in that region. Second, The People's Republic of China and Taiwan constitute so-called "developing" or "emerging" economies and markets. Additional risks of investment in such markets include (i) less social, political, and economic stability; (ii) the smaller size of the securities markets in such countries and the lower volume of trading, which may result in a lack of liquidity and in greater price volatility; (iii) certain national policies which may restrict the Fund's investment opportunities, including restrictions on investment in issuers or industries deemed sensitive to national interests, or expropriation or confiscation of assets or property, which could result in the Fund's loss of its entire investment in that market; and (iv) less developed legal structures governing private or foreign investment or allowing for judicial redress for injury to private property.

In addition to the risks of investing in China discussed in the Prospectus, investors should know that China's securities markets have less regulation, are substantially smaller, less liquid and more volatile than the securities markets of more developed countries. Financial information on companies listed on these markets is limited and may be inaccurate. Companies listed on these markets may trade at prices not consistent with traditional valuation measures. Management of these companies could have conflicting financial interests or little experience managing a business.

*Emerging Markets Companies.* The Fund may invest in securities of issuers in developing or emerging markets. Developing countries lack the social, political and economic stability characteristic of the United States. Political instability among emerging markets countries can be common and may be caused by an uneven distribution of wealth, social unrest, labor strikes, civil wars and religious oppression. Economic instability in emerging markets countries may take the form of (i) high interest rates, (ii) high levels of inflation, including hyperinflation, (iii) high levels of unemployment or underemployment, (iv) changes in government economic and tax policies, including confiscatory taxation, and (v) imposition of trade barriers.

Currencies of emerging markets countries are subject to significantly greater risks than currencies of developed countries. Many emerging markets countries have experienced steady declines or sudden devaluations of their currencies relative to the U.S. dollar. Some emerging markets countries have experienced deficits and shortages in foreign exchange reserves. Governments have responded by restricting currency conversions. Future restrictive exchange controls could prevent or restrict the ability of an issuer in such market to make dividend or interest payments in the original currency of the obligation. In addition, even though the currencies of some emerging markets countries may be convertible into U.S. dollars, the conversion rates may be artificial to their actual market values.

In the past, governments within the emerging markets have become overly reliant on the international capital markets and other forms of foreign credit to finance public spending programs that cause large deficits. Often, interest payments have become too burdensome for the government to meet, representing a large percentage of total GDP. These foreign obligations have become the subject of political debate with the opposition parties pressuring the government to use its funds for social programs rather than making payments to foreign creditors. Either due to an inability to pay or submission to political pressure, foreign governments have been forced to seek a restructuring of their loan and/or bond obligations or have declared a temporary suspension of interest payments or have defaulted. These events have adversely affected the values of securities issued by foreign governments and companies in emerging markets countries and have negatively impacted not only their cost of borrowing, but their ability to borrow in the future as well.

Many emerging markets countries suffer from uncertainty and corruption in their legal frameworks. Legislation may be difficult to interpret and laws may be too new to provide any precedential value. Laws regarding foreign investment and private property may be weak or non-existent. Sudden change in governments may result in policies which are less favorable to investors such as policies designed to expropriate or nationalize "sovereign" assets. Certain emerging markets countries in the past have expropriated large amounts of private property, in many cases with little or no compensation, and there can be no assurance that such expropriation will not occur in the future.

*Warrants.* The Fund may invest no more than 5% of its total assets in warrants, and of that amount, no more than 2% of total assets may be invested in warrants that are listed on neither the New York Stock

Exchange nor the American Stock Exchange. Warrants are securities giving the holder the right, but not the obligation, to buy the stock of an issuer at a given price (generally higher than the value of the stock at the time of issuance) during a specified period or perpetually. Warrants may be acquired separately or in connection with the acquisition of securities. Warrants do not carry with them the right to dividends or voting rights with respect to the securities that they entitle their holder to purchase and they do not represent any rights in the assets of the issuer. As a result, warrants may be considered to have more speculative characteristics than certain other types of investments. In addition, the value of a warrant does not necessarily change with the value of the underlying securities and a warrant ceases to have value if it is not exercised prior to its expiration date.

*Real Estate Investment Trusts.* The Fund may invest in real estate investment trusts (“REITs”). REITs are subject to volatility from risks associated with investments in real estate and investments dependent on income from real estate, such as fluctuating demand for real estate and sensitivity to adverse economic conditions. In addition, the failure of a REIT to continue to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes would have an adverse effect upon the value of the Fund’s investment in that REIT. The Fund may invest no more than 10% of its total assets in REITs. The Fund does not currently intend, however, to invest in REITs to the extent that more than 5% of its total assets will be invested in REITs during the current year.

*Short Sales.* The Fund may make short sales against the box. A short sale “against the box” is a short sale in which the Fund owns at least an equal amount of the securities sold short or securities convertible into or exchangeable for, without payment of any further consideration, securities of the same issue as, and at least equal in amount to, the securities sold short. The Fund does not currently intend to engage in short sales to the extent that more than 5% of its net assets will be held as collateral therefor during the current year.

The Fund may make short sales if it “covers” the securities sold short with cash or other liquid securities.

*Convertible Securities and Preferred Stocks.* The Fund may invest in convertible securities and preferred stocks. There are no restrictions on the credit quality of the convertible securities and preferred stocks in which the Fund may invest and the Fund may invest in convertible securities and preferred stocks that are not rated or that are below investment grade.

A convertible security is a fixed-income security (a debt instrument or a preferred stock) that may be converted at a stated price within a specified period of time into a certain quantity of the common stock of the same or a different issuer. Convertible securities are senior to common stocks in an issuer’s capital structure, but are usually subordinated to similar non-convertible securities. While providing a fixed-income stream (generally higher in yield than the income derivable from common stock but lower than that afforded by a similar nonconvertible security), a convertible security also gives an investor the opportunity, through its conversion feature, to participate in the capital appreciation of the issuing company depending upon a market price advance in the convertible security’s underlying common stock.

A preferred stock is a blend of the characteristics of a bond and common stock. It can offer the higher yield of a bond and has priority over common stock in equity ownership, but does not have the seniority of a bond and, unlike common stock, its participation in the issuer’s growth may be limited. Preferred stock has preference over common stock in the receipt of dividends and in any residual assets after payment to creditors should the issuer be dissolved. Although the dividend is set at a fixed annual rate, in some circumstances it can be changed or omitted by the issuer.

*Arbitrage.* The Fund has no current intention to engage in arbitrage (meaning the simultaneous purchase and sale of the same security in different markets but not on the purchase of call and put options on stock indices).

*Cyber Security Risk.* Investment companies such as the Fund and its service providers may be prone to operational and information security risks resulting from cyber-attacks. Cyber-attacks include, among other behaviors, stealing or corrupting data maintained online or digitally, denial of service attacks on websites, the unauthorized release of confidential information or various other forms of cyber security breaches. Cyber security attacks affecting the Fund or its adviser, custodian, transfer agent or other third party service providers may adversely impact the Fund. For instance, cyber-attacks may interfere with the processing of shareholder transactions, impact the Fund’s ability to calculate its NAV, cause the release of private shareholder information



or confidential company information, impede trading, subject the Fund to regulatory fines or financial losses and cause reputational damage. The Fund may also incur additional costs for cyber security risk management purposes. Similar types of cyber security risks are also present for issuers of securities in which the Fund may invest, which could result in material adverse consequences for such issuers, and may cause the Fund's investment in such issuers to lose value.

*Portfolio Turnover.* OAM buys and sells securities for the Fund to accomplish its investment objective. The frequency of portfolio transactions, the Fund's turnover rate, will vary from year to year depending on market conditions. The Fund's turnover during the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 was 168%, 123% and 211%, respectively. A higher portfolio turnover rate (over 100%) may cause the Fund to pay higher transaction expenses, including more commissions and markups and also may result in quicker recognition of capital gains, resulting in more capital gains distributions, including net short-term capital gain distributions, which are taxable to Shareholders as ordinary income.

*Commodity Futures Trading Commission Regulation.* The Fund and OAM claimed exclusion or exemption from registering with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC"). The Fund complies with Rule 4.5 under the Commodity Exchange Act (the "CEA"), which allows a mutual fund to be conditionally excluded from the definition of the term "commodity pool." Similarly, so long as the Fund satisfies this conditional exclusion, OAM intends to comply with Rule 4.5, which allows OAM to be conditionally excluded from the definition of "commodity pool operator" ("CPO"), and Rule 4.14(a)(5), which provides a conditional exemption from registering as a "commodity trading advisor." OAM, on behalf of the Fund and itself, has filed a claim with the CFTC claiming the CPO exemption. Therefore, neither the Fund nor OAM expect to become subject to registration under the CEA.

#### MANAGEMENT OF THE TRUST

The Trustees and Officers of the Trust, their ages and their principal occupations during the past five (5) years, their affiliations, if any, with OAM or Oberweis Securities, Inc. ("OSI") and other significant affiliations are set forth below. The address of each Trustee and Officer is 3333 Warrenville Road, Suite 500, Lisle, Illinois 60532.

#### Trustees of the Trust

Name and Age	Position(s) Held with Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Funds Overseen by Trustee	Other Directorships Held by Trustee During Past Five Years
<b>Non-Interested Trustees</b>					
Katherine Smith Dedrick (61)	Trustee	Trustee since November, 2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	President, Smith-Dedrick Properties, Inc., December, 2016 to present; President—KSD Law PC, September, 2015 to present; President—KSD Global Consulting, Inc., August, 2015 to present; Executive Committee Member, Risk Worldwide NZ Ltd., 2011 to March, 2016; President—Aggressive Publishing, Inc., 2010 to present; Partner—Childress Duffy, Ltd, April, 2007 to August, 2015; Member—Risk Worldwide LLC, 2007 to 2016.	8	None
Gary D. McDaniel (70)	Trustee	Trustee since April, 2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	Independent Consultant; Chairman and CEO, Star Packaging, 2012 to 2013; Senior Vice President/General Manager of Exopack Holding Corp. 2008–2010.	8	None
James G. Schmidt (71)	Trustee	Trustee since December, 2003 <sup>(1)</sup>	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer—Federal Health Sign Co., May, 2003 to present.	8	None

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<b>Interested Trustee</b>					
James D. Oberweis (71)	Trustee <sup>(2)</sup>	Trustee since July, 1986 <sup>(1)</sup>	Illinois State Senator, January 2013 to present; Chairman of the Board—Oberweis Dairy, Inc.; Chairman of the Board—Diamond Marketing Solutions, November 2009 to January 2014.	8	None

- (1) Unless otherwise noted, each trustee shall serve as a trustee of the Trust until the next meeting of shareholders, if any, called for the purpose of considering the election or re-election of such trustee or a successor to such trustee, and until the election and qualification of his successor, if any, elected at such a meeting, or until such trustee sooner dies, resigns, retires or is removed.
- (2) James D. Oberweis is an interested trustee of the Trust since he is a shareholder of OAM, the Funds' investment adviser. James D. Oberweis is the father of James W. Oberweis, President and Portfolio Manager of the Trust and President of OAM and OSI.

### Officers of the Trust

Name and Age	Position(s) Held with Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Funds Overseen by Trustee	Other Directorships Held by Trustee During Past Five Years
James W. Oberweis (44)	President	Officer Since August, 1996 <sup>(1)</sup>	Chairman, February, 2008 to present, President and Director—Oberweis Asset Management, Inc., September, 2001 to present and Portfolio Manager from December, 1995 to present (held other officer positions from 1995–September, 2001); President and Director—Oberweis Securities, Inc., September, 1996 to present; Chairman—Oberweis Asset Management (Asia) Limited, March, 2007 to present; Chairman—Oberweis Asset Management UK Limited, July, 2014 to present.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Patrick B. Joyce (58)	Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Compliance Officer	Officer since October, 1994 <sup>(1)</sup>	Executive Vice President, Secretary, Chief Compliance Officer and Director—Oberweis Asset Management, Inc., September, 1994 to present; Executive Vice President and Director—Oberweis Securities, Inc., September, 1996 to present; Director—Oberweis Asset Management (Asia) Limited, March, 2007 to present; Director—Oberweis Asset Management UK Limited, July, 2014 to present.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
David I. Covas (43)	Vice President	Officer since August, 2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	Vice President—Oberweis Asset Management, Inc., September, 2003 to present; Vice-President—Oberweis Securities, Inc., January, 2004 to present; Registered Representative, July, 1997 to present.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Kenneth S. Farsalas (47)	Vice President	Officer since August, 2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	Director of US Equities, January 2008 to Present, Vice President and Portfolio Manager, November 2004 to present—Oberweis Asset Management, Inc.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Name and Age	Position(s) Held with Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Funds Overseen by Trustee	Other Directorships Held by Trustee During Past Five Years
Eric V. Hannemann (45)	Secretary	Officer since August, 2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	Vice President of Accounting—Oberweis Asset Management, Inc., and Oberweis Securities, Inc., June, 2004 to present.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

(1) Officers are elected annually by the Board of Trustees.

### Officers' Roles with OSI, the Trust's Principal Distributor

James W. Oberweis	President and Director
Patrick B. Joyce	Executive Vice President, Director and Chief Financial Officer
David I. Covas	Vice President
Eric V. Hannemann	Vice President of Accounting

### Trustee Experience and Qualifications

The following is a summary of the experience, qualifications, attributes and skills of each trustee that support the conclusion, as of the date of this SAI, that each trustee should serve as a trustee in light of the Trust's business and structure. References to the qualifications, attributes and skills of Trustees are pursuant to requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), do not constitute holding out of the Board or any Trustee as having any special expertise and shall not impose any greater responsibility or liability on any such person or on the Board by reason thereof.

*Katherine Smith Dедrick.* Ms. Smith Dедrick has been a trustee of the Trust since November 2004. She is a practicing attorney and has been the President of Smith-Dедrick Properties, Inc., KSD Law PC and KSD Global Consulting, Inc. since December 2016, September 2015 and August 2015, respectively. She was a partner with Childress Duffy, Ltd. from April 2007 to August 2015, had been a member of Risk Worldwide LLC from 2007 to 2016, and had been an Executive Committee member of Risk Worldwide NZ Ltd. from 2011 to March 2016. She has also been the President of Aggressive Publishing, Inc. since 2010. She was previously a partner with Levenfeld Pearlstein, LLC from January 2005 to April 2007 and a partner with Hinshaw & Culbertson from 1985 to January 2005. In addition to her law degree, Ms. Smith Dедrick has an MBA from the University of Chicago.

*Gary D. McDaniel.* Mr. McDaniel has served as a trustee of the Trust since April 2004 and from 1986 to 1991. He was Senior Vice President/General Manager of Exopack Holding Corp. from 2008 to 2010 and Vice President/General Manager of the Flexible Packaging Group of Smurfit Stone Container from March 1988 to 2007 and Chairman of the Flexible Packaging Association in 1998. He served on the Board of Oliver-Tolas Products, LLC from January 2007 to December 2014, Charter NEX Performance Films, LLC from January 2010 to December 2014 and was the Chairman and CEO of Star Packaging Corp. from December 2012 to December 2013. He also has a MBA from the University of Chicago.

*James D. Oberweis.* Mr. Oberweis has been a trustee of the Trust since July 1986. He previously served as portfolio manager of the Domestic Funds and in various officer roles with the Trust. He is an owner and the Chairman of the Board of Oberweis Dairy, Inc. Mr. Oberweis is the founder of the Adviser and served as director from September 1994 to February 2008 and as its Chairman from September 2001 to February 2008 and in various other roles since the firm's inception. Mr. Oberweis previously wrote a newsletter on emerging growth companies and was the creator of The Oberweis Octagon. He is currently an Illinois state senator. He also serves on the board of the Oberweis Foundation. He previously served as Chairman of the Board of Diamond Marketing Solutions from November 2009 to January 2014 and on the boards of Colborne Foodbotics and Third Millennium (a family real estate partnership). He also has a MBA from the University of Chicago.

*James G. Schmidt.* Mr. Schmidt has served as a trustee of the Trust since December 2003 and from 1988 to 1991 and as Chairman of the Audit Committee since February 2004. He has been Senior Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer of Federal Health Sign Co. since May 2003. He was previously Vice President Finance of the Federal Sign Division of Federal Signal from 1991 to 2003, Vice President Finance of Roney-Oatman from 1989 to 1991 and Vice President-Finance of The Interlake Corporation from 1986 to 1989. The Board of the Trust has determined that Mr. Schmidt is an “audit committee financial expert” as defined by the SEC. He also has a MBA from the University of Chicago.

### **Board Structure**

The Trust’s Board of Trustees manages the business affairs of the Trust. The trustees establish policies and review and approve contracts and their continuance. The trustees regularly request and/or receive reports from the Adviser, the Trust’s other service providers and the Trust’s Chief Compliance Officer. The Board is comprised of four trustees, three of whom are independent trustees. Although the trustees have not appointed a chairperson from among them, Mr. Oberweis, an interested trustee, typically presides at meetings of the Board. The non-interested trustees also have not appointed a lead non-interested trustee from among them. The Board has established three standing committees: an Audit Committee, a Nominating Committee and a Pricing Committee. Each of the Audit Committee and the Nominating Committee is comprised of all three non-interested trustees. All of the trustees are members of the Pricing Committee. The Audit Committee recommends the selection of an independent registered public accounting firm for the Trust; reviews with such independent registered public accountants the planning, scope and results of their audit of the Funds’ financial statements and the fee for services performed; reviews financial statements of the Funds; and receives audit reports. The Nominating Committee is responsible for the identification and recommendation of individuals for Board membership. The Pricing Committee is responsible for determining the fair value of illiquid securities, securities for which market quotations are not readily available, and securities for which current market values may be unreliable, subject to conformance with the Trust’s Procedures for Valuing Securities and with Board oversight. The Trust’s day-to-day operations are managed by the Adviser and other service providers. The Board and the committees meet periodically throughout the year to review the Trust’s activities, including, among others, Fund performance, valuation matters and compliance with regulatory requirements, and to review contractual arrangements with service providers. The Board has determined that the Trust’s leadership structure is appropriate given the number, size and nature of the funds in the fund complex.

The Audit Committee held one meeting in 2017.

The Nominating Committee did not meet in 2017. The Nominating Committee has established procedures for shareholders to submit recommendations for names to the Board. Recommendations for Board candidates should be submitted directly to the Nominating Committee of the Trust, care of the Trust, 3333 Warrenville Road, Suite 500, Lisle, Illinois 60532.

The Pricing Committee held three meetings in 2017.

### **Risk Oversight**

Consistent with its responsibility for oversight of the Trust and the Fund, the Board, among other things, oversees risk management of the Fund’s investment program and business affairs directly and through the committee structure that it has established. Risks to the Fund include, among others, investment risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, valuation risk and operational risk, as well as the overall business risk relating to the Fund. The Board has adopted, and periodically reviews, policies and procedures designed to address these risks. Under the overall supervision of the Board, the Adviser and other services providers to the Fund also have implemented a variety of processes, procedures and controls to address these risks. Different processes, procedures and controls are employed with respect to different types of risks. These processes include those that are embedded in the conduct of regular business by the Board and in the responsibilities of officers of the Trust and other service providers.

The Board requires senior officers of the Trust, including the President, Treasurer and Chief Compliance Officer (“CCO”), to report to the full Board on a variety of matters at regular and special meetings of the Board and its committees, as applicable, including matters relating to risk management. The Treasurer also reports to the Audit Committee on the Trust’s internal controls and accounting and financial reporting policies and practices. The Audit Committee also receives reports from the Trust’s independent registered public accounting firm on internal control and financial reporting matters. On at least an annual basis, the Board receives a report from the CCO regarding the effectiveness of the Trust’s compliance program and the CCO

meets separately with the non-interested trustees in executive session. In addition, the Board receives reports from the Adviser on the investments and securities trading of the Fund, as well as valuation reports and any issues related to portfolio compliance. The Board also receives reports from the Trust's primary service providers on a periodic or regular basis, including the Adviser to the Fund as well as the Trust's custodian, distributor and transfer agent. The Board also requires the Adviser to report to the Board on other matters relating to risk management on a regular and as-needed basis.

### Trustee Compensation

The Trust pays each Trustee of the Trust who is not also affiliated with OAM and/or OSI for such services an annual fee of \$23,000, plus \$4,000 for attendance at a meeting of the Board of Trustees and \$2,000 for attendance at a meeting of the Audit Committee. The Trust pays the Chairman of the Audit Committee an additional \$2,000 annually.

The Trust reimburses travel and other expenses incurred by its non-interested Trustees for each such meeting attended. Trustees and officers of the Trust who are affiliated with OAM and/or OSI and officers of the Trust will receive no compensation or reimbursement from the Trust for acting in those capacities. However, Trustees and officers of the Trust who are affiliated with OAM and/or OSI may directly or indirectly benefit from fees or other remuneration received from the Trust by OAM and/or OSI. Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees are held quarterly and the audit committee holds at least one meeting during each year.

The following table sets forth the compensation received from the Trust for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 by the non-interested trustees.

<u>Trustee</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From the Trust</u>	<u>Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued as Part of Fund Expenses</u>	<u>Estimated Annual Benefits Upon Retirement</u>	<u>Total Compensation</u>
Katherine Smith Dedrick . . . . .	\$37,000	0	0	\$37,000
Gary D. McDaniel . . . . .	\$37,000	0	0	\$37,000
James G. Schmidt . . . . .	\$39,000	0	0	\$39,000

### Name of Trustee and Dollar Range of Fund Shares Owned—December 31, 2017

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Interested Trustee</u>	<u>Non-Interested Trustees</u>		
	<u>James D. Oberweis</u>	<u>Katherine S. Dedrick</u>	<u>Gary D. McDaniel</u>	<u>James G. Schmidt</u>
International Opportunities Institutional Fund	Over \$100,000	\$50,001–\$100,000	None	None
Aggregate Dollar Range of Fund Shares Owned	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000

As of March 31, 2018, the officers and Trustees of the Trust as a group owned of record or beneficially 0.18% of the then outstanding shares of the Fund.

## PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF SECURITIES

The Trust is aware of the following person(s) owning of record or beneficially more than 5% of the outstanding shares of the Fund as of March 31, 2018.

<u>Name &amp; Address of Owner</u>	<u>% Owned</u>	<u>Type of Ownership</u>
Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Special Custody Account for Exclusive Benefit Customers 211 Main Street San Francisco, CA 94105	9.70%	Beneficial
Automotive Machinists Pension Trust UA DTD 05/01/58 2815 2nd Avenue, Suite 300 Seattle, WA 98121	5.00%	Record
MAC Co A C 980767 Attn: Mutual Fund Operations 500 Grant Street, Room 151-1010 Pittsburgh, PA 15258	6.36%	Beneficial
MAC Co A C 858994 Attn: Mutual Fund Operations 500 Grant Street, Room 151-1010 Pittsburgh, PA 15258	8.53%	Beneficial
The Metropolitan Museum of Art 1000 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10028	5.42%	Record
MAC Co A C 980471 Attn: Mutual Fund Operations 500 Grant Street, Room 151-1010 Pittsburgh, PA 15258	5.36%	Beneficial
Capinco CO US Bank NA P.O. Box 1787 Milwaukee, WI 53201-1787	6.14%	Beneficial
National Financial Services LLC 499 Washington Blvd. Jersey City, NJ 07310	5.30%	Beneficial

## MANAGEMENT

The Fund’s investment adviser is Oberweis Asset Management, Inc. (“OAM”), an investment adviser based in Lisle, Illinois. James W. Oberweis is a controlling shareholder of OAM and serves as Chairman of the Board, director and the President of OAM. The principal nature of James W. Oberweis’ business is investment advisory and securities brokerage services. Patrick B. Joyce is a shareholder of OAM and serves as a director, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Compliance Officer of OAM. The principal business of Patrick B. Joyce is investment advisory and securities brokerage services. For additional details concerning OAM, see the Fund’s Prospectus under the heading “Management of the Fund.” Pursuant to a written contract between the Trust and OAM, OAM is responsible for managing the investment and reinvestment of the Fund’s assets, determining in its discretion the securities to be purchased or sold and the portion of the Fund’s assets to be held uninvested, providing the Trust with records concerning OAM’s activities which the Trust is required to maintain under applicable law, and rendering regular reports to the Trust’s Trustees and officers concerning Fund responsibilities. OAM’s investment advisory services to the Trust are all subject to the supervision of the Trustees, and must be in compliance with the investment objective, policies and restrictions set forth in the Fund’s Prospectus and this SAI and with applicable laws and regulations. In addition, OAM is authorized to select broker-dealers, including OSI, that may execute purchases and sales of the securities for the Fund. (See “Portfolio Transactions.”)

Ralf A. Scherschmidt, portfolio manager of the Fund, is primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund and other accounts. As of December 31, 2017, information on these other accounts is as follows:

Type of Account	Number of Accounts	Total Assets	Number Charged Performance Fees	Total Assets Charged Performance Fees
Registered investment companies . .	1	\$ 907,072,707	None	None
Other pooled investment vehicles . .	0	\$ 0	None	None
Other accounts . . . . .	17	\$1,481,154,134	None	None

As indicated in the above table, the Fund’s portfolio manager is responsible for the day to day management of other accounts, including other accounts with investment strategies similar to the Fund. Those accounts include separately managed accounts and the personal/proprietary accounts of the Fund’s portfolio manager. The fees earned by OAM for managing client accounts may vary among those accounts. In addition, the Fund’s portfolio manager may personally invest in the Fund. These factors could create conflicts of interest because the Fund’s portfolio manager may have incentives to favor certain accounts over others, resulting in other accounts outperforming the Fund. A conflict may also exist if the portfolio manager identifies a limited investment opportunity that may be appropriate for more than one account, but the Fund is not able to take full advantage of that opportunity due to the need to allocate the opportunity among multiple accounts. In addition, the portfolio manager may execute transactions for another account that may adversely impact the value of securities held by the Fund.

However, OAM believes that these risks are mitigated by the fact that accounts with the investment strategies or which hold the same securities are generally managed in a similar fashion, subject to exceptions to account for particular investment restrictions or other limitations applicable only to certain accounts, as well as differences in each account’s initial holdings, cash flow, account size and other factors. In addition, OAM has adopted trade allocation procedures that require equitable allocation of trades for a particular security among participating accounts over time and a Code of Ethics that addresses possible conflicts between personal trades and client trades.

Mr. Scherschmidt’s compensation consists of a base, an incentive-based fee and equity ownership in OAM. Most of the incentive reward is quantitatively defined in advance and is based on a combination of the Fund’s performance in relation to its benchmark (the MSCI World ex-U.S. Small Cap Growth Index) and the International Opportunities strategy’s revenues. To ensure long-term commitment, Mr. Scherschmidt benefits from equity ownership in OAM.

As of December 31, 2017, the dollar value of equity securities in the Fund owned by Mr. Scherschmidt was: \$500,001–\$1,000,000.

The investment adviser is obligated to pay the salaries and fees of any officers of the Trust as well as the Trustees of the Trust who are interested persons (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Trust, who are employed full time by the investment adviser to perform services for the Fund under its Investment Advisory and Management Agreement.

As compensation for its investment advisory and management services, OAM receives from the Fund at the end of each month a fee at an annual rate of 1.00% of the average daily net assets of the Fund.

For the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, the advisory and management fees incurred by the Fund were \$8,879,954, \$5,505,371 and \$2,476,272, respectively. Pursuant to an Expense Limitation Agreement, OAM reimbursed the Fund \$177,700, \$418,089 and \$442,318 for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

OAM also provides the Fund with non-investment advisory, management and administrative services pursuant to an Investment Advisory and Management Agreement. OAM is responsible under such agreement for providing the Fund with those management and administrative services which are reasonably necessary for conducting the business affairs of the Fund. In addition, OAM provides the Fund with office space and basic facilities for management of the Fund's affairs, and bookkeeping, accounting, record keeping and data processing facilities and services.

OAM is responsible for preparing and updating the Trust's SEC registration statement and state filings, tax reports to shareholders and similar documents. OAM pays the compensation of all officers and personnel of the Trust for their services to the Trust as well as the Trustees of the Trust who are interested persons of the Trust. OAM also provides information and certain administrative services to shareholders of the Fund. These services include, among other things, transmitting redemption requests to the Trust's Transfer Agent and transmitting the proceeds of redemption of shares of the Trust pursuant to a shareholder's instructions when such redemption is effected through OAM; providing telephone and written communications with respect to its shareholders' account inquiries; assisting its shareholders in altering privileges and ownership of their accounts; and serving as a source of information for its existing shareholders in answering questions concerning the Trust and their transactions with the Trust.

Pursuant to an Expense Limitation Agreement, OAM is obligated to reimburse the Fund for 100% of the amount by which the Fund's ordinary operating expenses during any fiscal year, including the management and advisory fees, exceed 1.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

Excluded from the calculation of ordinary operating expenses are expenses such as interest, taxes and brokerage commissions and extraordinary items such as litigation costs. Any such reimbursement is computed and accrued on a daily and settled on a monthly basis based upon the expenses and average net assets computed through the last business day of the month. As of the end of the Trust's fiscal year, the aggregate amounts of reimbursement, if any, by OAM to the Fund in excess of the amount necessary to limit the operating expenses on an annual basis to said expense limitation shall be refunded to OAM. In no event will OAM be required to reimburse the Fund in an amount exceeding its management and investment advisory fees.

### **Payments to Third Parties**

OAM, out of its own resources and without additional cost to the Fund, may pay administrative services fees to intermediaries for sub-transfer agency and other shareholder services provided to shareholders. OAM currently makes payments from its own assets that generally range up to .15% of assets serviced.

As of the date of this SAI, OAM anticipates that Charles Schwab & Co., Fidelity Investments Institutional Operations, Inc., Pershing, LLC, National Financial Services, LLC, US Bank NA and Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC will receive additional payments as described above. OAM may enter into additional arrangements or change or discontinue existing arrangements with intermediaries at any time without notice.

These payment arrangements, however, will not change the price that an investor pays for Fund shares or the amount that the Fund receives to invest on behalf of an investor and will not increase Fund expenses. You may wish to take such payment arrangements into account when considering and evaluating any recommendations relating to Fund shares and discuss this matter with your investment dealer/intermediary.



Although the Fund may use an intermediary that sells shares of the Fund to their customers to effect portfolio transactions for the Fund, OAM does not consider sales of Fund shares as a factor in the selection of broker-dealers to execute those transactions.

### **EXPENSES BORNE BY THE FUND**

Other than those expenses payable by OAM and/or OSI, the Fund will pay all of its expenses, including the following:

- (a) Federal, state and local or other governmental agency taxes or fees levied against the Trust.
- (b) Costs, including the interest expense, of borrowing money.
- (c) Brokerage fees and commissions and other transaction costs in connection with the purchase or sale of portfolio securities for the Fund.
- (d) Fees and expenses of the Trustees other than those who are “interested persons” (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Trust.
- (e) Expenses incident to holding meetings of the Trust’s Shareholders, including proxy solicitations of the Trust or its Board of Trustees therefor, and meetings of the Board of Trustees and committees of the Board of Trustees.
- (f) Fees and expenses in connection with legal services rendered to the Trust, the Board of Trustees of the Trust and duly appointed committees of the Board of Trustees of the Trust, including fees and expenses of special counsel to those Trustees who are not interested persons of the Trust, and litigation.
- (g) Audit and accounting expenses of the independent auditors.
- (h) Custodian and transfer and dividend paying agent fees and expenses and shareholder service expenses.
- (i) Fees and expenses related to registering, qualifying and maintaining registration and qualification of the Trust and its Shares for distribution under federal, state and other laws.
- (j) Fees and expenses incident to the preparation and filing of reports with regulatory agencies.
- (k) Expenses of preparing, printing (including typesetting) and mailing prospectuses, shareholder reports, proxy materials and notices to shareholders of the Trust.
- (l) Premiums for trustees’ and officers’ liability insurance and insurance carried by the Trust pursuant to the requirements of Section 17(g) of the 1940 Act, or otherwise required by law or deemed desirable by the Board of Trustees.
- (m) Fees and expenses incurred in connection with any investment company organization or trade association of which the Trust may be a member.
- (n) Expenses related to issuance or redemption of the Fund’s shares.

### **PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS**

Decisions with respect to the purchase and sale of portfolio securities on behalf of the Fund are made by OAM. OAM is authorized to place orders for securities with various broker-dealers, including OSI, subject to the requirements of applicable laws and regulations. Orders for securities transactions are placed by OAM with a view to obtaining the best combination of price and execution available. In seeking to achieve the best combination of price and execution, OAM attempts to evaluate the overall quality and reliability of the broker-dealers and the services provided, including research services, general execution capability, reliability and integrity, willingness to take positions in securities, general operational capabilities and financial condition. However, the responsibility of OAM to attempt to obtain the best combination of price and execution does not obligate it to solicit a competitive bid for each transaction. Furthermore, under the Investment Advisory and Management Agreement, OAM is not obligated to seek the lowest available cost to the Fund, so long as it determines in good faith that the broker-dealer’s commission, spread or discount is reasonable in relation to the value of the execution and research services provided by such a broker-dealer to the Fund, or OAM when

viewed in terms of that particular transaction or its overall responsibilities with respect to all of its clients, including the Fund, as to which it offers advice or exercises investment discretion.

OAM, with the prior consent of the Trust's Trustees, may place orders with affiliated persons of OAM, OSI or the Trust subject to (i) the provisions of Sections 10(f) and 17(e)(2) of the 1940 Act and Rules 10f-3 and 17e-1 thereunder, Rule 206(3)-2 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, Section 11(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 11a2-2(T)(a)(2) thereunder and any other applicable laws or regulations, and (ii) procedures properly adopted by the Trust with respect thereto. The Trust has been advised by OAM that it may place orders for securities with OSI, but only when it believes that the combination of price and execution are comparable to that of other broker-dealers. OAM, with the prior consent of the Trust's Trustees, may engage in agency cross transactions subject to (i) the provisions of Section 17(a) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17a-7 thereunder and other applicable laws or regulations, (ii) the provisions of Section 206 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and Rule 206(3)-2 thereunder, and (iii) procedures properly adopted by the Trust with respect thereto. OAM has agreed to furnish certain information quarterly to the Trust's Trustees to enable them to evaluate the quality of execution and cost of all orders executed by OSI.

A greater discount, spread or commission may be paid to non-affiliated broker-dealers that provide research services, which research may be used by OAM in managing assets of its clients, including the Fund. Research services may include data or recommendations concerning particular securities as well as a wide variety of information concerning companies, industries, investment strategy and general economic, financial and political analysis and forecasting. In some instances, OAM may receive research, statistical and/or pricing services it might otherwise have had to perform itself. However, OAM cannot readily determine the extent to which net prices or commission rates charged by most broker-dealers reflect the value of its research, statistical and/or pricing services. As OAM is the principal source of information and advice to the Trust and is responsible for managing the investment and reinvestment of the Fund's assets and determining the securities to be purchased and sold, it is believed by the Trust's management to be in the interests of the Trust for OAM in fulfilling its responsibilities to the Trust, to be authorized to receive and evaluate the research and information provided by other securities brokers or dealers, and to compensate such brokers or dealers for their research and information services. Any such information received may be utilized by OAM for the benefit of its other accounts as well, in the same manner that the Trust might also benefit from information obtained by OAM in performing services for its other accounts. Although it is believed that research services received directly or indirectly benefit all of OAM's accounts, the degree of benefit varies by account and is not directly related to the commissions or other remuneration paid by such account.

Some brokers and dealers used by OAM provide research and other services described above. For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Fund paid \$1,260,689 in total brokerage commissions on securities transactions in the amount of \$1,102,656,391 to broker-dealers primarily on the basis of research and other services provided to the Fund.

Transactions of the Fund in the over-the-counter market and the third market may be executed for the Fund by OSI as agent with primary market makers acting as principal, except where OAM believes that better prices or execution may be obtained otherwise. Transactions with primary market makers reflect the spread between the bid and the ask prices. Occasionally, the Fund may make purchases of underwritten issues at prices which include underwriting discount fees.

For the year ended December 31, 2017, the total brokerage commissions paid by the Fund was \$3,883,320, none of which was to OSI. The total amount of securities transactions on which the Fund paid brokerage commissions during such period was \$2,725,572,151. The total amount of principal transactions of the Fund for the year ended December 31, 2017 for which no commission was incurred was \$1,921,251,616.

For the year ended December 31, 2016, the total brokerage commissions paid by the Fund was \$2,454,276, none of which was to OSI. The total amount of securities transactions on which the Fund paid brokerage commissions during such period was \$1,577,110,970. The total amount of principal transactions of the Fund for the period ended December 31, 2016 for which no commission was incurred was \$1,014,718,417.

For the year ended December 31, 2015, the total brokerage commissions paid by the Fund was \$1,861,669, none of which was to OSI. The total amount of securities transactions on which the Fund paid

brokerage commissions during such period was \$1,109,223,497. The total amount of principal transactions of the Fund for the period ended December 31, 2015 for which no commission was incurred was \$497,520,827.

## **DISCLOSURE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS**

The Fund will publicly disclose its holdings in accordance with regulatory requirements, such as periodic portfolio disclosure in filings with the SEC. Except as provided below, neither the Trust nor OAM shall provide portfolio holding information to any other persons until such information has been disclosed in the publicly available filings with the SEC that are required to include the information, which are generally filed with the SEC approximately 60 days after the end of each calendar quarter.

Quarterly shareholder letters are posted to The Oberweis Funds' Web site following each March and September quarter-end (within seven business days after the end of the quarter) that include, among other things, OAM's/Portfolio Manager's market commentary, performance information regarding the Fund, and information regarding the Fund's ownership of certain individual securities (such as the Fund's top five or top ten holdings).

In addition, the Portfolio Manager and other senior officers or spokespersons of the Trust or OAM may from time to time disclose to or discuss with public media through interviews with reporters (of the press, television or radio), through other appearances on television or radio (such as CNBC, Bloomberg) or through written articles (in Forbes or other print media) items such as (a) the Fund's ownership of certain individual holding(s); (b) views on matters affecting the price or business of specific Fund holding(s); (c) reasons for buying and selling specific portfolio holding(s); (d) reasons for believing certain holdings are good long term investments for the Fund, (e) favorite stocks, (f) future plans for structuring the Fund, and/or (g) other items of a similar nature. The securities subject to such statements may or may not have been previously disclosed.

Further, material non-public holdings information may be provided as part of the normal business and investment activities of the Fund to parties who need access to such information in the performance of their contractual duties and responsibilities including: auditors; the custodian; broker-dealers in connection with the purchase or sale of Fund securities or requests for price quotations or bids on one or more securities; counsel to the Trust or the non-interested trustees; other third party service providers (such as financial printers, proxy voting services and pricing services); regulatory authorities; stock exchanges and other listing organizations; and parties to litigation. The Fund may also disclose to an issuer the number of shares of the issuer (or percentage of outstanding shares) held by the Fund.

Any other disclosure of portfolio holdings would require the approval of the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer before dissemination. Such approval would be based on a good faith determination that the Trust has a legitimate business purpose to provide the information and the disclosure is in the Trust's best interests.

The Trust, OAM or their affiliates will not enter into any arrangements with third parties from which it would derive any monetary benefit for the disclosure of material non-public holdings information. If, in the future, the Trust, OAM or their affiliates desire to make such an arrangement, it would seek prior Board approval and any such arrangements would be disclosed in the Fund's SAI.

The Trust's Chief Compliance Officer will periodically report to the Board of Trustees of the Trust on the effectiveness of the Trust's Policies and Procedures regarding the disclosure of the Fund's holdings.

## **CODE OF ETHICS**

The Trust, OAM and OSI have adopted a joint Code of Ethics. Access Persons (as defined in the Code) are permitted to make personal securities transactions, subject to requirements and restrictions set forth in such Code of Ethics. The Code of Ethics contains provisions and requirements designed to identify and address certain conflicts of interest between personal investment activities and the interests of investment advisory clients such as those of the Trust. The Code of Ethics also prohibits certain types of transactions absent prior approval, imposes time periods during which personal transactions may not be made in certain securities, and requires the reporting of securities transactions. Exceptions to these and other provisions of the Code of Ethics may be granted in particular circumstances after review by appropriate personnel.

## **PROXY VOTING**

The Board of Trustees has delegated the authority for voting proxies relating to the Fund's portfolio securities to OAM, who has agreed to vote such proxies according to OAM's Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures. OAM's Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures set forth the general principles used to determine how OAM votes proxies on securities in client accounts for which OAM has proxy voting authority, including the Trust. OAM's general policy is to vote proxies in the best interests of clients. The principles which guide the voting policy of OAM are maximizing the value of client assets and promoting the rights of clients and beneficial owners of the companies in whose shares they invest. OAM's investment strategies are predicated on the belief that the quality of management is often the key to ultimate success or failure of a business. Because OAM generally makes investments in companies in which OAM has confidence in management, proxies generally are voted in favor of management's recommendation. OAM may vote a proxy in a manner contrary to management's recommendation if in the judgment of OAM, the proposal would not enhance shareholder values.

OAM has retained ISS Governance Services ("ISS"), a proxy voting and consulting firm, to receive proxy voting statements, provide information and research, make proxy vote recommendations, and handle various administrative functions associated with the voting of client proxies. While ISS makes the proxy voting recommendations, OAM retains the ultimate authority on how to vote.

OAM's Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures describe how OAM addresses conflicts of interest between OAM and its clients, including Fund shareholders, with respect to proxy voting decisions. If OAM determines that, through reasonable inquiry or otherwise, an issue raises a potential material conflict of interest, OAM will follow the recommendations of ISS except as follows. If OAM and/or the Proxy Committee believes that it would be in the interest of OAM's clients to vote a proxy other than according to the recommendation of ISS, the Proxy Committee will prepare a report that (1) describes the conflict of interest; (2) discusses procedures used to address such conflict of interest; and (3) confirms that the recommendation was made solely on the investment merits and without regard to any other consideration.

Information regarding how the Fund voted proxies related to portfolio securities for the 12-month period ended June 30 will be available without charge, upon request by calling 1-800-323-6166 and on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

## **SHAREHOLDER SERVICES**

The Fund's Prospectus under the heading Shareholder Information/How to Purchase Shares, How to Redeem Shares and Shareholder Services describes information in addition to that set forth below. When a shareholder makes an initial investment in the Fund, a shareholder account is opened in accordance with the Trust's Account Application instructions. After each transaction for the account of a shareholder, confirmation of all deposits, purchases, reinvestments, redemptions, withdrawal payments, and other transactions in the shareholder's account will be forwarded to the shareholder.

The Fund will not issue certificates for its shares; the investor will be the record owner of all shares in his/her account with full shareholder rights. Certain of the functions performed by the Trust in connection with the operation of the accounts described above have been delegated by the Trust to its Transfer Agent.

In addition to the purchase and redemption services described above, the Trust offers its shareholders the special services described in the Fund's Prospectus. Applications and information about any shareholder services may be obtained from OAM.

## **DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE**

See the Fund's Prospectus under the heading Shareholder Information/How to Purchase Shares and Pricing of Fund Shares, for descriptions of certain details concerning the determination of Net Asset Value ("NAV"). The NAV of the shares of the Fund is computed once daily, as of the later of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") or the Chicago Board Options Exchange ("CBOE"), on each day the NYSE is open for trading. All securities in the Fund other than options are priced as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE. The options in the Fund are priced as of the close of trading on the CBOE. The NAV per share is computed by dividing the value of the Fund's securities plus all other assets minus all

liabilities by the total number of Fund shares outstanding. In valuing the Fund's securities, each listed and unlisted security, other than options, for which last sale information is regularly reported is valued at the last reported sale price prior to the close of the NYSE. If there has been no sale on such day, the last reported bid price is used. Short options are valued at the last reported highest bid price on any option exchange and long options are valued at the last reported offer price on any option exchange as of the close of trading on the CBOE. Any unlisted security for which last sale information is not regularly reported and any listed debt security which has an inactive listed market for which over-the-counter market quotations are readily available is valued at the highest bid price as of the close of the NYSE determined on the basis of reasonable inquiry. Restricted securities and any other securities or other assets for which market quotations are not readily available are valued by appraisal at their fair values as determined in good faith under procedures established by and under the general supervision and responsibility of the Board of Trustees. The Fund may use a fair valuation model provided by an independent pricing service, which is intended to reflect fair value when a security's value or a meaningful portion of the Fund's portfolio is believed to have been materially affected by a significant event that has occurred between the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded and the close of the NYSE. The Fund's valuation policies set forth certain triggers which instruct when to use the valuation model. The value assigned to a security by the fair valuation model is a determination of fair value made under the Fund's valuation policies and under the supervision of the Board of Trustees. In such a case, the Fund's value for a security is likely to be different from the last quoted price. In all cases, the value of fair valued securities may be different from the last reported sale price (or the last reported bid price), and there is no guarantee that a fair valued security will be sold at the price at which the Fund is carrying the security. Short-term debt obligations, commercial paper and repurchase agreements are valued on the basis of quoted yields for securities of comparable maturity, quality and type or on the basis of amortized cost.

#### **PURCHASE OF SHARES**

See the Fund's Prospectus under the heading Shareholder Information/How to Purchase Shares for detailed information concerning the purchase of shares of the Fund. Shares of the Fund are sold at the NAV per share next determined after the purchase order is received in proper form by UMB Fund Services, Inc., the Trust's Transfer Agent.

#### **REDEMPTION OF SHARES**

See the Fund's Prospectus under the heading Shareholder Information/How to Redeem Shares for detailed information concerning redemption of the shares of the Fund. The Trust may suspend the right to redeem shares or postpone the date of payment for more than seven (7) days for any period during which: (a) the NYSE is closed, other than weekend and holiday closings, or the SEC determines that trading on the NYSE is restricted; (b) the SEC determines there is an emergency as a result of which it is not reasonably practical for the Fund to sell the investment securities or to calculate its NAV; or (c) the SEC permits such suspension for the protection of the Fund's shareholders. In the case of a suspension of the right of redemption, a shareholder may either withdraw his request for redemption or receive payment at the NAV of his shares existing after termination of the suspension.

Although it is the Trust's present policy to make payment of redemption proceeds in cash, if the Trust's Trustees determine it to be appropriate, redemption proceeds may be paid in whole or in part by a distribution in kind of securities held by the Fund, subject to the limitation that, pursuant to an election under Rule 18f-1 under the 1940 Act, the Fund is obligated to redeem shares solely in cash up to the lesser of \$250,000 or 1% of the net asset value of the Fund during any 90-day period for any one account. The value of such securities shall be determined as of the close of trading of the NYSE on the business day on which the redemption is effective. In such circumstances, a shareholder might be required to bear transaction costs to dispose of such securities. A redemption in kind is a taxable transaction for federal income tax purposes.

#### **FEDERAL INCOME TAX MATTERS**

The following is a general summary of certain U.S. federal income tax consequences of investing in the Fund. It is not intended to be a complete discussion of all such federal income tax consequences nor does it deal with all categories of investors. This discussion reflects applicable federal income tax laws of the United

States as of the date of the Fund's Prospectus and this SAI, which provisions are subject to change by legislative, judicial or administrative action, possibly with retroactive effect. Shareholders are advised to consult their own tax advisers before making an investment in the Fund.

The Fund has elected to be treated and intends to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), so that the Fund will not be liable for federal income taxes to the extent that its net investment income and net realized capital gains are currently distributed to its shareholders. The Fund will qualify for this status as long as it: (a) derives at least 90% of its gross income from dividends, interest, payments with respect to certain securities loans, gains from the sale or other disposition of stock, securities or foreign currencies, other income (including gain from options, futures or forward contracts) derived with respect to its business of investing in such stock, securities or foreign currencies, and net income derived from interests in qualified publicly traded partnerships; (b) invests in securities that satisfy certain diversification requirements; and (c) distributes to its shareholders each year at least 90% of its investment company taxable income (determined without regard to the deduction for dividends paid) and net tax-exempt interest income, if any.

If in any taxable year the Fund fails to qualify as a regulated investment company under the Code, all of the Fund's taxable income will be subject to federal income tax at the regular corporate rate (without any deduction for distribution to shareholders) and the Fund's distributions, to the extent derived from its current or accumulated earnings and profits, will constitute dividends, which will generally be eligible for the dividends received deduction available to corporate shareholders under Section 243 of the Code. Furthermore, in such event, individual and other noncorporate shareholders of the Fund would generally be able to treat such distributions as "qualified dividend income" eligible for reduced rates of federal income taxation, provided certain holding period and other requirements are satisfied.

Except for those shareholders exempt from federal income taxation or investing through a tax-advantaged account, dividends and capital gains distributions are taxable to shareholders whether paid in cash or reinvested in additional shares of the Fund. Except as provided below, dividends from net investment income are generally taxable to shareholders as ordinary income for federal income tax purposes. For corporate shareholders, such income dividends from domestic corporations may be eligible for the deduction for dividends received. For individual and other noncorporate shareholders, a portion of such dividends may qualify to be treated as "qualified dividend income" subject to reduced rates of federal income taxation. Dividends from foreign corporations are not treated as "qualified dividend income" if the foreign corporation is not incorporated in a possession of the United States or is not eligible for the benefits of a comprehensive income tax treaty with the United States (unless the foreign corporation stock is readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States) or if the foreign corporation is a passive foreign investment company or surrogate foreign corporation. Distributions of long-term capital gains are taxable to shareholders as long-term capital gains regardless of the length of time that such shareholders have owned shares in the Fund. Short-term capital gain distributions are taxable to shareholders as ordinary income. Shareholders will be notified annually as to the federal income tax status of dividends and capital gains distributions. Such dividends and distributions may also be subject to state, local and other taxes.

Income dividends taxed as ordinary income are subject to federal income tax at rates up to 37% for individuals. "Qualified dividend income" is currently taxed at rates up to 20% for individual and other noncorporate shareholders. Long-term capital gain distributions (relating to assets held by the Fund for more than 12 months) made to individual and other noncorporate shareholders are currently taxable at a maximum rate of 20%. For corporate shareholders, long-term capital gain distributions are taxed at the same rate as ordinary income.

In order to avoid a 4% federal excise tax on undistributed amounts, the Fund must declare, by the end of the calendar year, a dividend to shareholders of record that represents 98% of its ordinary income for the calendar year plus 98.2% of its capital gain net income for the period from November 1 of the previous year through October 31 of the current year plus any undistributed ordinary income from the prior calendar year, plus any undistributed capital gain net income for the one-year period ended October 31 of the prior calendar year, less any overdistribution in the prior calendar year. The Fund intends to declare or distribute dividends during the appropriate periods in an amount sufficient to avoid this 4% excise tax.

Any gain resulting from the sale or exchange of the Fund's shares generally will be taxable as capital gains. If a shareholder held such shares for more than one year, the gain will be a long-term capital gain. Long-term capital gain is currently taxable to individuals at a maximum federal income tax rate of 20%. Any loss realized on a sale or exchange will be disallowed to the extent that substantially identical shares are reacquired (including through dividend reinvestment) within a period of 61 days beginning 30 days before and ending 30 days after the disposition of such shares. In such a case, the basis of the shares acquired will be adjusted to reflect the disallowed loss. Any loss incurred by shareholders on the redemption of shares of the Fund held six months or less will be treated as long-term capital losses to the extent of any capital gains distributions made by the Fund with respect to such shares. The ability to deduct capital losses may also be limited by other provisions of the Code.

An additional 3.8% Medicare tax is imposed on certain net investment income (including income dividends and capital gain distributions received from the Fund and net gains from redemptions or other taxable dispositions of Fund shares) of U.S. individuals, estates and trusts to the extent that such person's "modified adjusted gross income" (in the case of an individual) or "adjusted gross income" (in the case of an estate or trust) exceeds a threshold amount.

Options, short sales, financial futures contracts and foreign currency transactions entered into by the Fund are subject to special tax rules that may accelerate income, defer losses, cause adjustments to the holding period of securities, convert capital gain into ordinary income, and convert short-term capital loss into long-term capital loss. As a result, these rules could affect the amount, timing, and character of Fund distributions.

Under the Code, gains or losses attributable to fluctuations in exchange rates which occur between the time the Fund accrues income or receivables or accrues expenses or other liabilities denominated in a foreign currency and the time the Fund actually collects such income or pays such liabilities generally are treated as ordinary income or loss. Similarly, on disposition of debt securities denominated in a foreign currency, gains or losses attributable to fluctuations in the value of the foreign currency between the date of acquisition of the security or contract and the date of disposition also may be treated as ordinary gain or loss. These gains and losses may increase or decrease the amount of the Fund's investment company taxable income to be distributed to its shareholders as ordinary income.

Income received by the Fund from sources within foreign countries may be subject to withholding and other taxes imposed by such countries. Tax conventions between certain countries and the U.S. may reduce or eliminate such taxes. If more than 50% of the value of the Fund's total assets at the close of its taxable year consists of securities of foreign corporations, the Fund will be eligible to elect to "pass through" to the Fund's shareholders the amount of eligible foreign income and similar taxes paid by the Fund. If this election is made, a shareholder generally subject to federal income tax will be required to include in gross income (in addition to taxable dividends actually received) his or her pro rata share of foreign taxes in computing his or her taxable income and to deduct such foreign taxes or use such taxes as a foreign tax credit against his or her U.S. federal income tax liability, subject in each case to certain limitations contained in the Code. No deduction for foreign taxes may be claimed by a shareholder who does not itemize deductions. Each shareholder will be notified after the close of the Fund's taxable year whether the foreign taxes paid by the Fund will "pass through" for that year.

If the Fund receives a so-called "excess distribution" with respect to stock in a passive foreign investment company ("PFIC"), the Fund itself may be subject to tax on a portion of the excess distribution, whether or not the corresponding income is distributed by the Fund to shareholders. A foreign corporation is classified as a PFIC for a taxable year if at least 50% of its assets produces passive income or is held for the production of passive income or 75% or more of its gross income for the taxable year is passive income. In general, under the PFIC rules, an excess distribution is treated as having been realized ratably over the period during which the Fund held the PFIC stock. The Fund itself will be subject to U.S. federal income tax (including interest) on the portion, if any, of an excess distribution that is so allocated to prior taxable years. Certain distributions from a PFIC as well as gain from the sale of PFIC stock may be treated as excess distributions. Excess distributions are characterized as ordinary income even though, absent application of the PFIC rules, certain excess distributions might have been classified as capital gain.

The Fund may be eligible to elect alternative tax treatment with respect to PFIC stock. Under an election that currently is available in some circumstances, the Fund generally would be required to include its share of the PFIC's income and net capital gain annually, regardless of whether distributions are received from the PFIC in a given year. If this election were made, the special rules discussed above relating to the taxation of excess distributions would not apply. In addition, another election may be available that would involve marking to market the Fund's PFIC shares at the end of each taxable year (and on certain other dates prescribed in the Code), with the result that unrealized gains are treated as though they were realized. If this election were made, tax at the Fund level under the PFIC rules would generally be eliminated, but the Fund could, in limited circumstances, incur nondeductible interest charges. In some circumstances, the Fund may not be able to make available elections.

Because the application of the PFIC rules may affect, among other things, the character of gains and the amount of gain or loss and the timing of the recognition of income with respect to PFIC shares, and may subject the Fund itself to tax on certain income from PFIC shares, the amount that must be distributed to shareholders and will be taxed to shareholders as ordinary income or long-term capital gain may be increased or decreased substantially as compared to a fund that did not invest in PFIC shares.

The Fund's investments in REIT equity securities, if any, may result in the receipt of cash in excess of the REIT's earnings. If the Fund distributes such amounts, such distributions could constitute a return of capital to shareholders for federal income tax purposes. In addition, such investments in REIT equity securities may require the Fund to accrue and distribute income not yet received. In order to generate sufficient cash to make the requisite distributions, the Fund may be required to sell securities in its portfolio that it otherwise would have continued to hold.

For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017 and before January 1, 2026, ordinary REIT dividends are treated as "qualified business income" that is eligible for a 20% federal income tax deduction in the case of individuals, trusts and estates. The Code currently does not contain a provision permitting a regulated investment company to pass the special character of this income through to its shareholders. As a result, direct investors in REITs may be entitled to this deduction while investors that invest in a regulated investment company that invests in REITs will not.

For any of its fiscal years, the Fund may use an accounting method (known as "equalization") that is designed to allocate equitably the tax burden of the Fund to all of its shareholders regardless of when during a tax year an individual shareholder redeemed (if ever) his or her shares of the Fund. Equalization allocates a pro rata share of taxable income to departing shareholders when they redeem shares of the Fund, reducing the amount of the distribution to be made to remaining shareholders of the Fund.

Federal law requires the Fund to withhold 24% from dividends, distributions and/or redemption proceeds (including from exchanges) that occur in certain shareholder accounts if the shareholder has not properly furnished a correct taxpayer identification number (in the case of individuals, a social security number) or has not certified that withholding does not apply or if the Internal Revenue Service notifies the Trust that the shareholder is subject to backup withholding. Amounts withheld may be applied to the shareholder's federal income tax liability and a refund may be obtained from the Internal Revenue Service if withholding results in overpayment of taxes for such year.

The foregoing discussion relates solely to U.S. federal income tax law. Non-U.S. investors should consult their tax advisers concerning the tax consequences of ownership of shares of the Fund, including the possibility that distributions may be subject to a 30% U.S. withholding tax (or a reduced rate of withholding provided by an applicable treaty). However, the Fund will generally not be required to withhold tax on any amounts paid to a non-U.S. investor with respect to dividends attributable to "qualified short-term gain" (i.e., the excess of net short-term capital gain over net long-term capital loss) designated as such by the Fund and dividends attributable to certain U.S. source interest income that would not be subject to federal withholding tax if earned directly by a non-U.S. person, provided such amounts are properly designated by the Fund. The Fund may choose not to designate such amounts.

Sections 1471 – 1474 of the Code and the U.S. Treasury and Internal Revenue Service guidance issued thereunder (collectively, the "Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act" or "FATCA") generally require the Fund



to obtain information sufficient to identify the status of each of its shareholders. If a shareholder fails to provide this information or otherwise fails to comply with FATCA, the Fund may be required to withhold under FATCA at a rate of 30% with respect to that shareholder on Fund dividends and distributions and on the proceeds of the sale, redemption, or exchange of Fund shares. The Fund may disclose the information that it receives from (or concerning) its shareholders to the Internal Revenue Service, non-U.S. taxing authorities or other parties as necessary to comply with FATCA, related intergovernmental agreements or other applicable law or regulation. Each investor is urged to consult its tax advisor regarding the applicability of FATCA and any other reporting requirements with respect to the investor's own situation, including investments through an intermediary.

Shareholders are advised to consult their own tax advisers regarding specific questions as to federal, state, local, foreign and other taxes that may be applicable to owning, holding and/or disposing of Fund shares.

### **SHAREHOLDER MEETINGS AND VOTING RIGHTS**

As a general rule, the Trust is not required to and will not hold annual or other meetings of the shareholders. Special meetings of shareholders for actions requiring a shareholder vote may be requested in writing by holders of at least twenty-five percent (25%) (or ten percent (10%) if the purpose of the meeting is to determine if a Trustee is to be removed from office) of the outstanding shares of the Trust or as may be required by applicable law. Under the Trust's Agreement and Declaration of Trust, as amended ("Declaration of Trust"), shareholders are entitled to vote in connection with the following matters: (1) for the election or removal of Trustees if a meeting is called for such purpose; (2) with respect to the adoption of any contract for which approval is required by the 1940 Act; (3) with respect to any termination or reorganization of the Fund to the extent and as provided in the Declaration of the Trust; (4) with respect to any amendment of the Declaration of Trust (other than amendments changing the name of the Trust or the Fund, supplying any omission, curing any ambiguity or curing, correcting or supplementing any provision which is defective or inconsistent with the 1940 Act or the requirements of the Code and regulations thereunder for the Trust's obtaining the most favorable treatment thereunder available to regulated investment companies); (5) as to whether or not a court action, proceeding or claim should or should not be brought or maintained derivatively or as a class action on behalf of the Trust or the shareholders, to the same extent as the stockholders of a Massachusetts business corporation; and (6) with respect to such additional matters relating to the Trust as may be required by law, the Declaration of Trust, the By-Laws of the Trust, or any registration of the Trust with the SEC or any state, or as the Trustees may consider necessary or desirable. Shareholders will vote in the aggregate, except when voting by individual Fund is required under the 1940 Act or when the Board of Trustees determines that voting by Fund is appropriate. The Declaration of Trust specifically authorizes the "Board of Trustees to terminate the Trust (or the Fund) without shareholder approval by notice to the shareholders. Each Trustee serves until the next meeting of shareholders, if any, called for the purpose of electing Trustees and until the election and qualification of his successor or until such Trustee sooner dies, resigns, retires or is removed by the majority vote of the shareholders or by the Trustees.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### **Trust History**

The Trust is a diversified, open-end management investment company, organized as a business trust under the laws of Massachusetts on July 7, 1986. This SAI relates to the Fund. The Trust currently offers eight series, seven of which are described in a separate statement of additional information. The Board of Trustees may classify and reclassify the shares of the Fund or any other series into additional classes of shares at a future date.

The Trust's Declaration of Trust and the By-Laws of the Trust are designed to make the Trust similar in many respects to a corporation. However, under Massachusetts law, shareholders of a business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable for the obligations of the trust, which is not the case in a corporation. The Declaration of Trust provides that shareholders shall not be subject to any personal liability to any person extending credit to, contracting with or having any claims against the Trust and that every written agreement, obligation, instrument or undertaking made by the Trust shall contain a provision that the same is not binding upon the shareholders personally. Moreover, the Declaration of Trust provides for indemnification out of Trust property for all losses and expenses of any shareholder held personally liable for the obligations of

the Trust, and the Trust will be covered by insurance which the Trustees believe to be adequate to cover foreseeable tort claims. Thus, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is considered remote.

### **Shares of the Fund**

Pursuant to the Trust's Declaration of Trust, the Trust may issue an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest in one or more series of "Funds," which may be further classified into "Classes," all having no par value. Shares of the Fund have equal non-cumulative voting rights and equal rights with respect to dividends, assets and liquidation of the Fund. Shares are fully paid and non-assessable by the Trust when issued, are transferable without restriction and have no preemptive or conversion rights.

### **Custodian and Transfer Agent**

The Custodian for the Trust is UMB Bank, N.A., 928 Grand Blvd. 5th Floor, Kansas City, Missouri 64106, a national banking association. The Trust has authorized the Custodian to deposit certain securities of the Fund in central depository systems as permitted by federal law. The Fund may invest in obligations of the Custodian and may purchase or sell securities from or to the Custodian. UMB Fund Services, Inc., 235 West Galena Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212, a Wisconsin corporation, is the Trust's Transfer Agent and acts as a dividend disbursing and redemption agent for the Trust. UMB Bank, N.A. and UMB Fund Services, Inc. are both wholly owned subsidiaries of UMB Financial Corp., a Missouri corporation.

### **Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

BBD, LLP, 1835 Market Street, 3rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103, audits and reports on the Fund's annual financial statements, reviews certain regulatory reports and prepares the Fund's income tax returns, and performs other professional accounting, auditing and advisory services, when engaged to do so by the Trust.

### **Financial Statements**

The audited financial statements of the Fund, including the notes thereto, contained in the Annual Report of the Fund for the fiscal period ended December 31, 2017 were filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 9, 2018 and are incorporated herein by reference.

Shareholders will receive the Fund's annual report and the unaudited semiannual report.

### **Counsel**

Vedder Price P.C., 222 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601, is legal counsel to the Trust.

### **Other Information**

The Fund's Prospectus and this SAI omit certain information contained in the Registration Statement, which the Trust has filed with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933, and reference is hereby made to the Registration Statement for further information with respect to the Fund and the securities offered hereby. This Registration Statement is available for inspection by the public at the SEC in Washington, D.C.